Study Tour to tsunami-devastated areas

We will offer a one-day post workshop tour to Ishinomaki and Matsushima on November 30. The Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011 devastated Tohoku region, including Ishinomaki and Matsushima. Ishinomaki was one of the hardest hit areas by the gigantic earthquake (magnitude 9.0) and following monstrous tsunami. Matsushima, known as one of Japan's Three Great Views, was also affected by the earthquake and tsunami. Fortunately, Matsushima was spared the worst of the tsunami because a number of islands in Matsushima Bay helped to reduce tsunami height at Matsushima. Although not heavily damaged, this area also experienced inundation. A year and a half after the tsunami, Matsushima is almost like it always has been and a very beautiful place to visit. You can enjoy a panoramic view of Matsushima Bay.

The cost of the tour will be 5,000JPY, including transportation, English-speaking guide, lunch. Registration is required to participate in the tour. <u>E-mail us</u> by October 15.

Preliminary program

- Departure: 11:30 a.m. from the conference venue. One hour bus ride will bring us to Godaido in Matsuhima. Godaido is a Buddist temple located on a small island. A red bridge connects this island to the mainland. This temple is designated as an important cultural asset. The landscape around Godaido is a scenic spot that represents Matsushima, which is one of Japan's most famous scenic areas.
- We will have lunch at Matsushima.
- After Lunch we will leave for Hiyoriyama Park in Ishinomaki. The Park is on the top of a hill and we can see a huge area that was devastated by the tsunami.
- We will return to Sendai at around 17:30.

Note:

If the number of participants doesn't exceed fifteen, the tour would be cancelled. Space is limited on the tour. First come, first served.

Matsushima



Godaido



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