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## IRP Promotes and Implements Multilateral Cooperation on Disaster Reduction and Recovery Through Participation in the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)-led International Conference



20-21 April 2015, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

An International Conference entitled "IORA Sustainable Development Programme Workshop: Exploring Preemptive Disaster Risk Management Measures to Ensure Community Resilience", organized and hosted by the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) and co-hosted by the Prime Minister's Office of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, was held in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania on 20-21 April 2015. recovery and reconstruction efforts since the 2004 Sumatra Earthquake and Indian Ocean Tsunami disasters.

Upon invitation and request, the International Recovery Platform (IRP) sent one Japanese representative to the conference, which attracted over 50 participants including government officials from the Indian Ocean Rim countries. As Japan is one of the IORA's Dialogue Partners, delegations from the Embassy of Japan in Tanzania, and JICA Office in Tanzania were also invited.

Considered as the first international gathering of over 20 countries associated with IORA since the Sendai conference in March 2015, the IORA Conference provided participants with vital opportunity to exchanging their views on "How Can We Explore Preemptive Disaster Risk Management Measures to ensuring Community Resilience?"

During the opening session titled "Disaster Risk Management and Community Resilience: Sharing Japan's Experience", Mr. Shingo Kochi, IRP Senior Recovery Expert, valued the high ability of Governments in the Indian Ocean Rim Association to promote recovery and reconstruction efforts since the 2004 Sumatra Earthquake and Indian Ocean Tsunami disasters.



Mr. Kochi also noted that IRP have long been promoting and implementing multilateral cooperation on disaster reduction and recovery by sharing Japan's technologies, experiences, and lessons as well as knowledge management. Among those are "IRP Guidance Notes for Recovery".

"Although the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami waves reached Tanzania and other east coast of African countries 18 hours after the occurrence of the earthquake, still, some 100 casualties were accounted in Somalia.

This triggered the following questions: What can we learn? How can we build back better? How can we incorporate disaster management into sustainable development?" To shed light, Mr. Kochi emphasized the importance of everyday preparedness by citizens and private sector, in addition to the government efforts when a massive disaster strikes.



In this connection, the upcoming big event in late May 2015: "IRP Workshop on Disaster Recovery Planning" to be held in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, one of IORA member countries, will showcase another evidence of Bangladesh's continuous efforts on disaster reduction, disaster preparedness, and recovery. This event illustrates how IRP will seek possibilities of providing further technical assistance for the IORA member countries' preparation efforts towards future disasters. For any inquiries, please contact IRP Senior Recovery Expert Mr. Shingo Kouchi (kouchi@recoveryplatform.org).

### IRP Upcoming Events

6-7 August 2015

IRP Retreat, Tokyo, Japan

19-21 August, 2015

Workshop on Mainstreaming DRR-CCA  
Manila, Philippines

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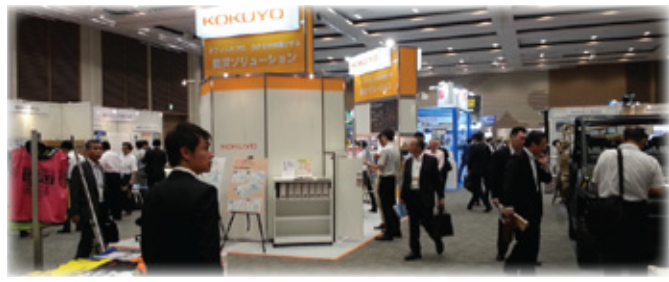
# Introducing Japan's Advanced Technologies on DRR through Public-Private Partnership "The 2nd Earthquake Technology Expo"

4-5 June 2015, Osaka, Japan

The 2nd Earthquake Technology Expo was held on 4~5 June 2015, at Congres Convention Center in Osaka, Japan. With the primary objective of using knowhow and technology to prepare before a disaster occurs, as well as "from daily life to disaster Countermeasures", the event showcases products such as Seismic technology and products, flood protection products, such as Boxwall, TigerDam, Tubewall, earthquake early warning, disaster toilet, rescue food, tent shelter, water purifier, communication and information technology products, safety confirmation system or furniture fall prevention products or disaster prevention goods etc. The exhibition showcased effective and efficient innovations and technologies from multiple Japan-based corporations.

Promoting public - private partnership and cooperation in emergency and recovery face of the disasters, the government of Japan encourage private companies and local small businesses to invest more in building resilience, including Business Continuity Plans putting in place to cope with catastrophes.

A lot of disaster related seminars such as global warming, volcanic eruption, technology and DRR, flood and tsunami simulation soft and its using method were also held in the



same venue, where many municipal government officials and experts shared their cities DRR management experiences, policies and plans to prepare for disasters. The Expo is just one example to show the perspectives of Japan's public-private partnerships in disaster risk reduction field.

The DRR technologies and innovations introduced at the Expo are good reference not only domestic, but also to disaster prone countries all over the world. In this connection, the IRP Secretariat would further like to keep IRP Herald readers informed. For more information, please contact IRP Researcher Ms.Gurisa Sataru (gulzar@recoveryplatform.org).



## IRP at Kansai University of International Studies

22 July 2015, Miki city, Hyogo, Japan

Over 90 students from Department of Human Psychology participated in the lecture about IRP and its key role in disaster recovery which organized by the Kansai University of International Studies, on July 22, 2015.

IRP researcher Ms. Gurisa Sataru made a presentation on IRP's establishment at the 2nd World Conference on DRR in Kobe, 2005, and its important role in sharing knowledge on recovery and reconstruction. She included her study and working experience in Japan and highlighted Japanese university students have more advantages and chances

joining and being intern to the international organizations, participating international conference, being volunteers to be compared to the Uyghur students of far west Xinjiang region of China.

Ms. Sataru encouraged Japanese university students to involve more international activities and contribute Japan and world humanitarian affairs.

IRP would like to encourage and welcome any student who is interested in IRP activities, such as IRP's International Recovery Forum 2016.

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