

**INVITATION TO THE JOINT SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE  
AND DISASTER MITIGATION RESEARCH 2008 (JSED2008)**

We welcome you to JSED 2008, which will be held at Muroran Institute of Technology, Hokkaido, Japan in 7 March 2008.

This joint seminar has been organized by the Center of Environmental Science and Disaster Mitigation for Advanced Research (CEDAR) in Muroran Institute of Technology. CEDAR was established in 2004 in order to research in the environmental preservation and the disaster mitigation around Muroran and Iburi district (southern part of Hokkaido Prefecture), to evaluate the environmental toxicants, to analyze mechanisms of toxic effects of the environmental chemicals, to develop a new clean-energy technology, and to develop the disaster mitigation. The scope of CEDAR is not only to research but also to exchange information and knowledge about the environmental problems and the disaster mitigation among the scientists of many countries in the Pan-Pacific area. Based on such global relationships, CEDAR wants to promote the extended teaching programs on the environmental science and the disaster mitigation for students to have a global vision. We have started our attempt since 2005 and have extended the Joint Seminar 2007 over the Pan-Pacific area.

The joint seminar provides valuable opportunities not only to exchange information about their works, knowledge and problems in the other countries in the Pan-Pacific area, but also to make the university-partnership firmer and stronger.

CEDAR wishes you new collaborations, fruitful discussions and deeper friendships.

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