



UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 Sendai Japan

Date: 14 (Sat.) – 18 (Wed.) March 2015

Venue: Sendai City

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1. The Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR)



Date

◆ 14 (Sat.) – 18 (Wed.) March 2015

Venue

◆ Sendai, Japan

Background

- ◆ The WCDRR is a UN-hosted conference to discuss international strategy on disaster risk reduction.
- ◆ Japan hosted the first conference (Yokohama, 1994) and the second (Hyogo, 2005). The second conference adopted the Hyogo Framework for Action, an international guiding principle on disaster risk reduction from 2005 to 2015.
- ◆ It was decided by the UN General Assembly Resolution (A/RES/67/209, December 2012) at its 67th session that Japan would host the third conference in early 2015.
- ◆ Details on the conference such as schedule and venue were decided by the UN General Assembly Resolution (A/RES/68/211, December 2013) at its 68th session. It was also decided that the third conference would be convened at the highest possible level and would include a high-level segment.

Purposes

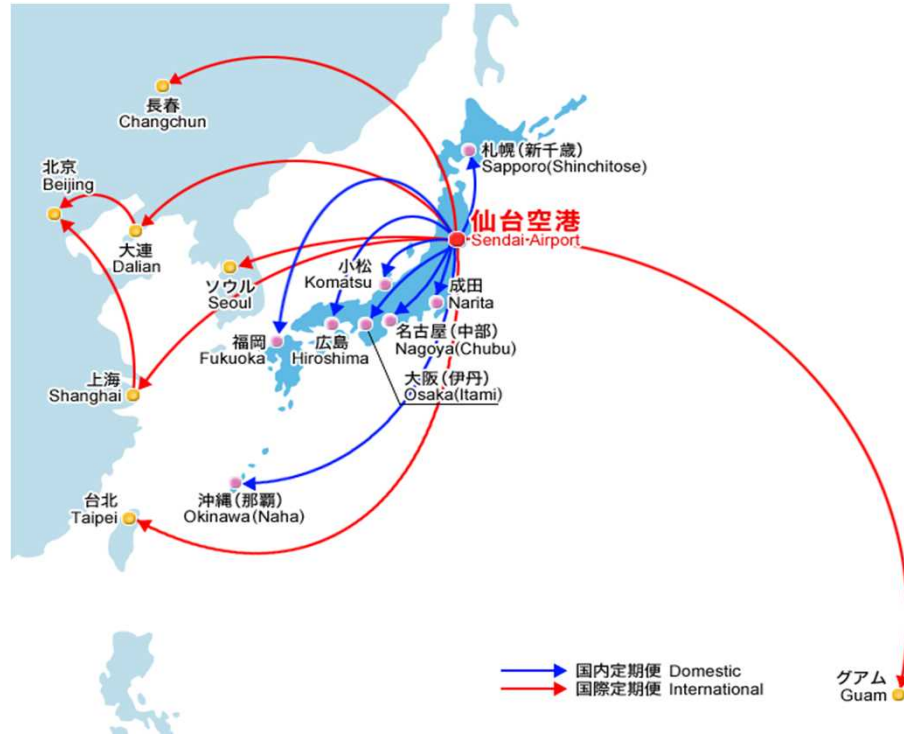
- ◆ To complete assessment and review of the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action;
- ◆ To consider the experience gained through the regional and national strategies/institutions and plans for disaster risk reduction and their recommendations as well as relevant regional agreements under the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action;
- ◆ To adopt a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction;
- ◆ To identify modalities of cooperation based on commitments to implement a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction;
- ◆ To determine modalities for periodic review of the implementation of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.

2. Outline of Sendai City



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Where is Sendai?



- Population: 1,071,947 (July 1st, 2014)
- The political and economic center of the Tohoku region
- By bullet train: about 1.5 hours from Tokyo
- By airplane: about 1 hour from Narita
- Sendai is known as “The City of Trees”



The characteristics of Sendai: City of Higher Education and Industry

- As Sendai is the business center of the Tohoku region, the service industry is the main industry.
- In Sendai, there are many institutions of higher education, including Tohoku University.
Because Sendai offers a number of intellectual resources, it is a good place to create new businesses.



Tohoku University



Main street of downtown Sendai



Role Model City for World Disaster Reduction Campaign

- Recognized as a Role Model in the 2010-2015 World Disaster Reduction Campaign “Making Cities Resilient: My City is Getting Ready” through its commitment to “Promoting Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction and Empowering the People to Act on DRR”



Ms. Margareta Wahlström, UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General, presents a certificate to Sendai City.(October 9,2012)

