

2018年度 神戸大学男女共同参画推進室 ユネスコチェアサマープログラム 感想・報告書
 2018 Kobe University Gender Equality Office UNESCO Chair Summer Program Reflection Report

学部・研究科 Faculty/School	学科・コース Course		
Rehabilitation Sciences	Masters course		

(1) 見たこと/What you saw; (2) 考えたこと/What you thought; (3) 感じたこと/What you felt

During the UNESCO chair summer program, we attended a lot of research presentations, meaningful speeches and discussions about disaster and gender vulnerability. We were given expert opinions about the sensitive aspects of this topic. I learned the importance of all genders in risk communication and risk management and How can gender and vulnerable groups be included in disaster reduction and how it affects people of all gender? I also heard the solutions to deal with the aforesaid problem from professors from different fields. We visited BPBD (Sleman District Management Centre), early warning system in the coastal and mountain areas which helped us to have a better understanding of disaster preparation, response, and recovery. We also visited the Merapi Volcano Museum which helped us understand the philosophy and valuable objects associated with Mount Merapi and Volcanoes in general. We also visited the evacuee site of 2010 eruption of Mount Merapi and interviewed the evacuees. I learned why the resilience in the community is one of the most important components of recovery, everyone seems to have a great sense of interdependence which was very helpful to them in difficult times. When the leader of the evacuee site was asked to advise us about the disaster management he said, "Disasters are happening all over the world including Japan and Indonesia, all we can do is the preparation and follow the guidance given by the government".

Apart from that we also visited some famous tourist spots like majestic Borobudur temple a UNESCO World Heritage site. UNESCO Chair Summer program was a great opportunity to have an International and interdisciplinary network. The material covered during the program was relevant, organized and easy. It was a great platform to hear from people of different viewpoints and fields and to work on disaster and gender

vulnerability issues hand in hand. Many questions were raised during the lectures and activities. One of the interesting questions was how gender expectations affect the recovery process? How people from one gender are supposed to be strong enough to live in the tents and people from another gender should be given preference to live in shelters. We also tried to answer those question. Some answers were agreed by all while a few disagreed.

One of the things that sort of amazed me was how people from different backgrounds could somehow relate to the issue of gender vulnerability in times of disaster and how disasters effects all of us equally in so many ways.

Despite the differences in our cultures we were unified.

I feel that if we prepare and perform for the disaster the way we were taught, we would not have to worry about losing any lives. I feel really fortunate to be part of the first UNESCO chair Summer program and learn what I expected to learn from it.

Suggestions for Improvements:

1. Organizing special projects might be useful.
2. Extension of the duration from 2 to 3 weeks might be helpful to conduct more activities and cover further aspects of the topic.
3. Research conducted by the students on those very topics would help to fill the gaps in knowledge and facilitate learning.