Great experience in TIEMS-Japan from May 22th to 24th 2012

As associate secretary in TIEMS China, I was very honored to be chosen by TIEMS Japan and made a presentation about “Review on Emergency Industry and Industrialization Development Mode in China” in the conference from May 22th to 23th. As a PH.D candidate from Beijing Normal University in China, majored in Risk and Emergency Management, I have learned a lot from this stay in Japan.

First of all, it was an excellent opportunity to be with so many specialists and professionals, who are interested in emergency management and contributes a lot in their own countries in the area. There are so much experiences and lessons to learn. At the same time, it was a golden time to reflect myself and my own country’s practice on emergency management as well as the methodology of research. Taking my own Emergency Industry Research for example, Japanese colleagues presented the method of collecting demand data from shops and banks. It may be used for reference in my future research. What’s more, I realized that in modern world, social resilience is as the same important as infrastructures and architectures after the conference. I have to take more consideration of the social resilience in the future study.

For the second, It is the exchange of people all over the world that makes us like a family gathering together to conquer the problem that human beings would meet in emergency in the future. The warm reception, carefully arrangements and those kind and sweet people in Japan made us like in home. It is amazing for them to recovery quickly from the earthquake in 2011. And also, it is a role model in responding to the disaster in the Asia. I was impressed by their preciseness and humility. The international exchange makes me know more about myself and my own country.

Great appreciation for President K. Harald Drager and colleagues from the International Emergency Management Society! TIEMS is a great platform for professionals and specialists to exchange their ideas as well as a classroom for young students like me to be nourished.

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