**The Second Meeting of the Expert Group on Disaster-related statistics in Asia and the Pacific (2015/3/17)**

Theme: Disaster Statistics, International Liaison  
Place: Tohoku University Kawauchi-north Campus C101

On March 17, 2015, the Second Meeting of the Expert Group on Disaster-related statistics in Asia and the Pacific, organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), was held as a public forum of the United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in the Tohoku University Kawauchi-north Campus. Experts representing national government agencies, and delegates from research institutions and international organizations in the field of statistics and disaster mitigation, participated in the conference. Executive Vice President of Tohoku University Prof. Nobuyoshi Hara, made a keynote speech. From IRIDeS, Prof. Yuichi Ono took part in the session.

In this meeting, discussions were made on the role of this Expert Group Meeting within the Sustainable Development Goals and Post 2015 Development Agenda, and the formulation of categories, definitions and guidelines concerning disasters in Asia and the Pacific.