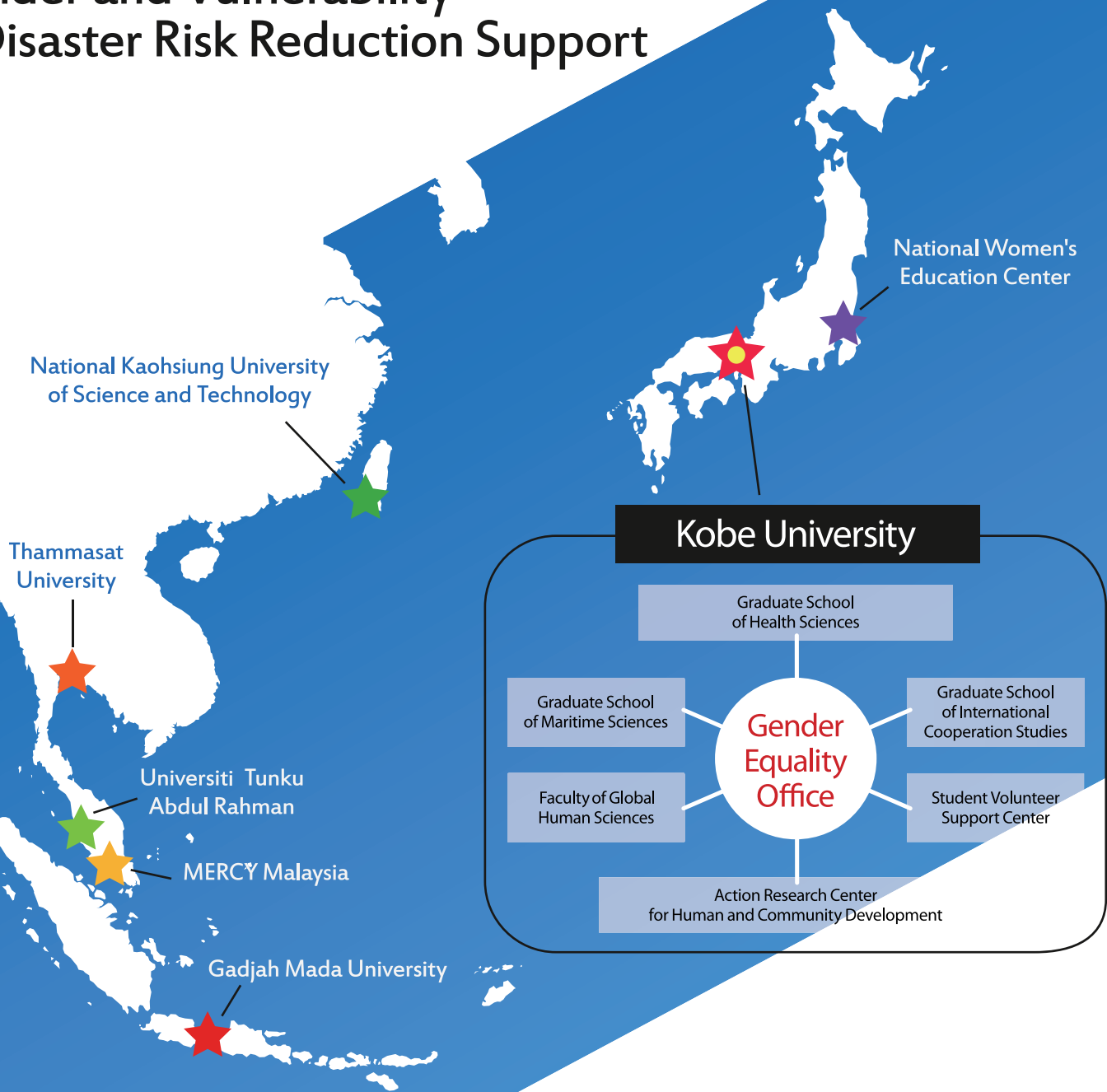


# Kobe University UNESCO Chair

## Gender and Vulnerability in Disaster Risk Reduction Support



神戸大学ユネスコチェア  
ジェンダーや脆弱性に配慮した減災対策  
神戸大学 男女共同参画推進室

# Kobe University UNESCO Chair Kickoff Symposium 'Gender and Vulnerability in Disaster Risk Reduction Support'

In 1995, Kobe University experienced the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake. One lesson of that experience was recognition that problems related to gender and to vulnerability under normal circumstances become more serious during disasters. Accordingly, since that time we have continued to include these perspectives in our scholarly and practical work on disaster.

