



World Conference on Disaster Reduction

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Title	The World Conference of Disaster Volunteers
Organizations	The Steering Committee for the World Conference of Disaster Volunteers
Speakers	<p>海外 Ad de Reed (国連ボランティア事務局長)、Craig Nemitz (全米災害救援ボランティア機構=アメリカ)、Nurcan Taspinar (コジャエリ震災の被災者会=トルコ)、Saeed Gaffari (働く子どもを守る会=イラン)、Akshat Chaturvedi (国連ボランティア=インド)、Lee, Eun-Ae (韓国全国災害救護協会=韓国)</p> <p>国内 三浦一郎 (日本財団公益/ボランティア支援グループ長)、香月NTTコムウェア(株)、栗田暢之 (智恵のひろば準備室長)、渥美公秀 (大阪大学大学院助教授)、村井雅清 (震災がつなぐ全国ネットワーク代表)、宮本秀利 (島原ボランティア協議会理事長)</p>
Report	<p>The aims of this conference were facilitating the exchanges between international volunteer groups, increasing the knowledge of effective disaster-reduction measures, and establishing a network for further cooperation in the future. In the keynote speeches, Craig Nemitz, National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, introduced the mitigation efforts to reduce the impact of disasters in the USA and NTT Comware Corporation demonstrated a new support system using cellular telephones with an inbuilt digital camera. The launching Ceremony for “the Forum for Wisdom” was held, which had a purpose to achieve collecting, disseminating, and exchanging the information on volunteer activities of disaster relief and reduction on the Web. Not only Japanese, but also Turkish, Iranian, Indian, and Korean disaster volunteers presented their activities in the case study session and the panel discussion. The conference adopted the KOBE Declaration, which aimed to promote a construction of network between government, NGOs, civil society groups, voluntary groups, and international organizations, and which intended to activate a collection and exchange of the wisdom on disaster prevention and relief, and drive for establishing a disaster reduction culture from the viewpoint of citizens.</p>
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