

Disasters and Human Security Forum



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GDRC's Professor Dilanthi Amaratunga delivered a key note entitled "Tackling societal challenges through international collaboration" at the Disasters and Human Security Public Forum organised at the UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held in Sendai, Japan from 14 – 18 March 2015

Tohoku University International Program in Human Security and United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security jointly hosted this public forum. It discussed the issues related to natural disasters within the context of human security. The public forum consisted of two sessions; the first is an invited speakers' session. The second session was an "Implicit Role Playing Game" organized by Tohoku University; entitled as "Role of Dikes in Protecting Coastal Villages from Tsunami." The role playing game was based on situation of Higashimatsushima city, located in Miyagi Prefecture, Japan. On March 11 2011, Higashimatsushima was severely affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, with at least 1,039 deaths.

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