

Mr. Robert Glasser Visits IRIDeS (2016/3/12)

Theme: International liaison, UNISDR

Place: IRIDeS Building (Director's Office, Main Hall)

On March 12, Mr. Robert Glasser, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, who had been visiting Sendai City to participate in a symposium organized by the city, visited IRIDeS together with Ms. Shoko Arakaki and Ms. Yuki Matsuoka of UNISDR. From Tohoku University, Prof. Nobuyoshi Hara (Executive Vice President for Earthquake Disaster Reconstruction), Prof. Fumihiko Imamura (Director of IRIDeS), Prof. Yuichi Ono, Associate Prof. Takako Izumi, Dr. Reid Basher (Visiting Prof.), and Mr. Takuya Ito (Co-researcher) welcomed them.

After introducing tsunami analyzation results and the Global Centre for Disaster Statistics (GCDS) as part of our activities, they moved to the Main Hall to watch the 3D documentary film “The Great Tsunami in Japan: Reflecting on the 2011 disaster”. Mr. Glasser eagerly asked questions on tsunami analyzation and the activities of the GCDS, and we were able to introduce a fragment of our action-oriented research. Also, by watching the documentary film, he deeply gathered the feelings of the people affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami.

UNISDR is the UN organization that monitors the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, thus it is important for our institute to strengthen ties to reflect scientific knowledge on global disaster risk reduction policies.

