

Visit from the Campus Asia Program on Risk Management, Kobe University
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Subject: Impact and outcome of the Tohoku Earthquake

IRIDeS had the pleasure to receive the visit of a group of international students taking part in the Campus Asia Program on Risk Management at Kobe University. The students are master degree students from Fudan University in China, either visiting Kobe University for 6 months or en route for a double degree. Their field included policy, political science, and management, which they intend to apply to the area of disasters. The students were led by Sebastian Maslow, the Project Assistant Professor of the Campus Asia program and expert in Northeast Asian Security Affairs.

During their time at IRIDeS, the students were given two lectures and visited the exhibition hall. Dr. Boret gave an overview of "The Roles of Archiving and Memorializing in Disaster Risk Reduction," with a particular focus on the archive activities of Michinoku Shinrokuden at IRIDeS and his research on remembering disasters and their victims (memorial monuments, ceremonies, and grief). Dr. Maly presented her work on "Housing Reconstruction 7 years after the Great East Japan Earthquake." In particular, she focused on the problems and the innovations developed during the three phases of sheltering, temporary and permanent housing. Followed by a group discussion, the students used their visit to Watari Town and their knowledge of the Wenchuan Earthquake (2008) to inquire about the problems faced by victims still today in Japan and China.



Dr. Boret showing a tsunami simulation



Dr. Maly and students in the exhibition area



Group photo at the entrance of IRIDeS



Students from Campus Asia Program

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