

Disaster Earthquake Archive built by the Affected Prefectures (2018/01/11)

Theme: Digital Archives

Place: Irides, Tohoku University

On January 11, 2018, the Disaster Archives of Tohoku University and the National Diet Library co-held **"The Great East Japan Earthquake Archive Symposium: The Significance of Disaster Earthquake Archive built by the Affected Prefectures.** The 7th edition of this event attracted an audience of over 150 participants from Japan and overseas.

The opening address was given by Ms. Atsuko Itou from the Great East Japan Earthquake Archive (Hinagiku) of the National Diet Library. It was followed by a special "Report on the World Bosai Forum and Disaster Prevention Skills" by Dr. Sébastien Penmellen Boret from the Michinoku Shinrokuden Archive Project, Irides, Tohoku University. Both events were held simultaneously and gathered together more than 11,000 visitors and participants and were the first to promoting the Sendai Frame for DRR, the Japanese concept of disaster prevention 'Bosai', and, since the event will be repeated every two years, start a long process of remembering disasters.

The first part of the symposium informed on the **'Disaster Earthquake Archives built by the Affected Prefectures - Aiming for Recovery.** The presentations included:

- ***Iwate Earthquake Tsunami Archive ~ Hope*** by Mr. Jun Sakai of Iwate Prefectural Reconstruction Bureau Promotion.
- ***Correspondence from the Kumamoto earthquake and digital archive*** by Mr. Akihiro Hayashida and Mr. Kiyoshi Kawano from Kumamoto Prefecture Governor's Office Crisis Management Disaster Management.
- ***Collection and publication of records of the Great East Japan Earthquake in Ibaraki Prefecture*** by Mr. Kenji Nakahara, head of Ibaraki Prefecture Department of Life Environment Department Disaster Prevention and Crisis Management.
- ***Fukushima Prefectural Culture and Sports Bureau Chief Social Education Manager*** by Mr. Narumi Hanatan, Chief Manager of Fukushima Prefectural Culture and Sports Bureau.

The section session discussed the **'Evolution of the Earthquake Disaster Archive ~ Current Situation and Issues.'**

- ***Earthquake disaster archive of the Miyagi TV station: Its Significance and Application*** by Ms. Ukigaya Miho.
- ***National Diet Library East Japan Great Earthquake Archive "Hinagiku"*** by Ms. Atsuko Itou from the National Diet Library.
- ***What Research Institutions should do to Develop Earthquake Disaster Archives*** by Dr. Akihiro Shibayama, Irides, Tohoku University.

To conclude the symposium, the speakers were invited for a panel discussion to share their views on the future of digital archives in Tohoku and respond to the questions of the public. The director of IRIDeS, Prof. Fumihiko Imamura closed the symposium by commenting on the future challenges of disaster archives such as their use by the general public.

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Opening Address, Ms. Atsuko Itou



Closing Address, Prof. Fumihiko Imamura



Panel Discussion, Dr. Shibayama



General Audience