

IRIDeS faculty member delivered special lectures at National Pingtung University and National Taitung University (2024/10/9,11)

Theme: Disaster Prevention and Community, DRR, Disaster Response
Place: National Pingtung University and National Taitung University, Taiwan

Prof. Osamu Murao (International Strategy for Disaster Mitigation Lab) visited Taiwan from October 8th to 13th, 2024 and delivered special lectures on “Disaster Prevention” at two universities.

On October 9th, he gave a lecture at National Pingtung University in Pingtung City for students in the Department of Chinese Literature. The lectures were titled “Evolving Disasters and Urban Risks” and “Approaches to Architecture and Urban Design for Disaster Risk Reduction”.

On October 11th, he also lectured at National Taitung University in Taitung City on the theme “Disaster Prevention and Community”. The session, aimed at regular students at the university, focused on how to apply lessons learned from past disasters. The students expressed keen interest in disaster management practices shaped by Japan’s extensive experience as a disaster-prone nation.

Prof. Murao has conducted ongoing recovery research in a community affected by the 1999 Chi-Chi Earthquake in Taiwan. This work paved the way for a collaboration with National Taitung University. Earlier this year, in January, faculty and students from the university visited IRIDeS as part of an educational program of National Taitung University.

Looking ahead, Prof. Murao is committed to deepening this collaboration and fostering stronger exchanges between Taiwan and Japan in the field of disaster prevention.



Lecture at National Pingtung University



Group Photo at National Taitung University



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Professor Murao’s Lecture