



**WORLD TSUNAMI  
AWARENESS DAY**  
5 NOVEMBER 2022



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# 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)



## AGENDA

15 December 2022 14:00 – 17:30 JST

### Overall moderator

**Dr. Yuichi Ono**

Professor, IRIDeS, Tohoku University

### Opening remarks 14:00 – 14:30

**Mr. Takei Shunsuke**

State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan

**Ms. Kazuko Kohri**

Mayor of Sendai City, Japan

**Dr. Yuki Matsuoka**

Head of UNDRR Kobe Office

**Dr. Mitsuru Haga**

Special Advisor to the President for Promotion of Diversity,  
Tohoku University

### Keynote Presentation 14:30 – 15:00

**Dr. Fumihiko Imamura**

Professor of Tsunami Engineering, IRIDeS, Tohoku University

*Keynote presentation on 3.11 Densho Road*

### Part I: Presentations by museums on how tsunami and disaster museums communicate 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: Panel discussion on roles of youth and tsunami museums for resilience 16:00 – 17:20

Moderator

**Dr. Elizabeth Maly**

Associate Professor, IRIDeS, Tohoku University

Four panelists from museums

**Dr. Muzailin 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**

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### 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 – Niigata Prefecture*

**Mr. Bunou Otokawa**, Niigata Prefectural Niigata High School

**Ms. Chiharu Seki**, Niigata Meikun High School

**Ms. Hinako Akagawa**, Kohshi Secondary School

**Mr. Haruto Kobayashi**, Niigata Minami High School

*Youth from Indonesia – Aceh*

**Ms. Annisa Nurlathifah**, MAN1 Banda Aceh

**Ms. Naira Tanzila**, MAN1 Banda Aceh

**Mr. Di Sultan Azfar**, MAN1 Banda Aceh

**Mr. Muhammad Kausar**, MAN1 Banda Aceh

*Youth from USA – Hawaii*

**Ms. Hokulani Thomas**, Hilo High School

**Ms. Khallie Matsumoto**, Hilo High School

**Ms. Seneca Ivey**, Hilo High School

*Youth from China*

**Ms. Qian Yuwei**, Master student, Graduate School of Environment Studies, Tohoku University

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

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

**Dr. Yuichi Ono**

Professor, IRIDeS, Tohoku University



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## TARGETED AUDIENCE

- Staff members of disaster related museums, exhibition facilities, and relevant educational facilities
- Students and teachers around the world
- Officials from national and local governments around the world
- DRR related stakeholders

## REGISTRATION

To register, please fill out the online registration form:

<https://buff.ly/3EV9eIK>

For any inquiries about the conference, please email:

[undrr-japan@un.org](mailto:undrr-japan@un.org)

\*Only those who register for in-person participation and get confirmation can attend the forum

\*Only those who register for online participation can be allowed into the zoom link

## PARTICIPATING MUSEUMS



Aceh Tsunami  
Museum  
Banda Aceh, Indonesia  
Established in 2009



Hawaii Pacific  
Tsunami Museum  
Hawaii, USA  
Established in 1994



Tsunami Memorial Hall  
Kamaishi City, Japan  
Established in 2019



Thailand Tsunami  
Museum  
Khao Lak, Thailand  
Established in 2006



Ruins of the Great East Japan  
Earthquake: Sendai Arahama  
Elementary School  
Sendai City, Japan  
Established in 2017

Please scan the QR  
code to register:

