

The 2nd Kobe University Brussels European Centre Symposium

Building Safer & Resilient Society against Mega Disaster

- Report from Japan on 3.11 -

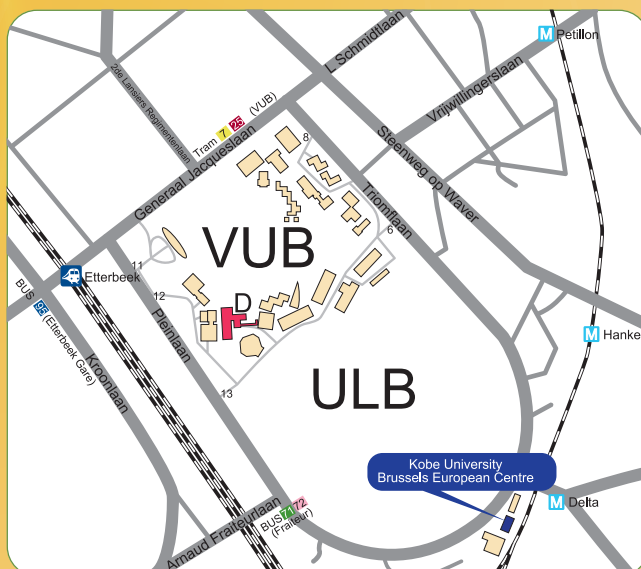
The Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami (GEJET) has caused widespread damage to Japan and also political, social and economic impact in the world.

This Symposium aims to report on the real situation on the GEJET and share the information with European people. Both Japanese and European researchers will discuss ways to build safer and resilient society against mega disaster.

Symposium

Date: September **19th**, 2011

Venue: Vrije Universiteit Brussel
Campus Etterbeek
Building D



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Video Conference

Date: September **20th**, 2011

Venue: Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Campus Etterbeek, Building D
Kobe University, Rokkodai Campus, Building GSICS

*These events require the registration

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Program

September 19th, Monday

Opening 9:00 - 9:40

Opening Address: Dr Hideki Fukuda, President of Kobe University

Speech: HE Mr Kojiro Shiojiri, Ambassador of Japan to the European Union

Speech: Mrs Manuela Soares, Director of the Environment Directorate, DG for R&I, European Commission

Speech: Ms Paola Albrito, Head of Europe Office, UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

Speech: Prof Paul De Knop, President of Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Part I: Report on the GEJET 10:00 - 12:00

Prof Shoichi Yoshioka, Research Center for Urban Safety and Security, Kobe University

“Summary on the great East Japan earthquake and tsunami”

Prof Akira Mano, Disaster Control Research Center, Tohoku University

“3.11 Tsunamis in the Sendai Bay Area and the Damage to the Coastal Mitigation System”

Prof Keiji Oda, Dean of the Graduate School of Maritime Sciences, Kobe University

“Present status of Japanese nuclear power plants and radiation disaster”

Prof Yasuo Tanaka, Director of the Research Center for Urban Safety and Security, Kobe University

“Damage situations of ground, infrastructures and others”

Part II: Impact of the GEJET 13:00 - 15:00

Prof Masanobu Ishikawa, Graduate School of Economics, Kobe University

“Rubble and waste treatment in Tohoku disaster”

Prof Yuka Kaneko, Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies, Kobe University

“A Process of Improvement of Law and Institution in Disaster Management: Lessons from East Japan”

Prof Masayoshi Morioka, Graduate School of Human Development and Environment, Kobe University

“Collaboration for generating hope: psychosocial support for person”

Prof Yoshiteru Murosaki, Kwansei Gakuin University, Prof. Emeritus of Kobe University

“Community recovery of Tohoku disaster hit area and recovery supports from outside”

Part III: Panel Discussion 15:30 - 18:00

Coordinator: Prof Hiroshi Takeda, Executive Vice President, Kobe University

Panelist: Speakers from part I & II

Mr Denis Peter, European Commission

Prof Hormoz Modaressi, BRGM

Prof Jochen Zschau, GFZ German Research Center for Geosciences

Prof David Alexander, Global Risk Forum GRF Davos

September 20th, Tuesday

Video Conference 10:00 - 12:00 (Brussels), 17:00 - 19:00 (Kobe)

“Volunteer activities for the GEJET”

Participants: Students of Kobe University, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (tbc)

Organised by: Kobe University

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