

An IRIDeS faculty member visited Bangkok for courtesy visits, an alumni event and the 2025 Myanmar earthquake-related activities (2025/5/17-21)

Theme: International collaboration, The 2025 Myanmar earthquake

Place: Bangkok, Thailand

From the 17th to the 19th of May 2025, Assoc. Prof. Anawat Suppasri (Tsunami Engineering Lab) joined other delegations from Tohoku University Headquarter led by Prof. Teiji Tominaga, President and Prof. Toshiya Ueki, Executive Vice President for General Affairs, Financial Affairs and International Relations and Prof. Tetsuya Nagasaka, former Vice-President for social outreach and research collaboration for several activities in Bangkok. The delegations first attended the Tohoku University Alumni event organized by Tohoku University Alumni, Thailand (TUAT) with about 50 participants, including a welcoming address from the Embassy of Japan in Thailand. The delegations visited Mahidol Wittayanusorn School to attend the school's university fair and made courtesy visits to Chulalongkorn University with the university president. Assoc. Prof. Anawat Suppasri and Prof. Tetsuya Nagasaka also made a courtesy visit to Thammasat University with the university president.

From the 19th to the 21st of May 2025, Assoc. Prof. Anawat Suppasri and members of the Earthquake Research Center of Thailand (EARTH), namely, Hon. Miss Ratchaneekorn Thongthip, Member of the Senate of Thailand, Assist. Prof. Panon Latcharote and Mr. Nattapon Trumikaborworn joined and visited several places to update research and activities related to the 2025 Myanmar Earthquake. They had a meeting with the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation and Department of Public Works and Town & Country Planning at the National Assembly of Thailand to follow up the progress of the cell broadcast for disaster early warning and design and construction of earthquake-resistant buildings. They also attended an earthquake engineering and university campus safety session organized by the Thai Red Cross Society. They also had several meetings to report on and update the collaboration between IRIDeS and EARTH on the 2025 Myanmar Earthquake with the Embassy of Japan in Thailand, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and DTGO CampUs (MQDC's headquarter). Results from these meetings are examples of IRIDeS's international contribution to disaster science and are useful in the next IRIDeS fieldwork in the northern part of Thailand in June 2025.

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At university fair







At Chulalongkorn University

At Thammasat University



At National Assembly of Thailand with Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation and Department of Public Works and Town & Country Planning



At Thai Red Cross Society



At Embassy of Japan in Thailand



At Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)



At DTGO CampUs (MQDC's headquarter)