

INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES TOWARDS RESILIENT SOCIETY: GLOBAL LESSONS & CHALLENGES



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BACKGROUND

The increasing frequency and intensity of disasters globally highlight the urgent need for resilient societies that can withstand, adapt to, and recover from crises. Currently, many other nations, faces recurring threats such as floods, landslides, and climate-related disasters. Building community resilience is therefore central to effective disaster risk reduction (DRR). This forum brings together policymakers, academics, practitioners, and community leaders from Malaysia, Japan, Indonesia, Vietnam, China, and other partners. It serves as a platform to exchange global lessons, share local challenges, and explore strategies that empower communities to actively participate in building resilience against disasters.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER 1:

- **YBhg. Datuk Abdul Halim Bin Hamzah**
Director General National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER 2:

- **Dr. Rodrigo Garibay**
Former Director General of the Involvement, Capacity-building and Dissemination Mexico City

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Industry Players
Services Sector
Researches
NGOs
Policy Makers
Practitioners
Academics
Public

SUB-THEME 1: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON RISK COMMUNICATION IN UNDERSTANDING THE PSYCHOLOGICAL, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL DIMENSIONS OF RISK PERCEPTION

- Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Ts. Dr. Faizatul Akmar Abdul Nifa
Universiti Utara Malaysia
- Ms. Sharima Ruwaida Abbas
Universiti Utara Malaysia
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Genta Nakano
Kyoto University, Japan
- Professor. Dr. Chen Tao
Tsinghua University, China

SUB-THEME 2: BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES THROUGH SOCIAL CONNECTION HARNESSING COLLECTIVE ACTIONS & GRASSROOTS MOVEMENTS

- Moderator: Dr. Khai Lin Chong
Universiti Utara Malaysia
- Ms. Risye Dwiyaning
Kyoto University, Japan
- Dr. Pham Van Tien
Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology
- Ms. Eriko Motoyama
Japan International Cooperation Agency Partnership Program

SUB-THEME 3: FRONTLINE INSIGHTS: KNOWLEDGE SHARING AMONG ACADEMICS, PRACTITIONERS AND COMMUNITIES

- Moderator: Professor Dr. Minako Jen Yoshikawa
Kyoto University, Japan
- Prof. Dr. Minako Jen Yoshikawa
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- Dr. Hendy Setiawan
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- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kensuke Takenouchi
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