

The Japan Foundation and Kobe University present

public seminar:

from kobe to tohoku

the role of higher education institutions in the process of disaster recovery

Through the centuries, Japan has been hit by a number of devastating natural disasters. After each disaster begins the long process of reconstruction as people rebuild their lives, their communities and their local economy. But how can universities located in disaster areas contribute to the reconstruction process? With organisational capacity, expertise and the necessary technology, higher education institutions should, in theory, be uniquely placed to provide valuable support.

This seminar looks at the role played by Kobe University and Tohoku University following the Kobe earthquake of 1995 and the Tohoku earthquake and tsunami of 2011. We will be joined by scholars of both universities who will examine the contributions made by their institutions to the recovery efforts in a variety of fields, from the local economy and reconstruction policies, to community projects and the treatment of post-traumatic stress.

This seminar will be moderated by Professor **Roger Goodman** from the University of Oxford.

Wednesday 13 November
3pm - 6:30pm (to be followed by a drinks reception till 7pm)

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Admission free, booking essential
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