

Kobe University UNESCO Chair: Gender and Vulnerability in Disaster Risk Reduction Support

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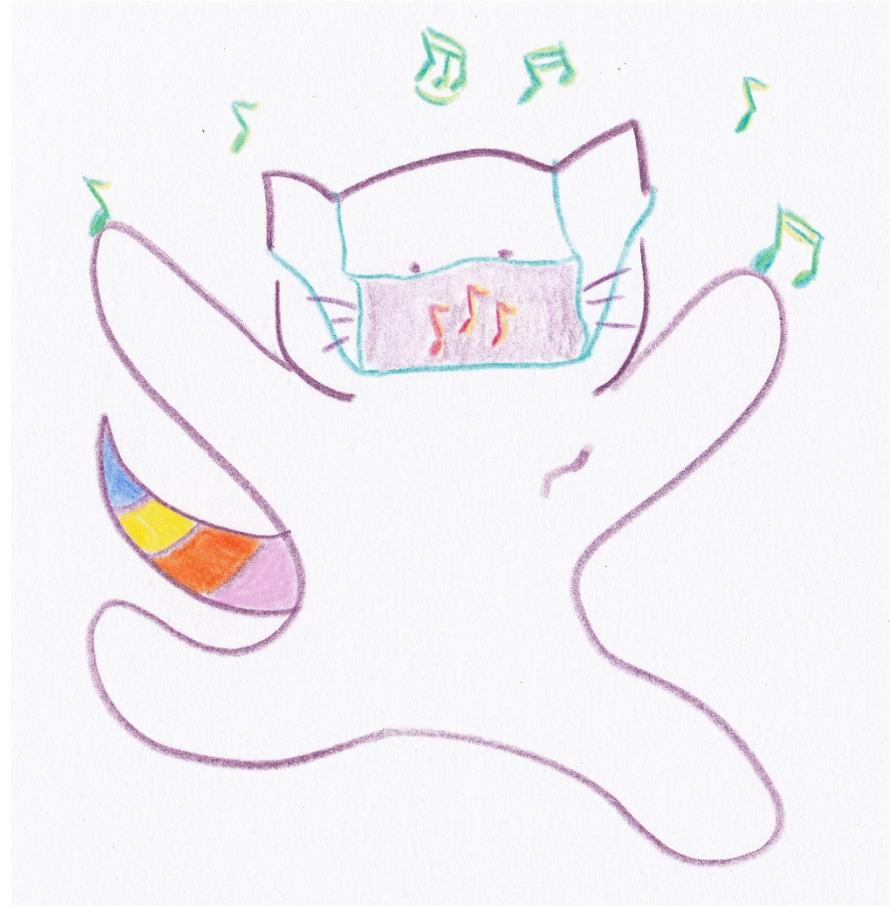
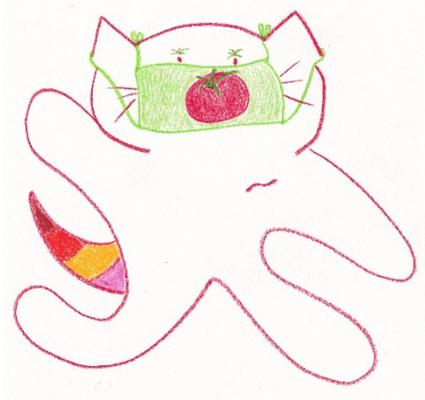


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in Disaster Risk Reduction Support,
Kobe University, Japan

WELCOME!



