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Technology, Governance and Citizen Behavior: Turning crisis into opportunities in Asia



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Rajib Shaw is a professor in Keio University, Japan, has worked extensively in the field of disaster risk reduction. He has 61 books and more than 400 research papers in the field of environment, disaster management and climate change. He is the recipient of prestigious "Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (PBSA)" in 2021 for his contribution in education sector. PBSA is the highest honor conferred on overseas Indians and persons of Indian origin from the President of India. In May 2022, Professor Shaw received the United Nations Sasakawa Award for Disaster Risk Reduction for his lifetime contributions in the field of disaster risk reduction. More about his work can be found in: www.rajibshaw.org

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Venue: CSP office (Next to Health Centre)

Natural and biological hazards (including COVID-19) always pose tremendous challenges in every sector of the society locally and globally. Asia is no exception of this, and has faced the heat of the severe financial, social and related challenges over years. However, through science, technology and innovation, the region has tried to overcome these challenges in different ways. Innovation also focused on social issues, and grass roots approaches have been recognized as well as proved to be effective. With the high diversity in Asia, governance played an important role in managing the crisis. Each country has its unique way to address the crisis through its own governance, regulation and legal framework. Local governance often played a critical role. Finally, citizen awareness and behavior are considered to be one of the key issues to address the current pandemic as well as other disasters, be it at individual, community or in the workplace. Appropriate risk communication, science-based decision making, data analysis, its feedback to the decision-making system, and extensive use of technology and innovation need to be at the core of the crisis response, which can turn it into innovation opportunity in many cases.

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