The Fourth World Tsunami Museum Conference

Date: 15 December 2022, Thursday 14:00 – 17:30
Japan Standard time online and in person

Venue: International Research Institute of Disaster Science (IRIDeS)
Tohoku University, Sendai City, Japan

Background and objectives

In December 2015, a resolution jointly proposed by 142 countries to designate November 5 as “World Tsunami Awareness Day” was adopted by consensus at the United Nations General Assembly.

Tsunami museums and other disaster related museums have been established around the world, preserving images of tsunami and disaster damage and records of measures taken. It is important to pass on these records kept in tsunami and disaster museums to the next generation, to share these experiences and lessons learned with the world, and to prepare against future tsunamis and other types of natural hazards, which may strike at any moment.

Thus, the World Tsunami Museum Conference (WTMC) was initiated by the UNDRR receiving financial and substantive support from the Government of Japan. The objectives of the WTMC is to share and discuss experiences, good practices and lessons learned among existing disaster-related museums as well as to foster an international network of disaster museums to learn from each other.

Building on the three previous World Tsunami Museum Conferences, the Fourth World Tsunami Museum Conference (WTMC4) will be held in a hybrid modality with the focus on “Roles of Youth and Tsunami Museums for resilience of societies.”

Organizers: United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Kobe Office, International Research Institute of Disaster Science (IRIDeS) Tohoku University, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) Japan

Cooperation: Japanese Association for Museums, Japan National Committee for International Council of Museums (ICOM)

Registration: Registration is free.
To register, please fill out the online registration form: https://buff.ly/3EV9eIK
For any inquiries about the conference: undrr-japan@un.org

Language: English and Japanese with simultaneous translation
# AGENDA

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## Overall moderator
Dr. Yuichi Ono  
Professor, IRIDeS, Tohoku University

### Session 1: Opening  
14:00 – 14:30

- **Representative**  
  Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan  
  Dr. Yuki Matsuoka  
  Head of UNDRR Kobe Office  
- **Prof. Mitsuru Haga**  
  Special Advisor to the President for Promotion of Diversity, Tohoku University  
- **Ms. Kazuko Kohri**  
  Mayor of Sendai City, Japan

### Session 2: Keynote  
14:30 – 15:00

- **Dr. Fumihiko Imamura**  
  Professor of Tsunami Engineering, IRIDeS, Tohoku University  
  Keynote presentation on 3.11 Densho Road

### Session 3: Part I:  
Presentations by museums on “How tsunami and disaster museums communicate to with young people?”  
15:00 – 16:00

- **Mr. Muhammad Syahputra Azwar**  
  General Manager, Aceh Tsunami Museum  
- **Mr. Walter Dudley**  
  Co-founder, Hawaii Pacific Tsunami Museum  
- **Ms. Ratchaneekorn Thongthip**  
  Director, Thailand Tsunami Museum  
- **Ms. Aki Kawasaki**  
  Guide, Kamaishi City, Tsunami Memorial Hall

### Session 4: Part II:  
Panel discussion on roles of youth and tsunami museums for resilience  
16:00 – 17:20

- **Four panelists from museums**  
  - Mr. Muzaillin Affan  
    Adviser, Aceh Tsunami Museum & Director, Universitas Syiah Kuala  
  - Mr. Walter Dudley  
    Co-founder, Hawaii Pacific Tsunami Museum  
  - Ms. Ratchaneekorn Thongthip  
    Director, Thailand Tsunami Museum  
  - Ms. Aki Kawasaki  
    Guide, Kamaishi City, Tsunami Memorial Hall  

- **Three panelists from non-museums**  
  - Ms. Yoko Sato  
    Manager of the Disaster Resilient and Environmentally Friendly City Promotion Office, City of Sendai  
  - Mr. Yuji Kurihara  
    Director, Japanese Association of Museums & Vice Chair, ICOM Japan  
  - Ms. Hanna Pennock  
    Chair of International Council of Museums Standing Committee on Disaster Risk Management  

- **Dialogue with youth from Japan, Indonesia, USA, and China**  
  - Youth from Japan – High School students in Niigata Prefecture  
  - Youth from Indonesia – Aceh  
  - Youth from Hawaii – Hawaii  
  - Youth from China – Master Student of Tohoku University

## Wrap up and Closing remarks  
17:20 – 17:30

Dr. Yuichi Ono  
Professor, IRIDeS, Tohoku University