

All Ears to Tsunami Countermeasure

On-sight survey to Sanriku coast area

On 17th, officials from 4 countries, in which Indian Ocean Earthquake and Tsunami 2004 devastated and caused about 230,000 casualties, visited the coastal area in Iwate Prefecture as a part of "Comprehensive Tsunami Disaster Prevention Training Course". They learned disaster prevention countermeasures from municipalities which had experienced big tsunamis in Meiji (1896) and Showa (1933).

The visitors were 11 officials who are engaged in disaster prevention and research from Indonesia, India, Maldives and Sri Lanka, whom International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management (ICHARM), in Public Works Research Institute (PWRI), invited to make them acquire advanced Japanese knowledge and technology.

In Fudai village they saw how Fudai tsunami gate is closed by remote operation, and in Noda village they walked up the evacuation route in Odaiba Park and realized the importance of raising resident's awareness toward disasters.

One of the participants, Mr. Teuk Alvishahrin, from Indonesia, had experienced tsunami in Banda Aceh, Indonesia, which caused 150,000 people to be killed and missing. He said that Japanese levees are powerful and tsunami forest also can be applied to his country.

The group will visit Taro in Miyako city and Touni in Kamaishi city in 4 days until 20th, and also leave for Kii Peninsula from the end of this month to compare with Sanriku area. At the last of this training course, they will make action plan to adopt what they have acquired through the program to tsunami countermeasures in their countries.

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津波への対策熱心に

被災国 スマトラ 三陸沿岸訪れ研修



普代水門で、普代村職員（右）の説明に聞き入る被災国の研修生

約二十三万人が犠牲となった二〇〇四年のスマトラ島沖地震・津波で被災した四方国の政府関係者らが十七日、津波防災研修のため本県沿岸を訪れた。明治、昭和と大津波を体験した各市町村から防災対策を学んでいる。訪れたのはインドネシア、インド、スリランカ、モルディブの防災担当者、研究者ら十一人。独立行政法人土木研究所水災害・リスクマネジメント国際セ

ンターが日本の先進的な知識、技術を習得してもらったため招いた。普代村では、普代水門を遠隔操作で閉鎖する様子を見学し、野田村では御台場公園にある石段の避難路を実際に上り、住民への意識付けの重要性を学んだ。一行は二十日までの四日間、宮古市田老、釜石市唐丹などを巡

り、今月末からは紀伊半島を視察して三陸地方と対比する。研修の最後にはアクションプランを作成して母国の津波対策に役立てる。