

**Dear APRU Presidents and Senior International Colleagues,**

We warmly invite you to send students and young researchers who are interested in disaster risk reduction (DRR) to participate in the APRU Multi-Hazards 2024 Summer School hosted by Tohoku University, Japan.

## **The 9th APRU Multi-Hazards Summer School**

### **Tohoku University, Japan, Jul 30–Aug 2, 2024**

The Ninth Multi-Hazards Summer School (July 30–August 2, 2024) is hosted and organized by the International Research Institute of Disaster Science (IRIDeS), Tohoku University. IRIDeS provides secretariat services as the regional program hub harnessing the collective capabilities of APRU universities for cutting-edge research on disaster risk reduction (DRR) and recovery, shares strategies to cope with campus disaster risk management, and contributes to international policy-making processes on DRR.

The major objectives of the 2024 Multi-Hazards Summer School are to:

- Understand the mechanism of the international DRR strategies
- Learn from the experiences and recovery process from the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami
- Learn from various disaster science research conducted in different countries
- Discuss the major challenges and roles of academia in progressing DRR in each country

### **Program**

The Multi-Hazards Summer School consists of a 3-day seminar and a site visit to the affected area impacted by the Great Eastern Japan Earthquake and Tsunami.

Topics include:

- International Framework for DRR
- Lessons learnt from the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami
- Experience and case studies by various stakeholders
- DRR research and initiatives by the APRU member universities

*\*Above topics are subject to change.*

### **Travel Costs**

No registration fee is required for this summer school. *Participants will have to fund their own travel and accommodation. No funding support is available from the event organizer.*

**Confirmation**

We hope your university will participate in the 2024 Multi-Hazards Summer School. Kindly send the name, title, research interest/experience, and contact information of your representatives in a batch from the international office to [application\\_apruss@irides.tohoku.ac.jp](mailto:application_apruss@irides.tohoku.ac.jp) no later than **June 25, 2024**. An acceptance notice will be sent out within a week by the Multi-Hazards Program.

**Additional Information**

See attached a flyer for you to promote the event widely to your students.

Information on the previous Summer Schools and the summary reports are available at the MH Program website: <http://aprumh.irides.tohoku.ac.jp/app-def/S-102/apru/annual-events/summer-school>.

If you have any queries regarding the summer school, please contact Ms. Sachiko Kumagai and Prof. Takako Izumi (APRU Multi-Hazards Program Director) in IRIDeS, Tohoku University at [application\\_apruss@irides.tohoku.ac.jp](mailto:application_apruss@irides.tohoku.ac.jp).

Warm regards,

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