

Dr. Canay Doğulu (TED University) visited IRIDeS for pushing forward the J-RAPID Türkiye–Japan collaboration project on disaster education (2024/3/8-12)

Theme : Disaster education, International collaboration
Venue : IRIDeS, Minamisanriku town, Ishinomaki tsunami ruins

Dr. Canay Doğulu (TED University, Türkiye) visited Japan for pushing forward the J-RAPID Türkiye–Japan collaboration project on disaster education.

On 10 March, the J-RAPID project “Survey on the impact of the 2023 Kahramanmaraş earthquakes on schools and the situation of disaster education” (PI: Yo Fukushima (Assoc. Prof., Inland Earthquake and Volcano Lab) and Canay Doğulu) organized a workshop at IRIDeS and online. Dr. Canay Doğulu shared the preliminary results of a questionnaire survey conducted against teachers in the affected areas of the 2023 Kahramanmaraş earthquake disaster. The responses included a strong need for comprehensive and practical knowledge on earthquake preparedness, intervention, and building safety principles. There was also an emphasis on hands-on learning.

On 11 March, Dr. Canay, Dr. Fukushima, and Dr. Kitamura (Researcher (Specially Appointed), International Research Collaboration Office) visited Minamisanriku and Ishinomaki. In Minamisanriku, they participated in a bus excursion that provided storytelling on the Great East Japan Earthquake disaster, which led to discussion on the engagements of individuals to the community in the face of disasters by comparing Japanese and Turkish contexts. They also visited Okawa Elementary School and Kadonowaki Elementary School, memorials of the Great East Japan Earthquake, and discussed the importance of such facilities for disaster education.

The project aims to collect the records of the 2023 Kahramanmaraş earthquakes, with a particular focus on the disaster at schools, that can be used in future disaster education. In April, the project team plans to organize a workshop in Gaziantep by inviting teachers working in the disaster affected areas. The findings from the workshop on 10 March along with other discussions among the Turkish–Japanese project team members communicated during the visit of Dr. Canay will be reflected in the workshop in April and future collaborations.

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Group photo after the workshop. From left to right: Dr. Ryo Saito (Asst Prof., Cognitive Sciences Lab), Dr. Fukushima, Dr. Kitamura, Dr. Canay, Dr. Aiko Sakurai (Prof. (Cross-Appointed), Disaster Education Research and Implementation Lab), Dr. Takashi Oda (Univ. Tokyo)

Türkiye and Japan Disaster Education Workshop
 Organized by the J-RAPID disaster education project

Date: 10 March 2024 (Sun)
Time: 14:00-16:30 (Japan Standard Time)
Venue: Online
Zoom Link:
<https://zoom.us/j/94388803797?pwd=bTdET3hsVnd4SSSt0TG5aZTE1d3UvQT09>

Anticipated participants: Colleague researchers of the project members and research collaborators
Language: English (no translation)

Workshop goals:

- Share the preliminary findings of the online survey being conducted with school teachers in the area affected by the February 2023 Kahramanmaraş earthquake disaster.
- Discuss the potential implications of the survey findings for disaster education efforts.

Program :

- Introduction of the project
- Report by Dr. Canay Doğulu (Assoc. Prof., TED University, Türkiye): "Preliminary findings and the current status of the online survey conducted with in-service teachers in the disaster-affected areas in Türkiye"
- Discussion among participants

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Flyer of the workshop, photos of the project members during the workshop: Dr. Canay Doğulu and Dr. Emin Özdamar (Turkish Japanese Foundation).