

Kansai Soka High School Super Global High School (SGH) visit IRIDeS, participate in Lecture and Workshop (2017/3/21)

Theme: Build Back Better in disaster recovery in Japan and internationally
 Place: IRIDeS, Tohoku University (Sendai, Miyagi)

On March 21, 2017, along with their teachers, 20 students from Kansai Soka High School visited IRIDeS as part of their field work in Tohoku. They participated in a lecture presented by Associate Professor Kanako Iuchi and Assistant Professor Elizabeth Maly (Human and Social Response Research Division), entitled “International Example of Disaster Recovery: The Case of Tacloban City, Philippines, after 2013 Typhoon Yolanda,” followed by a workshop. The lecture explained ideas of natural hazards and risk, the disaster management cycle and risk reduction, and focused on disaster recovery, including ideas of Build Back Better, considered in the context of the international example of recovery in Tacloban City, Philippines, after 2013 Typhoon Yolanda.

While planning Crossroad Game, students imagined different challenges and choices they could face in recovery from various points of view such as government or NGO staff, or local residents, in Tacloban City. Students shared their opinions about what kind of choices they would make in those situations, and why. In the workshop, students reflected on what they had learned during their earlier visit to Ishinomaki City and compared the situation of recovery in Japan with what they discussed about Tacloban, Philippines. After considering the commonalities and differences between the two countries and cases, each group presented their finding and their own definition of “Build Back Better.” The students actively shared their opinions and engaged in lively discussion. Feedback from students and staff reflected that “this game and workshop gave them the opportunity to deeply understand the situation faced in recovery,” and “this lecture and workshop provided an excellent connection between what was experienced in Ishinomaki and reflection from an international perspective.”



Photos Lectures (Left: Kanako Iuchi, Right: Elizabeth Maly)



Photos Workshop (Left: Crossroad Game, Right: Group Work Discussion)

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