The 8th APRU MH Summer School will be held on 24-27 July at Tohoku University. This year’s focus is “Tackling various hazard risks.” Students and young researchers interested in disaster risk reduction (DRR) and management are welcome to join this event.

Major objectives:
• Understand the mechanism of the international disaster risk reduction 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 disaster risk reduction in each country

Program (tentative):

**Day 1: 24 July**
Opening
Session 1: International Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction
Session 2: Lessons learnt from the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami

**Day 2: 25 July**
Session 3: Experience and case studies by various stakeholders
Session 4: Group activity

**Day 3: 26 July**
Session 5: DRR researches and initiatives by APRU member universities
Session 6: Group activity

**Day 4: 27 July**
Field trip to the affected site

Venue:
the International Research Institute of Disaster Science (IRIDeS), Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan

IRIDeS building, Tohoku University
Multi-Hazards (MH) Program

The Program was launched in April 2013 by APRU and Tohoku University. The International Research Institution of Disaster Science (IRIDeS) of Tohoku University provides secretariat services and coordination support as the program hub. The main objectives are to harness the collective capacities of APRU Universities for cutting-edge research on disaster risk reduction (DRR) and to contribute to international policy-making discussions. (http://aprumh.irides.tohoku.ac.jp/) (https://www.apru.org/our-work/pacific-rim-challenges/multi-hazards/)

**International Research Institute of Disaster Science (IRIDeS), Tohoku University**
Having experienced the catastrophic disaster in 2011, Tohoku University founded the International Research Institute of Disaster Science (IRIDeS). The institute consists of six divisions that focus on both the humanities and the natural sciences, to participate in a multi-disciplinary and multi-layered approach to lead the studies of disaster science. Based on the lessons from the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami disaster, IRIDeS aims to become a world center for the study of disaster science, learning from and building upon past lessons in disaster management from Japan and around the world.

**Multi-Hazards Program Activities**
- An annual Multi-Hazards Summer School, to share the lessons learned from severe disasters and to contribute to the development of regional disaster experts;
- Supporting the organization of the annual Research Symposium on Multi-Hazards
- Conducting collaborative research and sharing results and data among the APRU institutions;
- Contributing to international and regional discussions and DRR decision-making processes; and
- Promoting natural disaster preparedness capacity on university campuses.

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**DEADLINE OF THE APPLICATION:** 20 JUNE 2023 (The notification of the acceptance will be sent within a week) For the applicants from the APRU member universities, please contact first your international office on your application.

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