



World Conference on Disaster Reduction

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Title	Symposium on Sea Coast (To reduce the damage of “TSUNAMI s”)
Organizations	National Council of Sea Coast Associations Japan Society of Civil Engineers
Speakers	<p>エディ バーナード 米国海洋大気局太平洋海洋環境研究所長 ローラ コング ユネスコ政府間海洋学委員会国際津波情報センター長 河田 恵昭 京都大学防災研究所巨大災害研究センター長 今村 文彦 東北大学大学院工学研究科附属災害制御研究センター教授 重川 希志依 富士常葉大学環境防災学部教授 永井 章 気象庁地震火山部地震津波監視課課長補佐 酒井 浩一 高知県危機管理課地震防災企画担当チーフ 鷹原 徹 北海道奥尻町長 山本 啓輔 三重県熊野市新鹿町新鹿津波調査会</p>
Report	<p>Near the end of last year, people around the world were stunned by a giant tsunami that swept across the Indian Ocean causing severe damage in many countries on its shoreline. In Japan, many regions are at risk of severe simultaneous disasters caused by giant tsunami triggered by the Tokai, Tonankai, or Nankai Earthquakes expected to occur soon. At this symposium, held to prepare for giant tsunami that will eventually occur, the keynote speeches were presented by three tsunami experts, Dr. Bernard of the U.S. and Dr. Kong from UNESCO who were invited as overseas experts to talk about tsunami damage reduction measures in the United States and around the world respectively, and by Professor Yoshiaki Kawata of the University of Kyoto who pointed out precautions that are easily overlooked when planning tsunami countermeasures.</p> <p>During the panel discussion, the coordinator, Professor Imamura of Tohoku University reported on field surveys of the Indian Ocean tsunami. The panelists, Mayor Ganbara of Okushiri Town, Mr. Nagai who is a counselor at the Japan Meteorological Agency, Mr. Koichi Sakai, Kochi Prefecture's disaster prevention project chief, Mr. Keisuke Yamamoto from the Atashika Tsunami Investigation Group, and Professor Shigekawa from Fuji Tokoha University presented easily understood introductions to their disaster experiences, tsunami information, damage reduction measures, resident activities and measures to support them from various perspectives in order to promote greater efforts to reduce tsunami damage already initiated in various parts of Japan.</p>

	We will be delighted if this symposium helps even more people prepare for tsunami that will eventually come.
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