

**SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
SEMINAR ON DISASTER PREVENTION MEASURES IN JAPAN**

**Istanbul, BSEC PERMIS Headquarters, 20 November 2013**

1. The Seminar Disaster Prevention Measures in Japan took place in Istanbul, at the BSEC Headquarters, on 20 September 2013.
2. The Workshop was organized within the framework of the cooperation of BSEC and Japan as BSEC Sectoral Dialogue Partner.
3. The participants of the BSEC Member States took an active part in the Seminar.
4. On behalf of BSEC PERMIS the participants were welcomed by Deputy Secretary General, Ambassador Alexander Prishchepov who noted that the Seminar is an important step in the implementation of the decisions of the Ministerial Meeting, held in Sochi on 7 October 2011, Decisions and the Recommendations of the BSEC Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs relevant to the cooperation on Emergency Assistance, as well as, the implementation of the Goal 17 of the Economic Agenda “Towards an Enhanced BSEC Partnership”.
5. Professor Shoichi Ando, Director of Disaster Management Policy Program in the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies in Japan, made a key presentation on “Disaster Prevention Measures in Japan” dwelling on a large number of topics, focusing on characteristics issues of recent disasters, trend and issues in disaster prevention measures, administration by the whole Government and relevant Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, disaster prevention measures administration in construction and urban fields, education and raising the awareness on prevention measures.
6. The presentation was followed by questions and discussions of participants who shared views and information on the Disaster Prevention Measures in their respective countries and within a wider framework of the Black Sea region.
7. With reference to the presentation on Disaster Prevention Measures and their Management, the representative of the BSEC PERMIS suggested that use should be made of the existing mechanisms for assistance in case of emergencies that are envisaged in the Agreement on Collaboration in Emergency Assistance and its Additional Protocol signed by the BSEC Member States.
8. The participants of the Workshop expressed their appreciation to Japan as BSEC Sectoral Dialogue Partner and thanked Prof. Dr. Shoichi Ando for the comprehensive presentation considering that the exchange of the information and experience in the Disaster Prevention Measures is an important contribution to further strengthen the cooperation in Emergency Assistance within the framework of BSEC and its partners.
9. The present Summary Proceedings of the Workshop was adopted for submission to the next Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials of the BSEC Member States.