Public Educational Program for Urban Disaster Risk Reduction

“Comprehensive Disaster Management of Regions and Cities”

For the purpose of public education on disaster risk reduction from the aspect of architecture and urban planning, "Comprehensive Disaster Management of Regions and Cities (2016-2020)" was opened as a liberal arts subject at the Open University of Japan in 2016. The program, which consists of 15 chapters, were produced by three researchers from civil engineering, structural engineering, and architecture and city planning, and production staff to make it unique with various visual contents and on-site movies.

Since then, its printed material and broadcast program on the Internet and BS digital broadcasting have been widely available as an educational program for the general public. Until fiscal year 2019, the program and its former program “Cities and Disaster Management (2008-2013)” have been taken by more than 20,000 people, and the 17,800 copies of the books have been issued.

The educational program received AIJ Education Award 2020 (AIJ Award for Excellent Educational Contribution) for these achievements that have broadened the base for the general public and contributed to the dissemination of knowledge on urban disaster reduction.