Yuichi ONO (Ph.D.)
Secretary-General, World Bosai Forum
International Research Institute of Disaster Science (IRIDeS), Tohoku University
947 participants from over 42 countries and regions

more than 10,000 domestic and international participants joined World Bosai Forum, Bosai Kokutai 2017 and 2017 Bosai Industry Fair
44 media outlets covered the Forum during the Forum period. 124 articles and reports (including 79 articles in newspapers, 33 articles on websites, 10 reports on TV, 2 reports on radio) were published or aired from the 25th November to the 25th December.
## Purpose

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<td>Create a venue to illuminate Japanese experiences on disaster risk reduction and recovery process of the Tohoku Region, and to spin knowledge from disaster and weave wisdom of disaster risk reduction into society</td>
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<td>Focus on solution-oriented discussions on disaster risk reduction with concrete examples provided by multi-stakeholders</td>
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<td>Welcome disaster risk reduction experts as well as non-experts to explore and develop business opportunities together</td>
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**Express thanks for assistance to Tohoku from all over the world after the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami on March 11, 2011**
About the Forum

Dates: Saturday 25th – Tuesday 28th November, 2017
Venue: Conference Building, Sendai International Center/Kawauchi Hagi Hall, Tohoku University
Organizer: World Bosai Forum Committee

(Administration: Secretariat of the World Bosai Forum in the International Research Institute of Disaster Science, Tohoku University)

Co-organizers: Tohoku University, City of Sendai, Global Risk Forum GRF Davos, Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)

Expected Participants:
specialists and citizen participants from various sectors including research institutions, international organizations, government organizations, corporate enterprises, and non-governmental organizations
Sponsorship: 34 groups and companies

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On Sunday 26th and Monday 27th, Bosai Kokutai 2017 (hosted by Cabinet Office, Government of Japan) and 2017 Bosai Industry Fair (hosted by The Daily Industrial News) were held at the same venue.
IDRC in Davos

- WBF is in partnership with the International Disaster and Risk Conference (IDRC) in Davos, Switzerland. The IDRC is a renowned conference hosted by Global Risk Forum, where several hundred disaster risk reduction specialists meet in even-numbered years in Davos since 2006 and the majority of participants are from Europe. In the WBF, the majority of participants are from neighboring Asia and Pacific region.

※ IRIDeS and Global Risk Forum concluded the MoU on 4th October, 2015. ※ The parties agreed to organize mutual conferences, in particular the IDRC type of conference in Sendai biennial on DRR till 2030.

- In IDRC 2016 held on 31st Aug, we announced to hold the first WBF in Sendai
Pre-WBF Festival

Part One:
Message from the Young Generation

Part Two:
Sendai Bosai Cultural Festival

About 700 people including local citizens participated in the event.
Tiger Dance of Namiita, a folk art performance in Kesennuma, Miyagi Prefecture
50 Sessions (90 min for one basic session)

companies : 11
international aid organizations : 7
national / local governments : 7
universities and academic societies etc : 19
media : 3
NGO : 3
Meeting Sessions

Session “Sustainable Development through DRR Investment”
Organizer: Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
2017 Bosai Industry Fair
Poster Presentation: 93
Exhibitions: 12
This survey was conducted in order to illuminate the awareness levels and opinions of the experts and citizens on disaster risk reduction by asking questions related to the Sendai Framework. To our knowledge, such a worldwide survey on awareness of disaster risk reduction has never been carried out before. We plan to further analyze the collected data and present the results as a final report.
Poster Award:

The Poster Awards, sponsored by Fuji Technology Press LTD, were granted to the 6 presenters.

[Best Poster Award]
Choon Yong Heng
“Doomsday Rehearsal: Architecture for Pre-Disaster Education and 2020 Tokyo Olympics The Year of Disaster Prevention Global Classroom”
Chair's Summary

World Bosai Forum, held in Sendai Japan, 25-28 November, 2017

Fumihiko Imanura
World Bosai Forum Committee Chairperson

The concept for the World Bosai Forum emerged at the United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, held in Sendai in March 2015. The aim was for an open and broad forum for civil society, the private sector, academia, media, government and international organisations, to share knowledge and learn from one another, to help advance the goals of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, which is the international agenda for action agreed at the World Conference, and last but not least, to capitalize on the experience so painfully gained as a result of the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and its massive tsunami over 6 years ago. The Japanese word “bosai” means the holistic approach to reducing losses and damage, encompassing all aspects of disaster management, from prevention to recovery. To strengthen international linkages, the Forum has partnered with the long-established International Disaster and Risk Conference Davos. It has also benefited from its co-location with Japan’s national events on promoting disaster risk reduction, the Bosai Kokutai conference and the Bosai Industry Fair in 2017 which together were attended by 10,000 participants.

I am happy to report today that this first World Bosai Forum has amply succeeded in its aims. It has attracted over 900 participants including people from over 40 countries or regions. There were 50 specialized sessions spanning diverse aspects of disaster risk, so many in fact that numerous parallel sessions were required. In addition to these sessions, there was a one-day pre-forum festival, 12 technical exhibitions, dozens of poster presentations, 26 short “flash talks,” and study tours and excursions to nearby tsunami-affected areas.

From highly motivated school children, leading experts and captains of industry and government we have heard how different factors must be linked and blended to properly protect our societies – including science, technology, culture, finance, education, leadership, and community action. And we have heard time and again the many positive messages of recovery, reconstruction and renewal, and the recognition that we can accept and manage Nature’s wrath along with her bounties.

I was greatly impressed by the Pre-Forum Festival event on Saturday 25 November which was attended by almost 700 people. It sought to show the human ways we respond to, and interpret and learn from, disaster events and disaster risk, through personal initiatives and learning, courageous leadership, and cultural production by way of music and dance. The projects and insights of the students were illuminating and encouraging, and demonstrated that disaster policies should never forget the potential of young people to engage in and help advance the safety of our communities – as one

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1 The summary was drafted by Forum Rapporteur Dr Reid Bash, New Zealand-based Visiting Professor, International Research Institute of Disaster Science, Tohoku University, drawing on session reports prepared by session organisers and with the assistance of the Institute’s Dr Yuichi Ono and Dr Daisuke Sasuki.
Study tours and Excursions (organized by Sendai City)

Study tours: 5 courses in Miyagi Prefecture

102 participants from 28 countries and regions

Millennium Hope Hills in Iwanuma city

Excursions (overnight trips):
4 courses to Aomori, Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima Prefectures

69 participants from 19 countries and regions

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9-12 November 2019!

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