

The 2016 Kumamoto Earthquakes Recovery and Reconstruction Observation and Interview Surveys, Kumamoto (2017/03/15-16)

Theme : 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake
Location: Kumamoto City, Kumamoto Prefecture

On March 15, 2017, Assoc. Prof. Anawat Suppasri and Asst. Prof. Natt Leelawat of the International Research Institute of Disaster Science (IRIDeS), Tohoku University, visited Kumamoto Prefecture to observe the recovery and reconstruction phase of the city from the 2016 Kumamoto earthquakes. Many areas are under the reconstruction phase. The temporary shelters were still in operation. Some houses still used the blue sheets to cover the top part of the buildings. Next, Assoc. Prof. Anawat Suppasri and Asst. Prof. Natt Leelawat conducted the interview with a Thai resident, who was the survivor from the disaster, in order to understand the foreign resident's consideration and response action to the 2016 Kumamoto earthquakes.

On March 16, 2017, the interview was conducted with an Indonesian resident, who has a business in Kumamoto Prefecture. We found that the Social Networking Services were the most important communication channel during the 2016 Kumamoto earthquakes to request helps and distribute information among individuals and organizations. According to the interviews, the findings provide many interesting issues on how foreign residents in the area considered, helped others, solved the encountered problems, and prepared themselves for the future.



Damage observation



Interview survey

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