This Kobe UNESCO Chair project will take our work on disaster, gender and vulnerability to a new level as we work with our partner institutions (see below) to create a safer world for everyone.

Date: 6 April 2018

Venue: Conference Room, Takigawa Memorial Hall, Kobe University

Lobby event ITO Yoko Photo Exhibit

"The Great East Japan Earthquake: What I want to share with the next generation"

12:30 Registration

13:00 Performance: Chorus, Students, Kobe University Secondary School,  
Song: 'Shiawase hakoberuyouni (To bring the happiness to the world)',  
Video presentations on DRR support from the partner institutions

13:30 Opening Remarks: TAKEDA Hiroshi, President, Kobe University

13:35 Explanation about the Song, 'Shiawase hakoberuyouni',

13:40 Congratulatory Remarks: KAWABATA Kazuaki, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and  
Technology, Japan

13:55 Congratulatory Remarks: S. G. Corat, Director, Division for Gender Equality, UNESCO

14:10 Congratulatory Remarks: FUKUI Takeo, Project Coordinator, Section on Earth Sciences and Geo-  
Hazards Risk Reduction, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences, Natural Sciences Sector, UNESCO

14:25 Introduction of the UNESCO Chair Project: UCHIDA Kazunori, Executive Vice President for Public  
Relations and Community Cooperation, Kobe University

14:40 Break

15:00 Panel Discussion: "The Importance of International Collaboration in Addressing  
Disaster: Visions and realities of gender and vulnerability in disaster"  
(Coordinator: Ronni Alexander)

Panelists: Representatives of the Kobe University UNESCO Chair partner institutions (see below)

16:30 Presentation of awards

16:45 Closing remarks: UCHIDA Kazunori, Executive Vice President for Public Relations and Community  
Cooperation, Kobe University

17:00 Reception, Cafeteria, Takigawa Memorial Hall

## Kobe University UNESCO Chair Partner Institutions

1. Gadjah Mada University (Indonesia) Ms. Melyza Perdana
2. MERCY Malaysia (Malaysia) Mr. Mohd Hafiz Amirrol
3. National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology (Taiwan) Mr. Jin-Long Lu
4. National Women's Education Center (Japan) Ms. Fusako Utsumi
5. Network for International Development Cooperation, Thammasat University (Thailand) Ms. SiripornWajjwalku
6. Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) (Malaysia) Mr. Yuk Feng Huang

## Congratulatory Remarks



**Ms. Saniye Gülser Corat**

Director

Division for Gender Equality

Office of the Director-General, UNESCO

Currently the Director for Gender Equality at UNESCO, she was the pioneer in making gender equality a global priority at UNESCO in 2007. She is a senior executive in international development with over 25 years of field experience in over 30 countries in Asia-Pacific, North and Sub-Saharan Africa, Central and South America, Europe, and North America.

She holds post-graduate degrees from Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard Business School and graduate degrees from the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium; Norman Paterson School of International Affairs and Political Science Department at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada.

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**Mr. Takeo Fukui**

Project Coordinator

Section on Earth Sciences and Geo-Hazards Risk

Reduction, Division of Ecological

and Earth Sciences, Natural Sciences Sector, UNESCO



Takeo Fukui is Project Coordinator of Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences, Section on Earth Sciences and Geo-Hazards Risk Reduction, Natural Sciences Sector, UNESCO. He has been involved policy development of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) for 18 years. He joined Ministry of Construction of Japan in 2000. He contributed to amendment of building codes (Structural, Fire prevention, etc.) in Housing Bureau and policy development for reconstructing from the Great East Japan Earthquake at City Bureau. He also engaged in policy for disaster rehabilitation and reconstruction at Cabinet Office (Disaster Management) and policy for prevention of housing fire at Fire and Disaster Management Agency. Since September 2017, he is working at Natural Sciences Sector, UNESCO, and he is in charge of DRR such as International Platform for Reducing Earthquake Disasters (IPRED).

## Panelists



**Ms. Melyza Perdana**  
Gadjah Mada University (Indonesia)

Melyza Perdana is a lecturer in department of medical surgical nursing, faculty of medicine, public health and nursing. She completed her bachelor in UGM and her master in National Cheng King University, Taiwan. Currently she is responsible for collaboration and development in school of Nursing, UGM. And she is also involving in some voluntary activities related to disaster in Jogjakarta. For instance in managing victims of Bantul Earthquake 2006 and merapi eruption 2010. In 2006, School of Nursing UGM conducted a mobile rehabilitation for victims in Bantul Earthquake funded by JICA, Japan. In the following year, School of Nursing also held an educational program for health cadre with topic "Emergency Respond Training." In 2010, School of Nursing also actively involved in responding Merapi Eruption. Besides managing the charity from all over Indonesia, SoN UGM also manage the shelter for the victims as well as support the psychological aspect of the victims through training.

