Disaster and Risk Management Unit

Interfaculty Initiatives in Social Sciences (IISS), Kobe University, JAPAN



Kobe University has been a leading Japanese university in Disaster and Risk Management research and education since the Kobe earthquake in 1995. We have conducted considerable research and carried out numerous assistance projects in areas affected by great natural disasters, including Kobe and Tohoku.

The Disaster and Risk Management Unit was established in 2014 to promote multidisciplinary research and education in Kobe University. We intend to share lessons learnt from disasters and to collaborate with other organizations in Japan and overseas toward creating a disaster-resilient society.

Research Fields

- Disaster Law, Economic Recovery, Risk and Disaster Finance, Managerial Accounting in Disasters, Assistance Systems for Survivors, Recovery Planning, Disaster Governance, etc.

Major International Activities in JFY 2014

International Symposia (Excerpts):

- Community Initiative in Disaster Recovery and the Role of Universities, January 2015
- Asian Disaster Law Study: Sichuan Workshop 2014, August 2014

Research Papers (Excerpts):

- Responsibilities of the Government for the Recovery of Disaster-Affected People Differentiating Support and Compensation (Yuka KANEKO)
- Housing Recovery for Sustainable Disaster Recovery: Through case study of Hurricane Katrina (2005) and Great East Japan Earthquake (2011) (Tamiyo KONDO, Yuka KARATANI)
- Lessons from Response after the Great East Japan Earthquake and Local Governments' Business Continuity Plans in Japan (Shohei BENIYA)

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