# **Call for Participation – GSDM International Summer Seminar**

GSDM is organizing an international summer seminar along the Pacific Coast of Japan's Tohoku region in August as described below. We invite GSDM students (Masters and PhD) to participate in the seminar.

## 1. Outline of the International Summer Seminar

(1) Dates: Tuesday, 5 August – Tuesday, 12 August 2014

(A short orientation will be held on Monday 4 August)

- (2) Venue: Communities along the Pacific Coast of Japan's Tohoku Region (Iwate and Miyagi prefecture)
- (3) Language: English
- (4) Theme: Disaster Relief and Regional Development Strategy for the Tsunami Affected Areas
- (5) Participating universities: GSDM, the University of Tokyo; University of Rhode Island (USA); Aalborg University (Denmark); University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands) –; National Taiwan Ocean University (Taiwan)
- (6) Scheduled activities:
  - A series of discussions and presentations on given topics as well as group work among students from various academic backgrounds from different universities
  - Lectures by professors from the participating universities and stakeholders from each site
  - Field trip (including interviews with local people)
  - Participating students are expected to start communicating with each other through email etc. to prepare prior to the seminar.

# 2. How to Apply

#### (1) Requirements for Participation

- Students under GSDM (Masters or PhD)
- Those who can participate in the entire schedule from 4-11 August 2014
  - X If a candidate cancels his/her participation after being selected, the person is expected to pay the cancelation fee for train tickets etc.

#### (2) Selection Process

Please fill out an application form, and submit it to the GSDM Office by email (office@gsdm.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp) **before 17:00 on Monday. 16 June 2014**. Interviews may be conducted either on 18 or 19 June if there are too many applicants. Please note that balance in terms of research fields, gender and nationality will be considered when selecting participants.

#### 3. Expenses

Expenses for local transportation, accommodation and meals will be provided by the University of Tokyo in accordance with GSDM regulations. Other personal expenses shall be borne by each participant.

## 4. Other

A report on the seminar will be posted on the GSDM website. Please note that participants may be requested to submit some personal information (e.g. allergies) for safety reasons.

## 5. Contact

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