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**Mr. Mohd Hafiz Amirrol**  
MERCY Malaysia (Malaysia)



Hafiz is Head of Building Resilient Communities at MERCY Malaysia, whose works focuses on strategic initiatives in building resilience across communities and places, with current project locations around the ASEAN member state countries and beyond. Hafiz is an urban designer and also a lecturer/researcher in the field of architecture, urbanism and city planning. Hafiz studied architecture at Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia, Architectural Association School of Architecture, London and Institut Teknologi Bandung, Indonesia. His area of expertise in MERCY Malaysia includes disaster risk reduction and disaster risk management, community planning and urban resilience. Hafiz also currently teaches architecture and urban design at Taylor's University, Malaysia. Hafiz is also the network coordinator for Asia Disaster Reduction and Response Network (ADRNN), a network of 52 civil society organizations across Asia that focuses on disaster risk reduction and disaster response and preparedness, with its secretariat and operational hubs in Kuala Lumpur, Delhi and Tokyo.



## Mr. Jin-Long Lu

### National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology (Taiwan)

Professor Lu is one of the faculty members of the Department of Shipping and Transportation Management in National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology (NKUST). He earned his Ph. D. degree at National Cheng Kung University (NCKU) in Tainan, Taiwan in the year of 1999. He had ever been a faculty in Chang Jung Christian University (CJCU) in Taiwan for ten years and the Director of the Department of Aviation and Maritime Management from August 2009 to July 2012. He also visited Purdue University in the US as a visiting scholar hosted by Dr. Srinivas Peeta from September 2007 to August 2008. Professor Lu's main field of interest is behavioral modeling in transport. He is especially interested in issues related to air travel and tourism, aviation and environment, new transport and information technology, and travel survey methods.

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## Ms. Fusako Utsumi

### National Women's Education Center (Japan)



Ms. UTSUMI Fusako has been the President of National Women's Education Center (NMEC) since July, 2011. After Graduating from the Department of Mathematics, Tsuda College, she joined NEC Corporation and was appointed manager of the Engineering Department. She had begun to engage in development of female workers of the company when she was transferred to the Personnel Department. Since then she had undertaken the management of personnel, labor and human resources. In 2001 she was appointed Managing Officer of the Personnel Department of NEC Soft, Ltd. and assumed a presidency of NEC Learning Ltd. in 2005.

She is the author of *Watashi wa Jinji Kacho Ichinensei*, Keidanren Publications 1990 and *Motto Suteki ni Working Life*, Daiwa Shuppan 1993.



## Ms. Siriporn Wajjwalku

Network for International Development  
Cooperation, Thammasat University (Thailand)

Siriporn Wajjwalku is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University. She received a B.A. in Political Science (International Relations) (Honor) at Thammasat University and earned her M.A. and Ph.D in Law (International Relations) at Nagoya University, Japan. Dr. Wajjwalku specializes in International Relations and International Development. At present, her research projects include: (1) “Transnational Civil Society and Water Governance in Mekong Region” granted by Thailand Research Fund; (2) “NGOs and Aid Coordination: Review of Knowledge and Practice” granted by The Asia Foundation and Thailand Research Fund; and (3) “Food Security in Developed Country: Japan” granted by Thammasat University. She has served as the President of Japanese Studies Association of Thailand, Acting Dean of School of Social Innovation, Mae Fah Laung University, Thailand, Chair of Network for International Development Cooperation, Thailand and Project Coordinator of Thailand Research Fund.

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## Mr. Yuk Feng Huang

Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) (Malaysia)



My name is Yuk Feng Huang and I am from Malaysia. Currently, I am an Associate Professor at the Department of Civil Engineering, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), Malaysia. My interest and expertise is in the field of water resources engineering. My main research interests are climate change study and drought forecasting. I am involved with and conduct subjects such as Hydrology, Hydraulic System and Design, and Integrated Design Project.

I obtained my PhD in 2005 in the field of Water Resources Engineering from the Universiti Putra Malaysia, and subsequently joined the National Hydraulic Research Institution of Malaysia (NAHRIM) as Research Office until 2011 prior to joining UTAR.

Currently, I am the Chairperson of Research Centre for Disaster Risk Reduction (CDRR) based at UTAR. I am also a registered Professional Engineer with the Board of Engineers Malaysia since 2015, and a corporate member of The Institution of Engineers Malaysia.