

Public Forum

on the 80th anniversary of the Great Kanto Earthquake and the International Disaster Reduction Day

Living with Risk

- are we prepared for the next big one? -

Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Great Kanto Earthquake on 1 September this year, the forum provides an opportunity to discuss the current status and challenges of earthquake disaster preparedness in Japan. Furthermore, the second Wednesday in October is the International Disaster Reduction Day (8 October this year) where various activities are conducted by the United Nations and other international organizations to improve our understanding of the natural disaster risk that society faces and to promote disaster reduction activities around the world. At the forum, renowned Japanese and International experts will address earthquake disaster reduction issues from historical, infrastructure, economic and emergency management perspectives. At the end of the forum, a Q & A session will be allocated for audience participation.

Date/Time: Saturday, 4 October 2003, 14:00-18:00
Venue: UN House 3F, U Thant International Conference Hall, Tokyo, Japan
Organized by: United Nations University (UNU), Cabinet Office of Japan, UN ISDR Secretariat, World Seismic Safety Initiative (WSSI), Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC)



Speakers: What do we know about 1923 Kanto Earthquake?

Dr. Tsuneo Katayama, President, National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention (NIED)

Preparing for the next big one: Soft and hard solutions

Dr. Kimiro Meguro, Associate Professor, Institute of Industrial Science, University of Tokyo

Beyond earthquake loss estimation technologies: Strategies for risk reduction

Prof. Haresh Shah, Director of the Board: WSSI, Obayashi Professor of Engineering, Emeritus, Stanford University

Recovering from a catastrophic disaster: Lessons from past

Dr. David Mammen, President, Institute of Public Administration (IPA)

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Japanese-English simultaneous translation will be provided. Admission is free. To register for the Public Forum, please send in the reply sheet by post or fax, or email your request to eqforum@hq.unu.edu by 26 September 2003.

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