

Greetings

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When I was the director of the Anthropological Institute of Nanzan University on 2015, I got a grant-in-aid of Internationalization Promotion Project for 3 years. Last 20 years in Asia, a lot of big natural disasters occurred, like tsunami, earthquake, volcanic eruption, typhoon, etc. Such occurrences of disasters are a big threat not only to people in Asia, but also the entire human race. Historically, the people of the world have been responding to such disasters. Humans have strengthened and improved life despite these disasters through innovative medical and transportation technology, but on the other hand, it cannot be denied that the vulnerabilities of society have become apparent due to modernization and globalization.

Each nation and International societies aim to build various policies and cooperation systems for large scale disasters. This is very important, but at the same time it is necessary to reconsider traditions and narratives about past disasters, review the wisdom on how humans cope and live with disasters in the past. Therefore, listening to the multi-voice from the field in local context would be what anthropologists are required to do.

The theme of the third term internationalization promotion project from 2015 to 2017 was "Establishing an Asian Anthropologist's Network". In this project, we created the base of network between anthropologists in Asia who immerse themselves in

disaster sites in different countries and exchange information. Within the third term, we invited guests from Asia and had the opportunity to take them to visit the site of the Great East Japan Earthquake.

The current project of the fourth term internationalization promotion project starting from 2018, we held a meeting in Manila Philippines the country which was hit by the Pinatubo volcano eruption and strong typhoon Yolanda in Visayas area. And also we invited guests from the country Japan to hold a public symposium at Nanzan University.

This journal is the final report and contribution to the development of the Institute as achievements of international transmission of Anthropological Institute of Nanzan University.

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