The 3rd APRU-IRIDeS Campus Safety Workshop

~Risk assessment on campus with an all-hazards approach: addressing and understanding the risks of both natural and man-made hazards~

Objectives

- Understand the natural and man-made disasters and their similarities and differences (particularly in preparation and response)
- Learn how to conduct a comprehensive disaster risk assessment using an all-hazards approach in their universities
- Discuss how to prepare for and respond to these disasters as universities

Date

12 – 15 February 2019: 2-day workshop and 2-day site visit

Venue

The IRIDeS building on the Aobayama Campus, Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan

Program

Day 1: Sharing knowledge and case studies
Day 2: Managing disaster risks on campus
Day 3-4: Site visits (a tour to the affected areas damaged by GEJET in Miyagi Prefecture)

Expected Outcomes

The participants understand the importance of an all-hazards approach and gain knowledge and skills on risk assessment for their universities
The APRU Multi-hazards program has been emphasizing the importance of disaster preparedness/management on campus since 2016. The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 highlights the need to better understand both natural and man-made hazards and has a wider scope covering all types of disaster risks, caused by natural or man-made hazards, including biological, technological, and environmental hazards. The number and magnitude of man-made disasters has risen worldwide since the 1970s and they continue to increase in both frequency and impact on human wellbeing and national economies.

The Campus Safety Workshop in 2020 will target both natural and man-made hazards (especially Natech – natural hazards triggering technological hazards) and is designed that the participants understand the importance of an all-hazards approach and gain knowledge and skills on risk assessment for their universities.

At the 1st and 2nd Campus Safety Workshop held at Tohoku University in 2016 and 2018, the major focus was natural hazards. The workshop discussed the role of university leaders, the need for a disaster management plan and a coordination body in case of emergencies, and a minimum checklist for preparedness. Further information and the reports from these workshops in 2016 and 2018 can be downloaded from: http://aprumh.irides.tohoku.ac.jp/app-def/S-102/apru/activities/campus-safety/campus-safety-workshop

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