

International Video Conference

- 1) **Date and time:** February 22, 16:00 -19:10
- 2) **Venue:** Main Venue: Conference room of Tokyo Development Learning Center (TDLC), the World Bank , Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
Sub-venues: video conference rooms in Japan, Indonesia, Philippines, Nepal, Pakistan, Turkey etc.
- 3) **Main audience:** people and experts who are interested in disaster mitigation in houses and buildings from wider disciplines from engineers, sociologists, economists or others (from main venue and sub venues)
Audience on web steaming service
- 4) **Major topics:**
 - Reconstruction from earthquake disasters focusing on houses and buildings which account for a large portion of damages seismic technologies and relevant issues such as awareness raising of earthquake risks, dissemination of seismic technologies, supports/encouragement for people to adopt seismic technologies
- 5) **Expected outputs:**
 - Understanding of vulnerabilities of houses and buildings of large diversity within each country and between countries (different structural systems with different materials, engineered or non-engineered, etc.)
 - Sharing experiences and information on activities/initiatives for safer houses /buildings
 - Discussion on international cooperation for sharing lessons and knowledge

Reference:

1. Background

Super-disasters have been occurring frequently in recent years, devastating local communities. After such disasters, the recovery and reconstruction phase provides a critical opportunity to build up more resilient communities against disasters (Build Back Better). After the Great East Japan Earthquake on 11 March 2011, which mercilessly devastated a number of villages and towns, Japan is also struggling how to reconstruct the damaged areas.

Damages of houses and buildings account for major portion of damages, causing human casualties, which bring the most serious tragedy to people.

This video conference is organized to discuss on reconstruction from super-disasters and building safer communities focusing on houses and building with invited lecturers who experienced super-disaster in recent years (Haiti, China and Indonesia) and participants from earthquake prone countries through video conference system to share experiences and lessons from each country and to obtain implications for future super-disasters.

2. Organizers

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National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)

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TG75 (Study Group on Engineering Study on Traditional Constructions)
in CIB (International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction)

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February 22, 2012	Japan:	16:00 – 19:55
	New Zealand	19:00 – 22:10
	Philippines:	15:00 – 18:10
	Indonesia:	14:00 – 17:10
	Nepal:	12:45 – 15:55
	Pakistan:	12:00 – 15:10
	Turkey:	9:00 – 12:10