

17 January 2005 Kobe Portopia Hall

International Symposium

Living with Risk

- disaster reduction for future generations -

Despite the efforts made by countries and relevant organizations, natural disasters continue to be a great threat to people and their social lives, hampering the achievement of sustainable development, especially in developing countries. Being held on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, the Symposium aims to provide an opportunity to enhance the understanding of the importance of disaster risk reduction and of the need to further strengthen capacities by promoting cooperation and collaboration for reducing risks at various stakeholders, such as local and central governments, UN agencies, international organizations, academia, NGOs, and communities.

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In Cooperation with: Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan Broadcasting Corporation Kobe Broadcasting Center (NHK Kobe), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

Keynote Speech:

- H.E. Mr. Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf
MP, Minister for Food and Disaster Management
People's Republic of Bangladesh

- Ms. Sadako Ogata
President of (JICA)

Special Report Report on Indian Ocean Earthquake and Tsunami

Panel Discussion:

- Mr. Katsuji Ebisawa, President of NHK

- Mr. Jan Egeland, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator
- Mr. Michel Jarraud, Secretary-General of WMO
- Mr. Markku Niskala, Secretary-General of IFRC
- Mr. Shigeru Itoh, Chairman of ADRC (Commentator)

Moderator: Mr. Lyuji Miyamoto, Executive Broadcaster of NHK

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