

Sophia University Institute of Comparative Culture Research Unit on “3.11 as Crisis and Opportunity” presents

A Field Report and Response Plan from Disaster Stricken Nepal by Habitat for Humanity Japan

Habitat for Humanity Japan staff who have just returned from Kathmandu, Nepal will give a field report about the recent Nepal Earthquake and on-going response plan

Speakers:

- Shintaro Yamamoto, Program Manager, Habitat for Humanity Japan
- Yoshiko Tokuchi, Program Coordinator, Habitat for Humanity Japan

Open to all; no prior registration necessary

- May 15th Friday
- Room 508, Building 2, Sophia University Yotsuya Campus

We will have two sessions

- 5:30-7pm (in English)
- 7:30-9pm (in Japanese)

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The latest situation report as of May 6 confirms that 284,455 houses have now been destroyed and another 234,102 damaged. The numbers of reported casualties increased to 7,675 deaths with 16,392 injured. This field report will provide an inside look at the disaster and relief effort, as well as offer ways we all can support those who were affected by the quake.

After extensive disaster relief experiences in Tohoku since the 2011 earthquake, Tokuchi Yoshiko was stationed in Nepal on 25 April 2015 when the earthquake hit. Using insights gained from her experience in Tohoku disaster, she will outline the current situation in Nepal and Habitat's response plan. As an international housing NGO, Habitat for Humanity Japan presents why decent housing is needed to protect human lives from the natural disasters and also how the experiences of Tohoku are taken advantages of for the coming disasters.

Speakers' bios

YAMAMOTO Shintaro, Program Manager

Yamamoto joined Habitat for Humanity Japan in 2009 as a field supervisor for Pakistan Earthquake Relief project. He has been in charge of Habitat for Humanity Japan's international and domestic

projects such as return of IDPs in Sri Lanka and also Tohoku disaster relief. He holds a MPA from Osaka School of International Public Policy, Osaka University.

TOKUCHI, Yoshiko, Program Coordinator

Tokuchi joined Habitat for Humanity Japan in 2012 and has mainly stationed in Ofunato, Iwate for the Tohoku disaster relief operation. She has worked in Nepal since April 2015 for the assessment and planning of Habitat for Humanity Japan's coming project. Born in the US and raised in China and Singapore, she holds an LLB from the University of Tokyo.

More information on the project can be found there:

English: <http://www.habitatjp.org/enblog/2015/05/nepal-2.html>

Japanese: <http://www.habitatjp.org/jpblog/2015/05/Nepal-event.html>

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