

IRIDeS members have been invited to the 8th Thailand-Japan International Academic Conference (2016/10/29)

Theme : 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake, Exchange to Eternity
Location: Tokyo Institute of Technology, Tokyo

On October 29, 2016, Thai Students' Association under the Royal Patronage (TSAJ) organized the 8th Thailand-Japan International Academic Conference (TJIA 2016) at Tokyo Institute of Technology, Ookayama Campus. The conference was organized under the supports from the Royal Thai Embassy Tokyo, the Royal Thai Consulate-General Osaka, Tokyo Institute of Technology and sponsor companies. The theme of the TJIA 2016 was "*Exchange to Eternity*". The participants were from Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, and Vietnam.

The welcome speech was given by Prof. Toshio Maruyama, Executive Vice President of Tokyo Institute of Technology, followed by the open speech by Mr. Nuttapong Lathapipat, Minister Counsellor, the Royal Thai Embassy, Tokyo.

Four members of the International Research Institute of Disaster Science (IRIDeS) were invited to the conference. First, Prof. Shinji Toda of Disaster Science Division was invited to give a keynote speech on the topic of "*Twenty-year effort on seismic hazard assessment inland Japan and the 2016 Kumamoto earthquake*". Second, Assoc. Prof. Anawat Suppasri of Hazard and Risk Evaluation Research Division served as the honorary committee member. Third, Asst. Prof. Natt Leelawat of Hazard and Risk Evaluation Research Division served as the advisory committee member. And fourth, Dr. Panon Latcharote of Hazard and Risk Evaluation Research Division was invited to be the session chairperson for the Educational Talk (E-Talk) Earthquake Session.

In the E-Talk Earthquake Session, which was chaired by Dr. Panon Latcharote, there was also a talk presented by IRIDeS member, "*Evacuation of Thai Citizens during the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquakes*" by Asst. Prof. Natt Leelawat (presenter), Assoc. Prof. Anawat Suppasri, Dr. Panon Latcharote, Research Associate Mari Yasuda, and Prof. Fumihiko Imamura.

The keynote presentation and the E-Talk Earthquake session contributed to the conference through knowledge and experience sharing. The keynote presentation by Prof. Shinji Toda has increased the awareness and basic seismic knowledge on earthquake for the participants. The presentation by Asst. Prof. Natt Leelawat gave the lessons and suggestion for Thai citizens for earthquake events.

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Committees, keynote speakers, and participants of TJIA 2016



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Keynote presentation by Prof. Shinji Toda



E-Talk Earthquake Session chaired by
 Dr. Panon Latcharote



E-Talk Earthquake Presentation by
 Asst. Prof. Natt Leelawat