

Kyoto University On-site Laboratory: International Research Laboratory for Earthquake and Tsunami Risk Cognition and Reduction (iLETs)

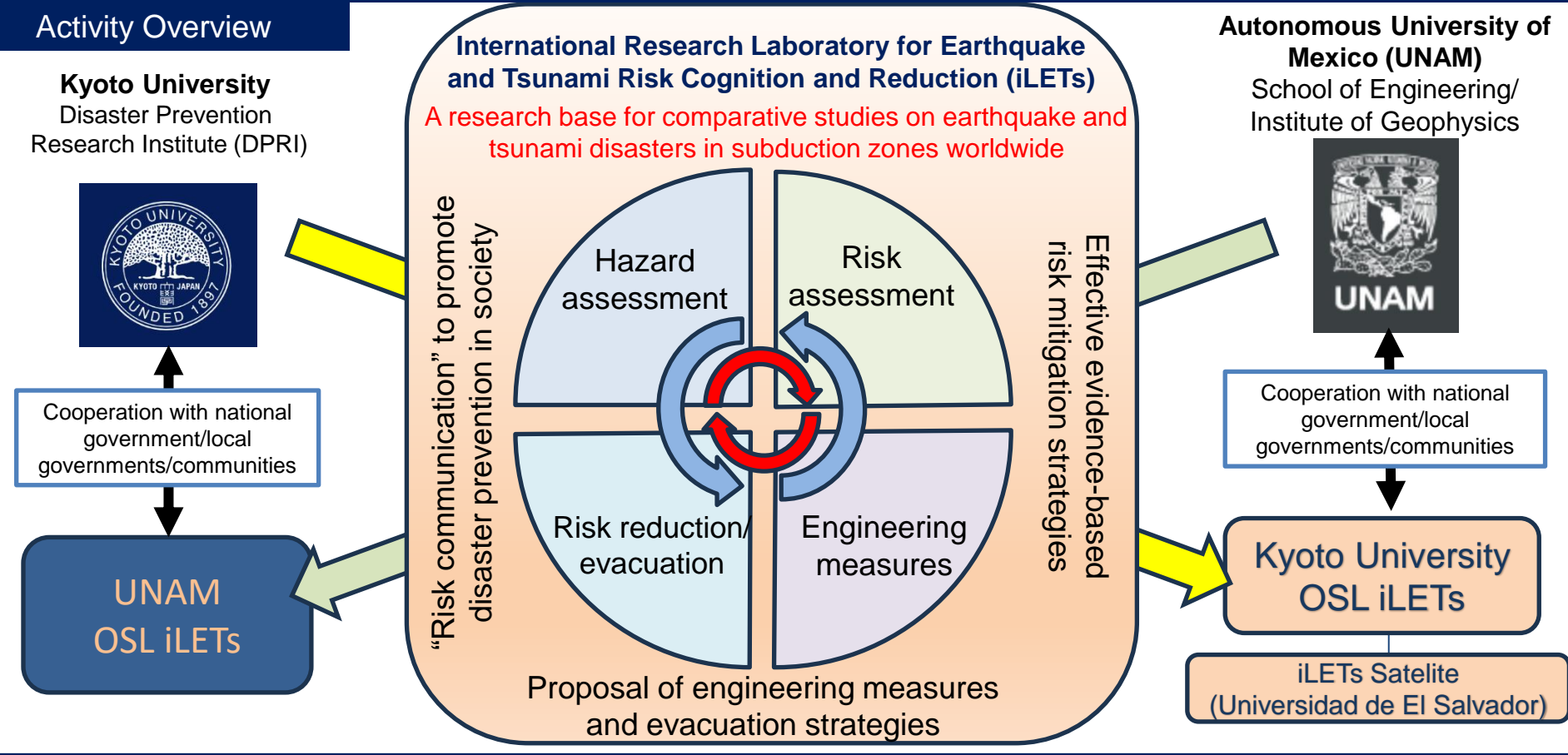


General Information

- ◆ Approved in FY 2024
- ◆ Established by the Disaster Prevention Research Institute (DPRI)
- ◆ Partner Institution: National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)
- ◆ Established in November 2024
- ◆ Location: (Cross-bound type)
National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Mexico City, Mexico (outbound)
Disaster Prevention Research Institute (DPRI), Kyoto University, Uji, Kyoto, Japan (inbound)
- ◆ Purpose: An interdisciplinary research center on the disaster mitigation of earthquake and tsunami in subduction zones
- ◆ Research and Education Activities: Enhance understanding of earthquake/tsunami disasters and risks through natural science, engineering, and social sciences

Positive ripple effects to the university's activities

- Establishment of the new academic field, “Comparative Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster Science.”
- Publicize Kyoto University’s leading role in earthquake and tsunami disaster prevention research.
- Serve as a hub laboratory with the Latin American research community.
- Recruit excellent master’s and doctoral students.



Main activities in FY 2024

① Joint Statement signed in collaboration with CENAPRED, AMEXCID, and JICA

- A joint statement signing ceremony was held at CENAPRED on November 28, 2024, between the Disaster Prevention Research Institute (DPRI), the Mexican National Disaster Prevention Center (CENAPRED), the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID) under the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs, and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Mexico Office.
- The statement aims to apply the outcomes of international collaborative research between DPRI and Mexico to disaster risk reduction policies in Mexico while also strengthening networks with government agencies and universities across the country.



Joint Statement Discussion at CENAPRED

② Opening Ceremony at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)

- To commemorate the launch of the On-site Laboratory iLETs, an opening ceremony was held at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) on November 29, 2024.
- The event was attended by representatives from Kyoto University and UNAM, along with distinguished guests including Kozo Honsei, Ambassador of Japan to Mexico; Chiaki Kobayashi, Director General of JICA Mexico Office; Enrique Guevara Ortiz; and Jose Alfredo Galvan Corona, Director General of Project Operations in Mexico, AMEXCID.



Keynote Address by Prof. Kono, Vice President of Kyoto University, at UNAM