

**Short-Term Program in JAPAN**  
**“The Japanese Safety Management and Japanese Culture”**

**I. Description**

Given that the disaster management policy is a vital component of Japan's Safety Management Policy, participants from various countries in this course will learn about Japan's disaster management policy and its challenge through a case study of the 1995 Great Hanshin Awaji Earthquake (GHAE).

The course consists of lectures, field study programs and group presentations. The lectures will provide an overview of the Japan's comprehensive disaster management policy at the time, and the various policy challenges in the process of long-term disaster recovery will be presented. In the field study program, since Kobe city and its neighboring areas themselves showcase the lessons learned and on-going issues in the process of the long-term recovery, participants will visit severely hit areas in Kobe city (the capital of Hyogo Prefecture in Japan). Visits to the public organizations and institutions, including Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution (DRI), are also planned. Finally, participants will be required to give a group presentation on the comparison of disaster management policy between Japan and the other Asian countries. The entire course will be conducted in English.

In addition, a study tour of Japanese culture held in Kyoto city, and homestays are also planned.

**II. Objectives**

1. Learn about comprehensive Japan's disaster management policy.
2. Understand the policy challenges and on-going issues in the long-term recovery from a large-scale natural disaster.
3. Deepen understanding of disaster management policy and its challenges through the comparison of disaster case studies in Japan and Asian countries.
4. Develop abilities and attitudes such as intellectual curiosity, understanding of diversity proactiveness, empathetic attitude

**III. Content**

## 1. Lecture

- 1-1. What happened in Kobe?: A case study of The 1995 Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake (GHAE)
- 1-2. Policy issues in the long-term recovery process after the GHAE
- 1-3. What would be next? On-going challenges in Kobe city

## 2. Fieldwork

- 2-1. Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation institution
- 2-2. Visiting severely hit areas in Kobe city including Shin-Nagata area