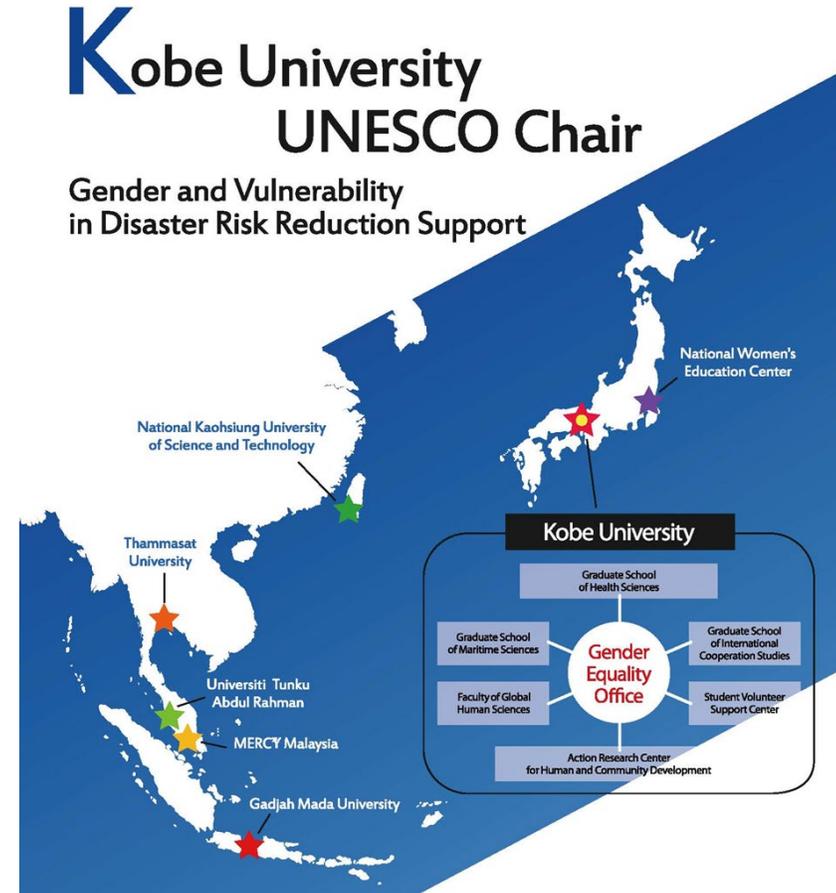
WELCOME!

- Who is here?
 - Indonesia (UGM)
 - Malaysia (UTAR & Mercy Malaysia)
 - Thailand (MFU & NIDC)
 - Taiwan (NKUST)
 - Japan (KU)

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What is a UNESCO Chair?



- Objective: a university network for:
 - Teaching
 - Research
 - Cross-border sharing of knowledge
- Approval
 - Needs approval by UNESCO headquarters
 - Four-year period
 - No accompanying funding
- Role
 - Research, education, partnering, community outreach

UNESCO Chairs as of
2021.1.20
Worldwide: 831
Indonesia: 2
Japan: 11
Malaysia: 3
Taiwan: 0
Thailand: 2

