

# International Recovery Forum 2013

“Resilient Recovery in Cities and Municipalities:

Lessons on Integrating Disaster Risk Reduction into Recovery and Development Planning – Tohoku and Global Experiences and the Post 2015 Framework for DRR”

## Background & Objective

Cities are engines for development, prosperity, innovation and hope, and soon will be home to two thirds of the global population. However, recent trends show that in the urban context, disasters occur more frequently, affect more people, and cause higher economic damages than ever before. The forum is aimed at achieving the following objectives:

1. Further reflect on applying the lessons on recovery from mega-disasters, specifically from the Great East Japan Earthquake to inform Post-2015 Global Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction & Recovery
2. Share knowledge and exchange experience on disaster recovery planning and recovery operations - emphasizing the importance of incorporating disaster risk reduction in urban planning and development as well as community preparedness for the future disasters
3. Present recent experiences on recovery operations and the emerging challenges in cities

## Date

22 January 2013(Tuesday) 9:00~18:00

## Venue

Kairaku Room, Portpia Hotel, Kobe

## Organizers

Cabinet Office of Japan (CAO), International Recovery Platform (IRP), Hyogo Prefecture, Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC), United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR)

## Program

Keynote Address “Sendai City Current State of Reconstruction”

Ms. Emiko Okuyama, Mayor of Sendai City

Presentations

Reports from natural disaster-affected cities around the world

Panel Discussion

Recommendations to ensure the 2015 Global Framework for DRR explicitly promotes disaster recovery as an opportunity to build back better and safer cities? (tentative theme)

## Participants

100 delegates including IRP community of practice, experts, professionals, national and local government officials, and academia, etc.

## Language

English and Japanese (with simultaneous interpretation)

## Admission

Free

## Incorporation with

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, NHK, Disaster Reduction Alliance (DRA), JICA Kansai,

## Registration

All participants are required to register via email at [info@recoveryplatform.org](mailto:info@recoveryplatform.org) by submitting Name, Address, Phone Number, and email address

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