

## Director and Unit Chief of Office for Disaster Reduction Research in MEXT visit DPRI

On April 25, Koji Suzuki, Director of Office for Disaster Reduction Research (Research and Development Bureau, MEXT) paid one-day visit to DPRI. In the morning, 5 professors gathered to have discussion with Director Suzuki. Professor Masayoshi Nakashima, Director of DPRI, first presented the outline of the institute and Professor Manabu Hashimoto, the Vice-Director, followed to explain the research activities in detail and current situations surrounding the institute. Professor Hajime Nakagawa (also the Vice-Director), Professor Hiroshi Kawase and Professor Haruo Hayashi also took part in the meeting to exchange opinions on research systems in the future. Yukiko Kato, Unit Chief of the Office joined from the afternoon and participated the Natural Disaster Research Council with Director Suzuki. After the Council, they looked around the 4 laboratories and facilities in the campus as shown in the pictures below.



(above • lower left) During the discussion

(lower right) Laboratory of Centrifuge Model Test  
Introduced by Professor Iai





Boundary Layer Wind  
Tunnel Laboratory

Introduced by Professor  
Maruyama

Research Center for  
Earthquake Prediction,  
Telemeter Room

Introduced by Professor Iio



Earthquake Response Simulation  
Laboratory

Introduced by Professor Kawase