

### **The Objectives of FY 2003 External Evaluation Committee and Schedules**

The Committee is expected to serve for the following three objectives:

- (i)** To evaluate, advise, and provide opinions and suggestions regarding DPRI's self-assessment of the past five year achievements with respect to the 1998 External Evaluators' Recommendations,
- (ii)** To comment and advise as to DPRI's future visions and perspectives as well as its research focuses and directions to be stressed on and shifted on to in a near future,
- (iii)** To express opinions and views of DPRI's expected roles and functions (such as the role of "All Japan Research Collaboration Center", international research network core center, etc.) and to suggest strategies to develop linkages, supports and collaborations needed with other external organizations.

Beside those above, any opinions and views from each external evaluator are welcome. We acknowledge your kind work and collaboration in advance, which will help us examine ourselves and sustain the DPRI as an ever-improving research institute of hazard sciences and disaster reduction research. This is particularly important at this timing since the DPRI is becoming a part of the Independent Administrative Agency of Kyoto University from the next fiscal year 2004.