

Geohazard Symposium: Background and the next steps

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Frequently occurred disastrous natural hazards

Sumatra Earthquake and Tsunamis, Dec., 2004



Great East Japan Earthquakes and Tsunamis, March 11, 2011



(Kyodo News) http://www.boston.com/bigpicture/2011/03/massive_earthquake_hits_japan.html

Volcanic Eruption at Mt. Kiso-Ontake, September 27, 2014



Massive Earthquakes in Nepal, April-May 2015

Storm Sarge by Typhoon Bopha in Mindanao, Dec., 23, 2012

Heavy rains and debris flow, August 30, 2014



uakes in Nepal killed more than 8,000 people and reduced thousands of buildings to rubble





: DR Congo's Mount Nyiragongo erupts, sparking mass evacuation - BBC News 15 peoples dead, 170 children are missing on May 24, 2021 !



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Climate change > geophysical disasters

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CATASTROPHIC RISE

The number of disasters caused by natural events has more than doubled since 1980.

Disaster risks increase since 1980th

Science Council of Japan has been co-operated with global DRR activities

1990~1999: UN International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

1994 May: 1st World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction (Yokohama)

→ Yokohama Strategy and Plan of Action for a Safer World: Guidelines for Natural Disaster Prevention, Preparedness and Mitigation and its Plan of Action

2004 Dec.: Sumatra Earthquake and Tsunamis

2005 Jan.: 2nd World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction (Kobe)

→ Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015 : Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters

2011 Mar.: Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunamis

2012 Dec.: Mindanao Typhoon No. 24, storm sarges

2015 Mar.: 3rd World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction (Sendai) → Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 :

2015 April-May: Massive Earthquakes in Nepal / Cyclone Pam on the Pacific Island of Vanuatu

2021 Mar.: International Science Council GeoUnions establish Standing Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction

Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030

Expected Outcome and goals

Outcomes: The substantial reduction of disaster risk and losses in lives, livelihoods and health and in the economic, physical, social, cultural and environmental assets of persons, businesses, communities and countries.

Goals: Prevent new and reduce existing disaster risk through the implementation of integrated and inclusive economic, structural, legal, social, health, cultural, educational, environmental, technological, political and institutional measures that prevent and reduce hazard exposure and vulnerability to disaster, increase preparedness for response and recovery, and thus strengthen resilience.

Priorities for Action

Priority 1: Understanding disaster risk.

(Researches, Data, **Standardization** (GIS, methodology), visualization, knowledge transfer) **Priority 2**: **Strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk**.

(networking and prepare platforms for multiple stakeholders,)

Priority 3 : Investing in disaster risk reduction for resilience

(Investiments in DRR both from public and private levels).

Priority 4: Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response and to

"Build Back Better" in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction.

(Come back to the previous life levels, and further to the better levels of Disaster risk literacies for all)

Standardizations for global use



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Geological Map of the World



Networking for data integrations and Making platforms for multiple stakeholders (Science, Technology, Politics and Society)



Each country has own characters, geography, size, and different professions.

The pros of establishing research networks is that it can cover weak points of other countries. Connections between governments, research institutions, universities, various stakeholders, and even citizens can bring new advantageous characters and complement its function, such as regional scale collections and information, multiple field dynamics, etc.

I hope that this symposium crops a lot of fruits for the progress of disaster risk reduction research !

Thank you for kind attention