

Disaster Risk Reduction: French-Japan Week – Sendai Event (2017/10/5-6)

Topics: Tsunami, disaster prevention, international collaboration, France
 Place: IRIDeS, Tohoku University (Sendai, Japan)

The French-Japan Week on Disaster Risk Reduction took place in Tokyo between October 2 and 10, 2017. The event was co-held at the French Embassy and the Maison Franco-Japonaise. Tohoku University organized three sessions on the “Scientific Advancement for Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction Contribution from Tohoku University”, including a half-day that took place at the International Institute for Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai.

On 5th October (Thursday), IRIDeS hosted a last session on “Crisis management and Reconstruction / BBB (build back better)” chaired by Prof Fumihiko Imamura. The presentations included:

1. Mr. KOMASTU, Onagawa Town; Reconstruction at Onagawa
2. Sebastien P. Boret, IRIDeS Tohoku Univ.; The Roles of Archiving in DRR: The Case of the Great East Japan Earthquake
3. Kenichi NOE, Tohoku University; ELSI after 3.11
4. Yoshihito OZAWA, Fukushima University; Reconstruction and future plan in Fukushima
5. Ms. SEKI, "HARU"-Reconstruction Team of TOHOKU University-; Student volunteer group “HARU” activity report on the Great East Japan Earthquake

On 6th October, IRIDeS organized a visit to the tsunami disaster areas of the Sendai plain. Associate professor Anawat Suppasri accompanied by Mrs. Julia Gerster (visiting researchers at IRIDeS) guided the participants at the sites of Tagajo castle, the tsunami evacuation tower of Sendai city, the former Arahama elementary school, the area of Yuriage in Natori City, and the 1000 Year Hill of Hope on the coast of Iwanuma City. The participants came from the field of hard science and engineering, history and sociology. They gained knowledge on the characteristics of urban tsunami, multiple defense measures, the current progress of reconstruction in disaster areas, and disaster prevention research.

More information : <http://www.fri.niche.tohoku.ac.jp/workshop2017/index.html>
<https://www.mfjtokyo.or.jp/events/co-sponsored/20171002.html>



Workshop at IRIDeS (Dr Boret)



WS Discussion (Prof Imamura, Dr Suppasri)



Sendai Tsunami Evacuation Tower



Visit at the Arahama Elementary School

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