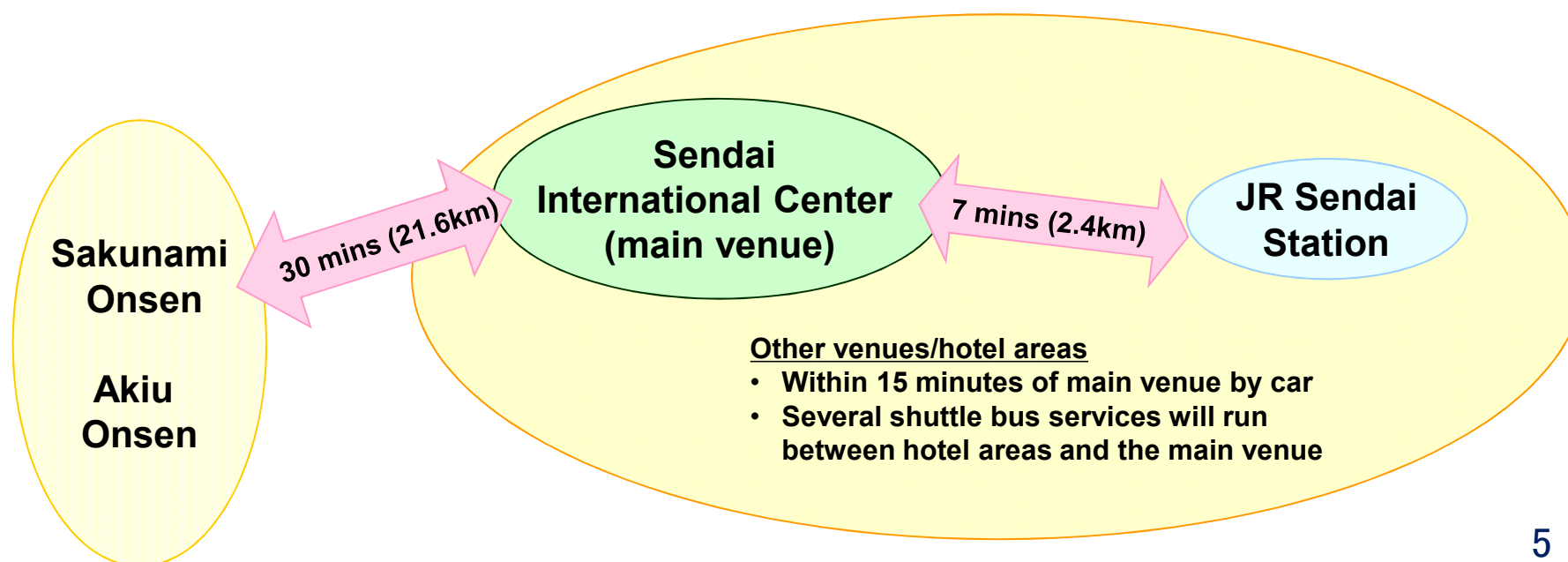
DRR education at elementary school



3. Accommodation Center for the UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction



- The Sendai Committee for the UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction has established an Accommodation Center to provide Conference participants and other related persons with smooth and efficient service for reserving accommodations.
- The Accommodation Center has secured approximately 3,000 guest rooms for Conference participants in central Sendai and will begin accepting reservations on a dedicated website toward the end of July, 2014.
- The Accommodation Center will also provide official Conference information and various type of local information to persons using its reservation service.
- The Accommodation Center can recommend traditional Japanese-style hot spring inns near Sendai (at Akiu Onsen and Sakunami Onsen). If you would like to reserve a room at a hot springs inn, please contact the Accommodation Center directly.



4. Public Forum (side events and exhibition)

OVERVIEW OF APPLICATION

- 1 **Date** : From 14 to 18 of March 2015
- 2 **Venue**: Sendai Civic Auditorium, Tokyo Electron Hall Miyagi
Sendai Mediatheque etc.
- 3 **Types of events**
 - (1) Public Forum (such as symposium, seminar and workshop)
 - (2) Exhibition booth
 - (3) Poster exhibition
- 4 **Suggested content**
 - Lessons learned and good practices on Hyogo Framework for Action
 - Inputs and commitments to the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.
 - Innovative good practices in disaster risk reduction including sharing experiences and lessons learned from the Great East Japan Earthquake and related recovery/reconstruction.
- 5 **Application**
 - Organizers of the Public Forum need to cover organizational cost for events according to a requested size for an event and also required equipment.
 - More information and online application is available on the WCDRR conference website (www.wcdrr.org) and on the Sendai Committee website (www.bosai-sendai.jp/en)
- 6 **Schedule**
 - Deadline for submission of applications: 16 September
 - Announcement of the selected events and schedule: 31 October



5. Study Tours & Excursions

Sendai Committee for the UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction will organize a variety of **study tours** and **excursions**. Details will be announced around October 2014.

Study Tours

**Objective
and
Visiting
Area**

On-site learning about natural disaster, its consequences, recovery efforts as well as preparedness for future hazards in **Sendai city and its outskirts**.

Dates

March 14-18, 2015 in the sideline of the conference.

Course

One-day tours and **half-day** tours to **five different destinations** for approximately **200 participants in total**.

Fee

Free

Language

English

Excursions

Trip to **enjoy nature, history and delicacies in Tohoku region**.

March 18-20, 2015 as post-conference events.

Two-day and **one-day** trips for approximately **XXX participants**.

To be announced
English

Note: Additional study tours and excursions will be uploaded on website.

Study Tours

Theme of Study Tours:

1. Experiences and lessons learned from the Great East Japan Earthquake of 2011
2. "Actions of Multi-stakeholders"
 - A look at various actions of residents of Tohoku working on disaster risk reduction
3. "Build Back Better"
 - Real-life situations of people working to rebuild their lives



- Trip details will be announced around October 2014 -

Excursions



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Theme of Excursions:

1. Feel the richness of nature, culture, history and daily life in the Tohoku region
2. Witness recovery efforts since the 03/11 disaster



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6. Website and Email Address for Inquiry



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1. Handout documents of first briefing session on 18 July 2014 can be downloaded from below web site.

http://www.bousai.go.jp/kokusai/kaigi03/index_en.html

(within the Homepage of the Cabinet Office of Japan)

2. Email Address for Inquiry

wcdrr@mofa.go.jp

Cabinet Office of Japan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and Sendai City will share your inquiry and response to you.