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

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<td>Opening remarks&lt;br&gt;Mr. Takei Shunsuke&lt;br&gt;Ms. Kazuko Kohri&lt;br&gt;Dr. Yuki Matsuoka&lt;br&gt;Dr. Mitsuru Haga</td>
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<td>14:30 – 15:00</td>
<td>Keynote Presentation&lt;br&gt;Dr. Fumihiko Imamura&lt;br&gt;Keynote presentation on 3.11 Densho Road</td>
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<td>15:00 – 16:00</td>
<td>Part I: Presentations by museums on how tsunami and disaster museums communicate with young people&lt;br&gt;Mr. Muhammad Syahputra Azwar&lt;br&gt;Mr. Walter Dudley&lt;br&gt;Ms. Ratchaneekorn Thongthip&lt;br&gt;Ms. Aki Kawasaki</td>
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<td>16:00 – 17:20</td>
<td>Session 4: Panel discussion on roles of youth and tsunami museums for resilience&lt;br&gt;Four panelists from museums&lt;br&gt;Dr. Elizabeth Maly&lt;br&gt;Dr. Muzailin Affan&lt;br&gt;Mr. Walter Dudley&lt;br&gt;Ms. Ratchaneekorn Thongthip&lt;br&gt;Ms. Aki Kawasaki</td>
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Part II: Panel discussion on roles of youth and tsunami museums for resilience 16:00 – 17:20

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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

Wrap up and Closing remarks 17:20 – 17:30
Dr. Yuichi Ono
Professor, IRIDeS, Tohoku University
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

*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 Aråhama Elementary School
Sendai City, Japan
Established in 2017

Please scan the QR code to register: