

9th International Annual Workshop and Expo on Sumatra Tsunami Disaster and Recovery, AIWEST-DR 2014 (2014/10/22-24)

Subject: 10th Year Anniversary of the 2004 Indonesian Ocean Tsunami.
Location: Banda Aceh City, Aceh Province, Indonesia (2014/10/22-24).

On 22 – 24 October, four members of IRIDeS – Prof. Osamu Muraio (Regional and Urban Reconstruction Research Division), Assoc. Prof. Aiko Sakurai, Assist. Prof. Sébastien Boret (Disaster Information, Management and Public Collaboration Division) and Assist. Prof. Elizabeth Maly (Human and social Response Research Division) – took part in the Annual International Workshop and Expo on Sumatra Tsunami Disaster and Recovery (AIWEST) held by the Tsunami and Disaster Mitigation Research Center (TDMRC) of Syiah Kuala University in Aceh, Indonesia. This event commemorated the 10th anniversary of the tsunami, which saw the loss of hundreds of thousands of lives on December 26, 2004. Among the special guests, Prof. Yasuo Tanaka from Kobe University gave a convincing lecture on the role and the responsibility of universities towards disaster risk reduction.

Leading the team of IRIDeS, Osamu Muraio gave a lecture focusing on the ‘Hyogo Framework for Action Review Report’ at IRIDeS. During his intervention, Osamu took this opportunity to review the activities of our institute during the past 3 years and introduce some of its most comprehensive publications, all available on our website in English and Japanese.

As part of a special session on ‘Disaster Education’, Aiko Sakurai shared her expertise and experience on the ‘Implementation of a School-Based Disaster Education Program’ among pupils of elementary schools’ within and outside Japan. Later during the same session, Elizabeth Maly drew from her research in many disaster areas in Indonesia, Japan and other parts of Asia in order to discuss ‘The Issues of Post-Disaster Residential Relocation to High Land Areas’.

Finally, Sebastien Boret, invited for a special session on the progress and status of recovery after 10 years of Indian Ocean Tsunami with Arditot Kodijat (UNESCO Jakarta), took this opportunity to present an experimental proposition for the ‘Mainstreaming Memorialisation into Disaster Recovery: Lessons Learned from the Indian Ocean and Great East Japan Tsunamis’.

In addition to their activities during the conference, the members of IRIDES took this opportunity to carry out further field research and reinforce their ties with the TDMRC and Syaiah Kuala University as a whole.



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