



National Conference for Promoting Disaster Risk Reduction 2018

October 13-14, 2018, Tokyo



Programme

Venue:

Tokyo Big Sight, Conference Tower Sona Area (Tokyo Rinkai Disaster Prevention Park)

Cabinet Office, Japan



Concept

Japan has experienced various types of natural disasters in many places in the country, including the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011, the Kumamoto Earthquake in 2016 and the Northern Kyushu Torrential Rain 2017 last year. In 2018 alone, Japan was struck by earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, sediment disaster and heavy snow, as well as the Western Japan Torrential Rain in June. In order to protect lives and assets of citizens from natural disasters, the Japanese Government constantly improves our disaster management policies based on valuable lessons learned from past disasters, promoting comprehensive initiatives for disaster risk reduction with structured and non-structured measures.

In coordination with such policy initiatives by the government, preparation by individuals and families, and within communities significantly contribute to disaster risk reduction. For example, if everyone takes actions, such as fixing a furniture to a wall, stockpiling foods and daily necessities, evacuation in case of abnormal natural phenomena, and having communication in the neighborhood for the evacuation center, it will help protect lives, property and livelihood by themselves. These actions are named as "Self-help and Mutual Support", which comprise indispensable element for disaster risk reduction. We are promoting the importance of "Self-help and Mutual Support" so as to raise awareness of disaster risk reduction among citizens.

The importance of Self-help and Mutual support was pronounced in the "Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030", which was adopted at the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in March 2015. The "National Council for Promoting Disaster Risk Reduction" was established in Japan in September 2015 under the leadership of the Prime Minister, Mr. Shinzo Abe, based on the Sendai Framework, with representatives from 39 stakeholder groups and chaired by the President of the Japan Red Cross. "National Conference on Promoting Disaster Risk Reduction" has been held annually as a public event since 2016 hosted by the National Council and Cabinet Office.

The previous National Conference on Promoting Disaster Risk Reduction was held in Sendai, 26-27 November 2017, welcoming approximately 10,000 participants domestically and internationally. 26 sessions regarding various themes on disaster risk reduction, booths and poster exhibitions and outdoor events at the National Conference created a forum where a wide range of people from experts to families were able to learn and share their experiences on disaster risk reduction. According to the visitors' questionnaire, more than 90% of participants evaluated that their awareness on disaster risk reduction was improved, and the conference was reported by various mass



media. We believe that the conference was an opportunity to contribute greatly to the improvement of the disaster risk reduction among citizens. Please find "Sendai Bosai Kokutai Charter" as the concluding document for the National Conference.

The third National Conference will be held in 13-14 October 2018 in Tokyo with the theme of "Preparing for large-scale disasters - Strengthening a network of collaboration in a community -". We are expecting many participants from foreign and domestic science communities, government officials, and private sector. Citizens as well as community leaders dedicated on disaster risk reduction are also expected to come for this National Conference. "Tokyo Disaster Preparedness Exhibition" which parents and children can enjoy learning about disaster management, will be held by Tokyo Metropolitan Government in the same venue.



Opening Session

October 13, 2018, 10:00-12:00

Tokyo Big Sight, Conference Tower, 7th Floor, International Conference Hall

Agenda

10:00-10:10	Welcome remark
	- Prime Minister or Minister for Disaster Management
10:10-10:30	Opening remarks
	- The President of the National Council of Promoting Disaster Risk Reduction, the President of
	the Red Cross, Japan
	- The Governor, Tokyo(tbc)
10:30-12:00	High Level Pane Discussion
	 How to prepare for large scale disasters through collaboration -
	- Moderator
	Professor Atsushi Tanaka, Tokyo University
	- Speakers
	 Mr. Yoshiake Shinhara, Mayor, Kure City, Okayama Prefecture, Japan
	Mr. Ryuji Yamada, The Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Senior Advisor, NTT
	Docomo)
	Mr. Atsuo Shibuya, Executive, Central Community Chest of Japan
	Mr. Kouji Matsumoto, Executive Commentator, NHK
	Mr. Hirokazu Ishiwatari, Vice President, Urban Renaissance Agency
	Mr. Yasuki Kaibori, Director General, Disaster Management Bureau, Cabinet Office
	10:30 Opening Remark
	10:35- Presentation
	- What is your recent experience of large scale disasters?
	- How did "collaboration among diverse stakeholders" work in your experience?
	11:35- Discussion
	- What actions are necessary to enhance collaboration?
	11:55 Conclusion



Special Session on International Day for Disaster Reduction

October 13, 2018, 14:30-16:00

Tokyo Big Sight, Conference Tower, 7th Floor, International Conference Hall

Agenda

14:30 - 14:40	Opening
	Chair: Dr. Toshio Koike, Director, International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management
	(ICHARM) (confirmed)
14:40 - 15:20	Setting the stage
	Chair introduces speakers to discuss key questions.
	Understanding global trend and sharing countries experiences
	(1) Speaker from National Disaster Management Authority, India (confirmed; ministerial level)
	(2) Ms. Gwendolyn Pang, Head of Country Cluster Support Team for China, Japan, Republic of
	Korea and Mongolia, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
	(3) Speaker from Cabinet Office, Japan (confirmed; ministerial level)
	(4) Speaker from EU (tbc)
	Key questions
	✓ What are the recent challenges regarding disaster risk reduction globally?
	✓ How should global communities work together, preparing for large scale disasters?
	✓ What are the most critical challenges and experience for disaster risk reduction, in
	particular, in case of large scale disasters?
	✓ How does your country work together with other countries to prepare for large scale
	disasters?
15:20 – 15:50	Discussion
	- Chair moderates the discussion, focusing on issues, including:
	✓ What kind of input do you expect through "collaboration"? e.g. Knowledge, technology,
	scientific evidence, finance etc
	✓ What are the good example of successful collaboration in international community?
	✓ How does "collaboration" improve disaster risk reduction?
15:50- 16:00	Wrap up and closing



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