

Message from the Winner



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I am deeply honored to receive the JDR Award for the Most Contributory Reviewer 2024 for the second consecutive year, following the recognition I received last year.

In 2024, Japan experienced devastating natural disasters on the Noto Peninsula, including earthquakes and torrential rains, which tragically claimed many lives. Globally, we witnessed a series of catastrophic events, including two major hurricanes in the United States, a magnitude 7.4 earthquake in Taiwan, record-breaking rainfall in Spain, and a volcanic eruption in Iceland. In 2023, UN Secretary-General António Guterres described the year as one of “global boiling,” an apt term for an era marked by unprecedented natural calamities. Beyond natural disasters, we continue to face numerous geopolitical risks, including aviation accidents, acts of terrorism, and ongoing wars and conflicts.

In such challenging times, I firmly believe that a globally oriented, interdisciplinary journal such as JDR—dedicated to disaster research, prevention, and crisis management—is becoming increasingly vital. As a reviewer, I have had the privilege of engaging with diverse and thought-provoking papers from around the world. This experience has been invaluable, offering continuous learning opportunities and the pride of contributing to the dissemination of impactful research through JDR to a global audience.

I sincerely hope for the continued growth and success of your esteemed journal and look forward in contributing more in the future. Once again, thank you for this exceptional honor.

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