

Panel Discussion on "Disaster Management"

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An European environmental historian, Christian Pfister, categorized hazards into two types, 'rapid-onset hazards' and 'slow-onset hazards', and suggested that, "to avoid ambiguity, historians should define their use of the term *nature-induced disaster*".¹ In his paper, he refers to rapid-onset hazards, because famine, for example, is strongly linked to social causes such as the unequal distribution of resources. Nature-induced disasters are unpredictable outbreaks of natural forces that cause sudden, destructive damage to people and environments.

In this panel, however, we considered various sorts of disasters because the purpose of the panel was to compare different styles of disaster management efforts. We focused not only on nature-induced disasters in the Philippines today and in historical Japan, but also on socially caused disasters in Thailand.

How can we combine historical studies with present research, or vice versa? How can we distinguish socially and naturally caused disasters? The target of disaster "management" shall be analyzed in further detail. We hope for further research collaboration.

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Venue: Prayasrivisarnwaja Room, Office of the University, Chiang Mai University

09.00-10.30 hrs.

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Moderators: CMU - Dr. Chayan Vaddhanaphuti
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KU - Dr. Satoshi Murayama

Oral Presentation

KU

-Community-based Disaster Resilience? Sustainability in Typhoon
Affected areas in the Philippines

By Naomi Hosoda

-Village Network and Disaster Management in Early Modern Japan

By Satoshi Murayama

	CMU Vernacular Livelihood Negotiation at the Thai-Burma Border: A Case Study of Displaced Persons' Management of Uncertainty By Malee Sithikriengkrai -Place of Learning, Space of Hope: A Study of How Stateless People Negotiate Risk and Uncertainty By Chayan Vaddhanaphuti
10.30-10.45 hrs	Coffee break

¹ Christian Pfister, "Learning from *Nature-Induced Disasters*," *Natural Disasters, Cultural Responses. Case Studies toward a Global Environmental History*, Christof Mauch and Christian Pfister, eds., (Lanham et al: Lexington Book, 2009) : 17-40, 18.