

Visit by faculty and graduate students from the University of Washington (Seattle, U.S.) School of Nursing (2019/7/22-29)

Theme: international exchange, 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake, Cascading disasters
 Place: IRIDeS (Sendai City), Natori City, Shichigahama Town

Between July 22 and 29, three faculty and two graduate students from the University of Washington (Seattle, Washington, U.S) visited IRIDeS: Associate Professor Mayumi Willgerodt (Family and Child Nursing, School of Nursing); Lecturer Gail Johnson (Dept of Psychosocial & Community Health Faculty & Administration, School of Nursing); Lecturer Nicole Errett (Department of Environmental and Occupational Health at the University of Washington, School of Public Health), and graduate students Rikki Peck and Hannah Haylea. After participating in the Asian Pacific Rim University (APRU) Multi-hazards summer school from July 22-25, they joined IRIDeS faculty Associate Professor Elizabeth Maly (Disaster Information Management and Public Collaboration Division), Assistant Professor Flavia Fulco (Human and Social Response Research Division) and Assistant Professor Junko Okuyama (Disaster Medical Science Division), to visit various areas affected by the 3.11 Great East Japan Earthquake, including Natori City and Shichigahama Town. They also received a lecture about DPAT (Disaster Psychological Assistance Team) activity from the Miyagi Psychiatric Center, an explanation about the “Power to Live Project” from Professor Motoaki Sugiura (Human and Social Response Research Division), and introduction to their department’s research from graduate students of Tohoku University Medical School Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. From July 26th, Sari Kanagae, doctoral student of Tokyo Medical and Dental University Cooperative Doctoral Course in Disaster Nursing, explained about disaster nursing and the system of public health nursing. On the final day, discussions were held regarding future collaboration towards the goals of developing future international collaboration.



Sendai Tobu elevated road, which functions as a sea wall.



Yuriage Evacuation Tower field observation



Learning about the disaster situation at Tominushihime Shrine in Yuriage



Listening to the explanation of DPAT at Miyagi Psychiatric Center

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