

## 27th IRIDeS Friday Forum and 2<sup>nd</sup> Miyagi Round Table Discussion for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015/5/22)

Topics: 3<sup>rd</sup> World Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction  
Venue: Kahoku Building

On May 22, IRIDeS and Kahoku Newspaper Company hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Miyagi Round Table Discussion for Disaster Risk Reduction at Kahoku Building combined with the 27<sup>th</sup> IRIDeS Friday Forum. This outreach process aims to share the scientific information with general public and media to promote the mutual understanding between scientists and general public. IRIDeS Friday Forum is intending to talk about the international and scientific themes.

This time, the topic is about the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction and there were five speakers. Joint session gathered more than 100 people. Director Fumihiko Imamura chaired the session to think about the “Window to the International Community”, “Significance of DRR” and “Future Perspectives”. Active presentation and discussion was carried out. Prof. Imamura concluded that this round table discussion is promoting the revisit from the world to Sendai as a hub city of DRR.

Prof. Egawa presented “Health Centered Disaster Risk Reduction”. Prof. Egawa briefly summarized the history of DRR process and the parallel frameworks including Climate Change and Sustainable Development Goals. Disaster and disease have many similarities since its prevention is more effective than response after the onset. Both has vulnerabilities and the capacities to promote the preparedness and response. The lack of inter- and trans-sectoral understanding in DRR process was also stressed. Since the round table discussion includes most of the media in Sendai, it was a good chance to promote the inter-sectoral approach. In the previous Hyogo Framework for Action, the Safe Hospital Campaign promoted many improvements in the hospitals especially in the developing countries although only three words of “health” were used in only one paragraph of HFA. Prof. Egawa introduced that Sendai Framework includes 34 words of “health” including national preparedness of disaster medicine and public health together with improved access to the mental health care. Prof. Egawa concluded with the significance and gaps of SFDRR to the global community, Japan and the affected areas. To the globe, SFDRR promotes the DRR process in member states in which safe hospitals and schools are priority. Inter- and trans-sectoral approach is necessary. To Japan, the promotion of DRR in whole nation will further strengthen the capacity, but the unprecedented aging society of Japan may face another increase of vulnerabilities. To the affected area, SFDRR will have a significant effect that Sendai and Tohoku area will be a hub of world as a model of implementation, while gaps between the long-lasting reconstruction within the devastated areas. To build-back-better, the view point of “health” should be shared with all other sectors.



Round Table Discussion with many audiences



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