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

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Registration
All participants are required to register via email at info@recoveryplatform.org by submitting Name, Address, Phone Number, and email address

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