

# Public Forum

~ Catastrophic Floods : Hidden Vulnerability of Mega Cities ~

Commemorating the World Water Day (22 Mar) and World Meteorological Day (23 Mar)

A Catastrophic Flood, either by exceeding the flood design standards or due to failure of infrastructure, could cause extensive human and economic losses in modern mega cities. This forum will address the important issue of how to shift a 'fail-safe' approach to 'safe-fail' mechanisms in flood control. Four prominent researchers will address the relevant issues including "Historical lessons", "Climate dimension", "Urbanization and catchment changes" and "Community participation".

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, 23 March 2004, 14:00-17:30  
**Venue:** UN House, 3F, U Thant International Conference Hall, Tokyo, Japan  
**Organized by:** United Nations University (UNU),  
Cabinet Office of Japan, UN ISDR Secretariat,  
Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC)



**Cooperated By:** NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation)

**Speakers:** Masaru Morita (Professor, Shibaura Institute of Technology)  
Koji Yamamoto (Former Director-General, Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA))  
Keiichi Toda (Professor, Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University)  
Lorna P. Victoria (Director, Center for Disaster Preparedness Foundation, Inc, Philippines)

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An informal reception will follow the Forum. All are invited.

Japanese-English simultaneous translation will be provided. Admission is free. To register for the Public Forum, please send in the reply sheet by post or fax, or email your request to fldforum@hq.unu.edu by Friday, 19 March 2004.

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