

Project Nepal (2015/7/5)

Venue: Hagi Hall, Tohoku University, Sendai

Topics: Nepal earthquake 2015, Recovery and reconstruction

On Jul 5th, Nepal Student Association (NepSA) in Tohoku University organized Project Nepal event in Hagi Hall to promote the recognition of Nepal earthquake that occurred on Apr. 25, 2015. After the introduction of Nepal by a student from Nepal, the outcome of donations from Sendai area and various initiatives from volunteers and NGOs were presented. People in Sendai area generously donated close to 4,000,000 JPY since this area was supported from all over the world at the time of Great East Japan Earthquake. Donated money was carefully used to directly support the affected people after assessing the needs of them. Volunteer group Habataki also raised fund to invite the high school students from Nepal to the affected area of Tohoku so that they can be a future generations to reconstruct Nepal. IsraAID in Sendai also supports the mental and psychosocial aspects of affected people and support the construction of temporary houses.

The vice president (International Exchange) of Tohoku University, Prof. Masahiro Yamaguchi, declared the support. Prof. Shinichi Egawa and Associate Prof. Suppasri Anawat from IRIDeS attended this event. Prof. Egawa introduced IRIDeS and the concept of disaster risk reduction. The First Mission Team from IRIDeS will investigate the mental and physical health problems of the affected people, damage of health facilities, water/drain water infrastructures and logistics. There were some questions about the possibility of sharing the lessons from Great East Japan Earthquake and how to reduce the PTSD after devastating disaster.

More than 50 participants enjoyed and donated charities. Nepalese culture was introduced together with Nepalese dish and dances. In Nepal, people tends to accept disaster as a fate. We, as the residents and scholars in the affected area, should promote the Kizuna (connectivity) and contribute to the building back better of Nepal.



Student from Nepal, Mr. Sumit Narharjan



Event venue at Hagi Hall



Prof. Egawa introducing IRIDeS and DRR



Panel at the entrance



Nepal dish for the participants



All together

Shinichi Egawa (Disaster Medical Science)
Suppasri Anawat (Hazard and Risk Evaluation)