

## 16<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Asia-Pacific Digital Libraries (2014/11/5-7)

Subject: The Emergence of Digital Libraries Research and Practice  
Location: Chiang Mai City, Thailand

Lead by Prof. Shiego Sugimoto (Tsukuba University), international experts gathered in the historical city of Chiang Mai in order to innovate, maintain and enhance the digital libraries of tomorrow. Among them, Dr. Jieh Hsiang, Director of the Research Center for Digital Humanities at the National University of Taiwan, discussed the essential roles of digital archives in providing an active system analyzing and bridging resources to enhance the researcher's access to big data.

Dr. Akihiro Shibayama, accompanied by Dr. Sébastien Penmellen Boret (Disaster Information, Management and Public Collaboration Division), was invited to give a keynote lecture entitled "Michinoku-Shinrokuden" The Digital Archive Project for the Great East Japan Earthquake (2011). In addition to the particular activities of the archive, Akihiro's lecture underlined the vast amount data necessary and available at Michinoku-Shinrokuden. Furthermore, the audience expressed his admiration for the social and communal dimensions of Michinoku-Shinrokuden, which include its annual event 'Kataritsugi' or 'Handing down memories'.



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