

**International Forum for Promoting Education on Disaster Resilience
“Developing a Resilient Community and Improving Disaster Education and Regional Disaster Preparedness”**

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Disaster education is the foundation of all the efforts for disaster risk reduction. The capacity of a society to accommodate itself to and recover from the effects of a natural disaster depends on how much each individual was able to learn from the past experiences and knowledge passed down from our ancestors, and how much they were able to prepare for a disaster in daily life through partnerships among households, schools, and the community. The goal of disaster education is to increase these capacities according to each individual's level. We need to actively promote disaster education to save as many lives as possible in natural disasters and overcome difficult situations by cooperation with many people.

At today's forum, we, various stakeholders concerned with disaster education in Japan and in the rest of the world, took this opportunity to interact with each other, introduced our diverse experiences, lessons and action, and agreed on the necessity of the improvement of regional disaster preparedness through disaster education with the cooperation of the whole community, in order to develop a resilient community with capacities to cope with and recover from disasters. We declare our dedication in the following actions based on our domestic and international networks, as well as in the promotion of the Post-HFA (Hyogo Framework for Action) that is to be adopted at the Third U.N. World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction:

1. To cooperate domestically and internationally with areas that are affected by and at a risk of a disaster in the field of disaster risk reduction at schools and in local communities, support activities at schools and in local communities and share experiences, as well as foster the human resources of researchers and practitioners
2. To actively share the lessons learned from large-scale disasters in Japan, including the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, in regard to disaster risk reduction at schools and in local communities , for risk reduction of natural disasters in the world.
3. To contribute to research, implementation, promotion and improvement regarding disaster risk reduction activities at schools and in local communities that can be carried out globally in cooperation with “Safe Schools” initiatives promoted by U.N. agencies and others and the Post-HFA.
4. To work on the development, implementation, promotion and improvement of “community-based” disaster education models for all citizens, including the use of disaster records, such as the disaster archives, in cooperation with Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), in order to develop a resilient community.