

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