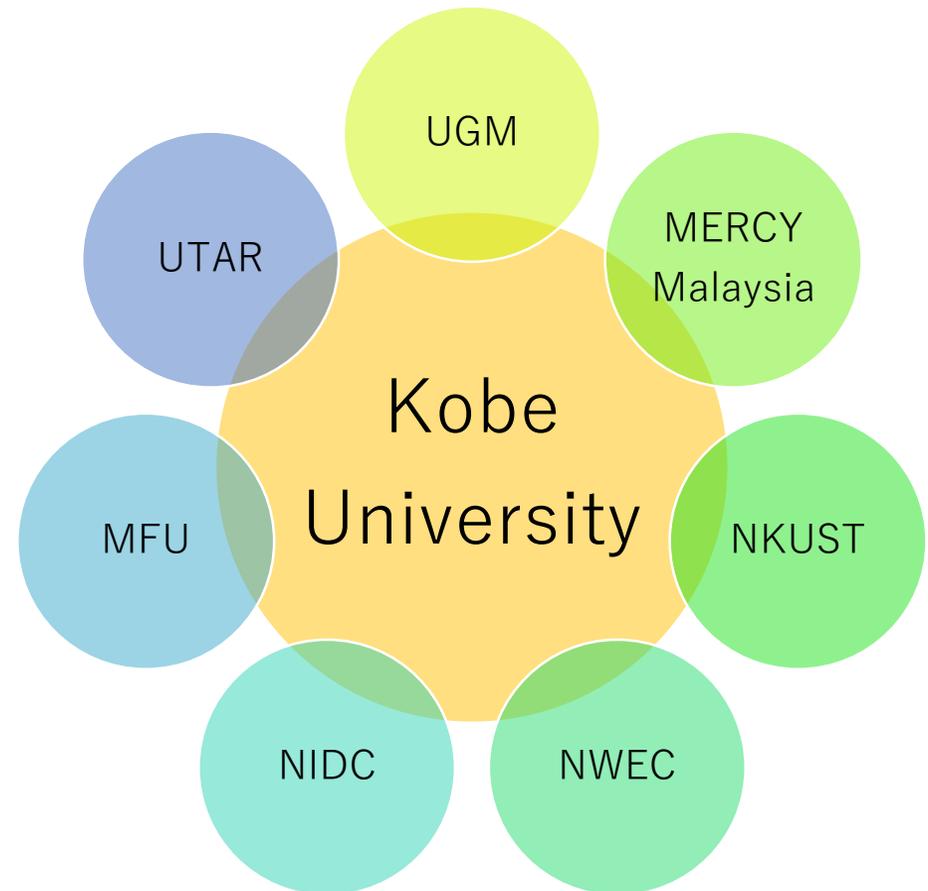
Kobe University UNESCO Chair



- Title: Gender and Vulnerability in Disaster Risk Reduction Support
- Purpose:
 - Share experience of disaster from Kobe University to the world
 - Deepen connections with other countries, institutions to create a safer and more inclusive world
- Duration: 4 years; 2018.4~2022.3
- Only UNESCO Chair on gender & disaster
- Under supervision of UNESCO Women's Division
- Part of a Global Network of UNESCO Chairs on Gender (23 chairs)

Partner Institutions

- **UGM: Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia**
- **NKUST National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology, Taiwan**
- **UTAR: Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malaysia**
- **School of Social Innovation, Mae Fah Luang University, Thailand**
- **NIDC: Network for International Development Cooperation, Thammasat University, Thailand**
- **Mercy Malaysia, Malaysia**
- **Kobe University, Japan**
- **NWEC: National Women's Education Center, Japan**



Tasks of our UNESCO Chair

 This seminar

RESEARCH	EDUCATION/ AWARENESS	GUIDELINES	POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS	DDR NETWORK EXPANSION
Joint research with partners <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gender sensitive and inclusive guidelines for disaster risk reduction• Build multidisciplinary model for DRR	Awareness & strategy implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training for students, professional, policy makers• DRR awareness activities for local community	Establish guidelines <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Circulate and disseminate through seminars, symposia, HP, etc.	Policy recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Should meet local needs• Should aim to build more resilient and inclusive society	Expansion of DRR network <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Build international DRR network based on gender equality and social inclusion

What's new

UNESCO CHAIR

- Proposal for the next 4 years
- Kobe University UNESCO Chair: Gender, Vulnerability **and Well-being** in Disaster Risk Reduction Support
- 2022.4 – 2026.3

BOOK PROJECT

- Submission of our book project proposal to Kobe University social science monograph SPRINGER series
- Currently sample chapters are under review
- Publication in March 2022

Attendance at Global Summit of UNESCO Gender-Related Chairs and Networks (W36)



GLOBAL SUMMIT OF UNESCO GENDER-RELATED CHAIRS AND NETWORKS (W36)

Agenda

EVENT DATE: AUGUST 19th & 20th, 2021

TIME: 16:00 to 20:00 India (GMT+5:30)
(12:30 to 16:30 Paris, France)

PLATFORM: Online

Overall Objective:

To bring together all Gender-related UNESCO Chairs and Networks worldwide to share visions, unite voices and spark momentum for addressing challenges and co-building a bright future for all women across the globe.

Specific Objective:

To launch the first series of the annual summit, and illuminate the powerful global role that women and girls play in our world to accelerate the achievement of SDGs in many countries and contexts worldwide.

Theme for 2021:

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the transforming role of women in the post-pandemic era.

2021 Education Program

- Title: “What do you think about this inequality? COVID-19 vaccine + gender + vulnerability = ???”
 - Now, people around the world are focusing on COVID-19 vaccines. While some countries have a surplus, others do not have nearly enough. This year, we will focus on inequality with regard to COVID-19 vaccines. We will talk and work together with university students from Indonesia, Thailand, Taiwan, and Malaysia.

Today we have two exciting speakers!

Taiwan time	Activities
10:00-10:30	Opening Speech
10:30-12:00	Moderator: Dr. Jin-Long Lu Keynote Speech by Dr. Jau-Ming Chen Topic: Impacts of Climate Change on Regional Climate in Taiwan and Southeast Asia
12:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	Moderator: Dr. Ronni ALEXANDER Keynote Speech by Mr. Michael Siao Topic: Tzu-Chi Disasters Relief Model
15:00-15:30	Intermission
15:30-16:30	Moderator: Dr. Ronni ALEXANDER Discussion time for 2021 education program
	The end of seminar

This is an important moment in history

- Disasters are increasing in number and complexity
- COVID-19 has increased the social and economic gaps in our world
- We have come closer together through ITC technology, but the digital divide separates and divides us

