

**International Conference on  
“Building Disaster Resilient Societies – Lessons from Japan”  
22 – 23 February, 2013, New Delhi**

**Japan is a World Leader  
in Disaster Preparedness and Response  
Here is an opportunity to learn from their experience**

**Global Forum for Disaster Reduction (GFDR), in collaboration with Japan Foundation, is organizing a two days International Conference on “Building Disaster Resilient Societies – Lessons from Japan” on 22-23 February, 2013 at New Delhi.**

The disaster management needs of a vast and disaster-prone country like India, require that it not only relies on its own experience and knowledge of disasters but also incorporates the information, experiences and technical know-how that it can obtain from other countries in order to formulate an effective disaster management strategy with a vision of future needs and new progresses in this field. This Conference proposes to create a platform for interface between scholars of India and Japan who are experts on various fields of disaster management. The objective of this Conference is knowledge sharing between Indian and Japanese scholars and practitioners of disaster management. **A number of Japanese eminent experts from the field of Disaster Risk Reduction are being invited to share their knowledge and experience during the conference.**

The paradigm shift in disaster management from disaster response to prevention, preparation and mitigation necessitates that the disasters are examined from a multi-disciplinary lens in an integrated and holistic manner in order to acquire the state of arts critical knowledge and best practices so as to include these ideas and knowledge in disaster prevention, preparation and mitigation.

In order to facilitate knowledge sharing between disaster management scholars and practitioners from Japan and India, **Global Forum for Disaster Reduction (GFDR) has been engaged by Japan Foundation to organize a two-day Conference in collaboration with in New Delhi, India.** Disaster risk management has scientific as well as human quotient to it. Therefore, the two-day conference will equally focus on the application of science and technology for disaster risk mitigation and on various sociological aspects of disaster preparedness and response.

## Themes and Sub-themes –

### 1. Technology for Disaster Mitigation

- Early warning System, Seismic mapping in India and Japan
- Technological Advancements in Safe Housing and Construction Practices
- Use of Space and Robotic technology for risk assessment
- Disaster Medicine, Post-disaster Emergency Response and Public Health Preparedness

### 2. Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Disaster Management

- Climate Change, Environment risk factors and disaster preparedness
- Civil Engineering and Architecture for Disaster mitigation and sustainable development
- Safe industrial practices for environmental sustainability and climate change adaptation.
- Rural development and Urban planning for Disaster mitigation

### 3. Governance, Policies and Government response strategies

- Enhancing Governance and Policymaking on Disaster Management
- Preparedness and response in Hazardous Industries like Oil and Petrochemical/Chemical industries – Policies and Practices
- Techno-Legal & Techno-Financial Regime
- Case Studies of Decision-making and response strategies of Central and Local governments.

### 4. Community Preparedness and Response

- Disaster Prevention Education and Public Awareness
- Role of Civil society organizations and International non-government organizations
- Outlook of industries towards community preparedness and response in their immediate neighbourhood.
- Media and Disaster Management

**Come and Join hands in building a disaster resilient society!!**