

Message from the Winner



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I would like to express my deepest gratitude for receiving the 2023 MURAKAMI Suminao Award for Disaster Research. Since I reported on the research and analysis results of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami in the first issue of JDR, I have published 36 papers on tsunami science and engineering, including papers on emergency responses, warning systems, and public awareness and education. The 2004 tsunami was a devastating one that hit an area where tsunami countermeasures had not been sufficiently implemented in the Indian Ocean, so it caused tremendous damage. It is said that more than 250,000 people, including foreign tourists, were killed. Seven years later, Japan suffered cascading disasters and effects, including an M9 earthquake and a huge tsunami, causing the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant accident on the Pacific side of the Tohoku region of Japan. Interdisciplinary research covering cutting-edge science and technology is necessary in order to solve many problems and issues and to transfer the experiences and lessons learned at that time. It is a great honor for me to be able to report on the results of these activities through the JDR, and I would like to express again my gratitude to the JDR for bestowing such recognition. With this award, I would like to do further research related to disaster and risk reduction and natural disaster science, disseminating the results through journals.

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