

## **The 12<sup>th</sup> APRU Multi-Hazards Symposium at Kyoto University (7-8 March, 2016)**

The 12<sup>th</sup> APRU Multi-Hazards Symposium was hosted by Kyoto University on 7-8 March 2016. More than 90 faculty and students participated in the event and the representatives from World Bank and NGO also joined. 46 numbers of papers were presented at eight sessions in two days and the structure and discussion in the symposium were guided by four priority areas of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR).

The participants agreed on and committed to the following points:

1. Strengthen capacities of scientific community through fostering young researchers and encouraging multi-disciplinary/trans-disciplinary implementation research;
2. Continue our support to Science and Technology innovations to be included into national policy/decision making on DRR;
3. Foster greater collaboration with local institutions and local governments for Science and Technology based decision making;
4. Learn from the experiences of good practices in the regional and to foster further collaboration with various stakeholders;
5. Contribute to organizing/supporting periodic Science and Technology conferences/events on DRR at national/regional levels.

In order to support the implementation of above points, following major actions are required:

- Develop opportunities such as seminars, workshops and forums to share data and exchange information with other stakeholders;
- Provide support to DRR in developing countries and DRR technology with low cost;
- Strengthen collaboration with “practitioners” such as NGOs and the private sector for further technology development;
- Enhance dialogue in particular with governments and ministries;
- Utilize and collaborate with media.

Please refer to the slides of “the Kyoto declaration 2016: Role of Science and Technology in implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR)”.

