

DPRI Annual Meeting 2013 held on Feb.19–20

Disaster Prevention Research Institute held its Annual Meeting at Uji Campus on Feb. 19-20, 2013. Over 200 oral and poster presentations were made by researchers and students working in and with the institute to report their current research. More than 350 participants including citizens, local government employees, private sector employees and Kyoto University researchers gathered during this two-day event.

Director of DPRI, Professor Masayoshi Nakashima opened the meeting with his address, and then Professor Emeritus Yasuhiro Umeda gave a special lecture titled “For the prediction of Nankai Earthquake”. Professor Hiroshi Kawase followed with his presentation titled “Medium-to-long-term issues and strategies for earthquake hazards—From the viewpoint of safety control of urban space”, which was a highlighted lecture of the event. 3 disaster survey reports were also made on the first day, such as “Floods in central Thailand in 2011” by Associate Professor Hiroshi Takebayashi, “Investigation and prediction of radiocesium transport from land area to sea area” by Associate Professor Yosuke Yamashiki and “Damage from the North Kanto Tornado in May, 2012” by Professor Takashi Maruyama.

After these lectures and survey reports, oral presentations took place at five venues divided by category: Integrated Arts and Sciences for Disaster Reduction Research, Seismic and Volcanic Hazards Mitigation, Geohazards, Atmosphere-Hydrosphere, and the Global COE Program. At the poster presentation venue, 44 posters were displayed the presenters exchanged their views with participants during 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. on 20th.

At the end of the meeting, the DPRI Annual Meeting Award was presented to 8 researchers for their outstanding presentation by the Director Nakashima. The Award intends to encourage young researchers to promote their research and participate in this event.



