

Session 3: Natural Disasters, Society, Development, Science and Technology

Coordinator : National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention

Theme : "How to Establish Partnership in Asia"

1st Session: "Opening"

Chair: Tsuneo Katayama, Professor, Tokyo Denki University, Former President, National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention, Japan

10:30-10:40 Outline of Session 3

Dr. Tsuneo Katayama

10:40-11:00 International Contribution by Japan and Asia Regarding Natural Disasters

Mr. Eiji Torisu, Counselor for Cabinet Office, Japan

2nd Session: "Collaboration of a Worldwide Information Platform for Disaster Reduction"

Chair: Hiroyuki Kameda, Professor Emeritus, Kyoto University, Dr. Eng. Visiting Researcher, National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention

11:00-11:20 About Collaboration of a Worldwide Information Platform for Disaster Reduction

Dr. Hiroyuki Kameda

11:20-11:35 Use of an Information Platform for Disaster Reduction

Prof. Tissa Vitarana, Minister of Science & Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Sri Lanka

11:35-11:50 Problem with the Cooperation between Databases

Mr. Craig Duncan, United Nations International Strategy for Disaster

Reduction

11:50-12:05 From Users of Databases

Mr. Amod Mani Dixit, National Society for Earthquake Technology, Nepal

12:05-12:30 Discussions and Summary

12:30-13:30 Lunch

3rd Session: "Micro-Insurance"

Chair: Tsuneo Katayama, Professor, Tokyo Denki University, Former President, National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention, Japan

Co-Chair: Haresh C. Shah, Professor Emeritus, Stanford School of Engineering, Stanford University

13:30-13:55 Disasters and Micro-Insurance

Prof. Haresh C. Shah, Professor, Stanford University

13:55-14:20 Site Report Related to Micro-Insurance

Dr. David Piesse, Head, Global Insurance, Sun Microsystems, USA

14:20-14:40 Coffee break

14:40-14:55 Possibilities of Micro-Insurance

Mr. R. Kuberan, Senior Advisor, Global Open Learning Forum on Risk
Education (GOLFRE), India

14:55-16:20

Discussions and Summary