

SCIENCE AGORA 2023 (2023/11/18)

Theme: Great Kanto earthquake, collective impact, inclusive disaster risk reduction (DRR), DRR from ordinary time

Venue: Telecom Center Building, Odaiba, Tokyo

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Science Agora 2023, organized by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), was held at the Telecom Center Building in Odaiba, Tokyo, on Saturday, November 18 and Sunday, November 19, 2023. This is a comprehensive event that considers science and society with five main topics: nature, society, sports and arts, leisure and entertainment, and social issues. The World Bosai Forum, IRIDeS, and the Study Group to Improve Disaster Prevention and Disaster Assistance sponsored a session entitled "100 Years after the Great Kanto Earthquake: Toward Creating Collective Impact in Disaster Reduction". The session was attended by Prof. Shinichi Kuriyama, Director of the IRIDeS (Disaster Public Health Lab), Prof. Yuichi Ono (2030 Global DRR Agenda Office), and Assistant Professor Hyejeong Park (Disaster Medical Informatics Lab) with a psychologist Ms. Rieko Takahashi with Ms. Momoko Takahashi, who is with a disability requiring medical care, and Ms. Miwako Takahashi, her mother and caregiver.

In the first part (theme: connections from ordinary time), Momoko and Miwako Takahashi shared messages from their experiences during the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, and Director Kuriyama highlighted the necessity of inclusive DRR toward a building resilient society. In the second part (theme: building all stakeholders' connections at ordinary time on DRR, collaborative actions), all participants from various organizations, including IRIDeS members and Momoko and Miwako Takahashi, discussed ways to achieve inclusive DRR from ordinary time with the business sector, and created human networks with developing various ideas for inclusive DRR. We believe that this event provided us with an opportunity to gain and think about an understanding of inclusive DRR with all stakeholders, in which "Leave No One Behind" for future disasters.



Part 1. Open session
(Prof. Kuriyama, Ms. & Mrs. Takahashi)



Part 2. Network Workshop

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