

Visit to IRIDeS by the Greater Portland delegates and a discussion with the President of the Portland State University (PSU) (2017/4/25)

Theme: Japanese and Tohoku DRM and recovery, Inter-university collaboration

Place: IRIDeS, Tohoku University (Sendai)

On April 25, 2017, delegates from Greater Portland visited IRIDeS to learn about Japanese disaster management and recovery from the GEJE. In total, about 20 members joined, from states and local governments, public infrastructure sectors, private utilities, educational institutions, and non-governmental organizations. IRIDeS professors shared experiences and knowledge with the following five topics, and lively discussion was held in response to the presentations.

1. The damage due to the 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami and its lessons learned for future disaster mitigation (Prof. Fumihiko Imamura, Director; Hazard and Risk Evaluation Research Division)
2. Risk Consideration in Transportation Facilities in Japan (Prof. Makoto Okumura, Human and Social Response Research Division)
3. Public administration and business continuity in a time of disasters (Prof. Hiroaki Maruya, Human and Social Response Research Division)
4. Tohoku recovery progress: A review on neighborhood reconstruction plans and statuses (Assoc. Prof. Kanako Iuchi, Human and Social Response Research Division)
5. Tsunami in Tohoku region and remaining challenges (Assoc. Prof. Anawat Suppasri, Tsunami Engineering, Hazard and Risk Evaluation Research Division)

Following the first session, a discussion was held with a group of the PSU president, President Wim Wiewel, for a continuous research and educational exchange between the two institutions.



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