
Announcement for the “18th Symposium on Disaster Mitigation of Cultural Heritage and Historical Cities” and Call for Presentation Papers

Date: July 13, 2024 (Sat)

Deadline for Paper Submissions: April 15, 2024 (Mon)

Notice of Review Results: May 27, 2024 (Mon)

Deadline for Final Papers: June 10, 2024 (Mon)



Challenges in protecting cultural heritage sites and historical cities from natural and man-made disasters still require immediate attentions and ideas for the resolutions. This year, the Institute of Disaster Mitigation for Urban Cultural Heritage, Ritsumeikan University will once again host the “Symposium on Disaster Mitigation of Cultural Heritage and Historical Cities” and hold debates pertaining to disaster mitigation for cultural heritage sites and historical cities.

We are soliciting both refereed papers and non-refereed reports in accordance with the guidelines below and welcome your submissions.

1. Host Institute of Disaster Mitigation for Urban Cultural Heritage,
Ritsumeikan University
 2. Symposium Date/Time July 13, 2024 (Sat) 9:30-18:00 (tentatively scheduled)
*The symposium will be conducted in Japanese.
 3. Location Kinugasa Campus, Ritsumeikan University
(※The symposium will be combine use of online and offline.)
(※The symposium still has possibilities of online depends on the further situations.)
 4. Participation/Submission Fee Free
 5. Topics Solicited
New papers and reports pertaining to research and case studies on protecting cultural heritage sites and historical cities from natural and man-made disasters: 1) Disaster mitigation technology for cultural heritage sites, 2) Historical disasters and disaster reduction knowledge, 3) Disaster mitigation plans for historical cities, 4) Man-made and animal damage to cultural heritage sites, 5) Policies for the continuance and preservation of historical cities and cultural heritage sites, and 6) International cooperation and outreach regarding disaster mitigation at cultural heritage sites.
 6. Submission Guidelines
Refer to our homepage (<https://www.r-dmuch.jp>).
One submission shall be 4-8 pages (however, total shall be even-numbered), and the final copy of the manuscript shall be offset printed on A4-sized paper.
 7. Deadline April 15, 2024 (Mon)
 8. Refereed Papers and Reports
This symposium seeks academic research articles, investigations, and case study reports.
“Papers” shall be reviewed by two referees who will examine them from the standpoints of novelty, utility, quality and reliability. Submitters may be asked to provide revisions regarding any questions or unclear points found during the review process. The result of the judgment will be notified around May 27, 2024 (Mon). You may receive the request of revisions and comments as well.
“Reports” shall not be reviewed, but we will check the topic, format, etc. and may request revisions.
We may refuse your presentation and publication in case your paper or report does not suit solicitation topics and formats excessively deviate from the assigned one.
 9. Deadline for Final Papers June 10, 2024 (Mon)
Send completed manuscripts (with the requested revisions appropriately made) via postal or electronic mail by the deadline.
 10. Program/Participating Application
Outline of the program and information for participating application are scheduled to be posted on the Institute website.
Presentations are scheduled for ten minutes per session.
We are going to award the best presentations by the bachelor, master, and doctoral degrees students.
 11. Manuscript Submission Address/Inquiries
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