

# 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



Public Forum -Recovery from Catastrophic Disasters- was held at United Nations University in Tokyo, Japan, on 24 August 2004 on the occasion of Japan's Disaster Prevention Day and the Disaster Prevention Week.

It attracted over 250 participants, including His Imperial Highness Crown Prince of Japan.

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)

In Cooperation with: USAID, NHK, Hyogo Prefectural Government

Programme: Opening Remarks



**Prof. Hans van Ginkel**  
Rector  
United Nations University



**Mr. Kiichi Inoue**  
Minister of State for Disaster Management  
Government of Japan



**Mr. Masayuki Kitamoto**  
Executive Director  
Asian Disaster Reduction Center

### Keynote Speech



**Ms. Helena Molin Valdes**  
Deputy Director  
ISDR Secretariat  
*"World Conference on Disaster Reduction  
- A new milestone event for reducing disasters"*

[Abstract \(36KB: pdf\)](#)



[Slides \(3.71MB: pdf\)](#)



### Panel discussion

#### Part 1: Presentation by panellists

Panellists:



**Dr. Patricia Bolton**  
Senior Research Scientist  
Battelle Seattle Research Center, USA  
*"Disaster Recovery: Faster, Better, or Safer?"*

[Abstract \(13.7KB: pdf\)](#)



[Slides \(64.5KB: pdf\)](#)





**Mr. Kamal Kishore**

Regional Disaster Reduction Advisor for South and Southwest Asia  
UNDP Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR)

*"Challenge of Bam Earthquake ?  
-Road map for safer communities"*

[Abstract \(14.5KB: pdf\)](#)



[Slides \(2.68MB: pdf\)](#)



**Mr. Tadashi Harada**

Deputy Director General for Disaster Management  
Cabinet Office, Government of Japan

*"Recovery and Reconstruction towards disaster resilient communities  
- from lessons learnt in Japan from lessons learnt in Japan"*

[Slides \(English, pdf: 640KB\)](#)



[Slides \(Japanese, pdf: 640KB\)](#)



**Mr. Andrew Maskrey**

Chief, Disaster Reduction Unit  
UNDP Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR)

*"Sustainable Post-Disaster Recovery ?  
-Turning Disasters into Opportunities for Development"*

[Abstract \(16KB: pdf\)](#)



[Slides \(2.15MB: pdf\)](#)



Part 2: Discussions

Coordinator:



**Prof. Kishie Shigekawa**

Fuji-Tokoha University  
Japan

Commentator:

**Ms. Helena Molin Valdes**

Deputy Director  
ISDR Secretariat

Closing remarks



**Mr. Tomio Saito**

Vice Governor  
Hyogo Prefectural Government  
Japan