

UCL visited Tohoku University for Initiation of Double PhD Program between UCL and Tohoku University in Disaster Science (2024/7/24-26)

Theme : Disaster science, Interdisciplinary research

Place : Tohoku University (Aobayama Campus, Kawauchi Campus and Katahira Campus)

Tohoku University (TU) and University College London (UCL) is currently initiating a new Double PhD Program in disaster science. Risk and Disaster Reduction (RDR) department leads UCL side while Civil and Environmental Engineering department and International Research Institute of Disaster Science (IRIDeS) co-lead TU side. Assoc. Prof. Anawat Suppasri (Tsunami Engineering Lab) and Dr. Miwako Kitamura (International Research Collaboration Office) are main persons in charge from IRIDeS. Prof. Joanna Faure Walker, head of RDR and other UCL members visited TU for several courtesy visits to all TU's institutions that related to this DD program including School of Engineering, IRIDeS, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Global Learning Center and Katahira Headquarter and made several discussions about this DD program in details. Prof. Shinichi Egawa (International Cooperation for Disaster Medicine Lab) also joined the meeting at IRIDeS with IRIDeS's director, Shinichi Kuriyama. We are aiming for the world's first DD in disaster science given strength from both TU and UCL and contributing new generation of global leader young researchers/practioners in this field.

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<https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-tenkairyoku/kekka.html>

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Field visit to the 2011 tsunami affected areas



Courtesy visit to School of Engineering with Prof. Akinori Ito, Dean



Courtesy visit to IRIDeS with Prof. Shinichi Kuriyama, Director



Courtesy visit to Civil and Environmental Engineering with Prof. Daisuke Sano, Head



Detail discussions on the new DD program at School of Engineering



Courtesy visit to Katahira Headquarter with Prof. Toshiya Ueki (Executive Vice President) and Prof. Masahiro Yamaguchi (Vice President)