

Public Forum

On the Occasion of the Disaster Prevention Day and the Disaster Prevention Week

Recovery from Catastrophic Disasters - towards a safer world for all

Recovery and reconstruction phases after disasters are important steps to build disaster-resilient communities, irrespective of the scale of the event but more so in major disasters. In this forum, prominent experts will address and propose how to reduce disaster risk through their experiences in Iran, USA and Japan. A Panel will discuss how Japan, as the host country of the World Conference on Disaster Reduction to be held in Kobe, Hyogo, on 18-22 January 2005 and as a country which has been playing a leading role in international cooperation on disaster reduction, could contribute to the Conference and to the world. The Panel will also discuss developing partnerships among governments and related organizations in the field of recovery and reconstruction.

Date/Time: Tuesday, 24 August 2004, 14:00-17:30

Venue: UN House 3F, U Thant International Conference Hall, Tokyo, Japan

Organized by: Cabinet Office of Japan, ISDR Secretariat, United Nations University (UNU), UNDP, Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC)

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Keynote speaker:



Ms. Helena Molin Valdes
Deputy Director, ISDR Secretariat



Dr. Patricia Bolton
Senior Research Scientist, Battelle Seattle Research Center, USA



Mr. Kamal Kishore
Regional Disaster Reduction Advisor for South and Southwest Asia,
UNDP Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR)

Panellists:



Mr. Tadashi Harada
Deputy Director General for Disaster Management, Cabinet Office,
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Mr. Andrew Maskrey
Chief, Disaster Reduction Unit, UNDP/BCPR

Coordinator:



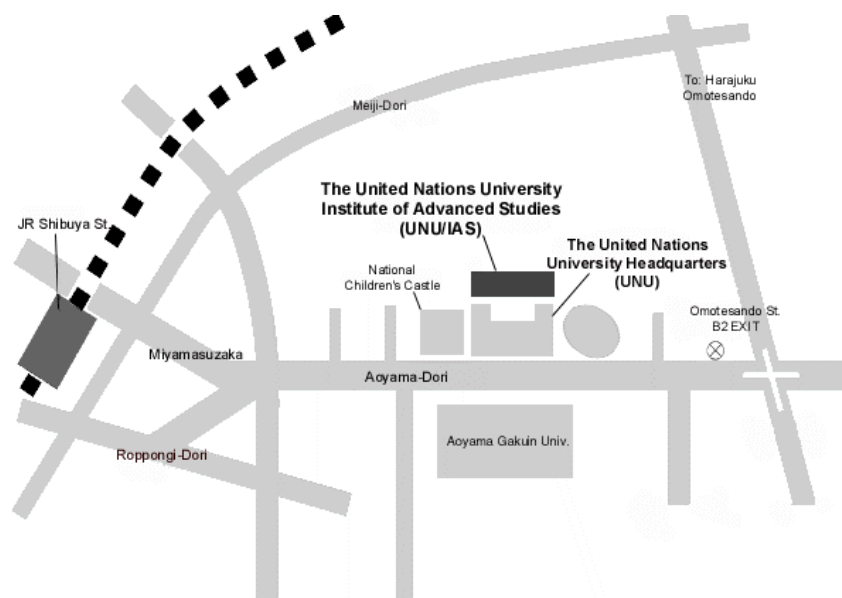
Prof. Kishie Shigekawa
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- Admission is free.
- Japanese-English simultaneous translation will be provided.

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