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**U.S. JAPAN SYMPOSIUM ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT  
AT THE LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM'S CABILDO**

SEPTEMBER 8, 2007, 10:00AM-4:00PM

**August 27, 2007** - A delegation of Japanese survivors of the 1995 Kobe earthquake will highlight this special program sponsored by the Consulate-General of Japan in New Orleans, and the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership. A keynote address by Dr. Ikuo Kobayashi, Secretary General of Tell-Net and Senior Researcher of the Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution (DRI) in Kobe, will focus on lessons learned from the *Hanshin-Awaji* disaster in Kobe and the need for continuing U.S.-Japanese dialogue and cooperation in reconstruction efforts and disaster management strategies applicable to both Louisiana and Japan. Part I of the symposium runs from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Following a lunch break from noon to 1:00 pm, attendees will hear a group of city, state, and federal disaster management specialists give their perspectives on evacuation plans and hurricane preparedness developed for New Orleans and surrounding parishes since Katrina, as well as on lessons learned. Speakers include Dr. Joseph Contiguglia, Tulane University School of Public Health & Topical Medicine, Dr. Juliette Saussy, Director, New Orleans Emergency Medical Service, Colonel Terry Ebbert, Director, New Orleans Office of Homeland Security & Public Safety, and Dr. Kevin Stephens, Director, New Orleans Health Department.

“As we approach the second anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, it is important that we continue to improve our ability to prepare for disasters and protect the lives of Louisiana’s citizens. One way to do that is to learn from the people of Kobe, who suffered a devastating earthquake a dozen years ago,” said Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu, who oversees the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, which includes the Louisiana State Museum.



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This program is part of an ongoing series that the Louisiana State Museum will present about disasters and disaster recovery around the world as the institution prepares to open a major exhibition about Hurricane Katrina in 2008.

The September 8 program is free and open to the public.

*The Louisiana State Museum, a complex of national landmarks housing thousands of artifacts and works of art reflecting Louisiana's legacy of historic events and cultural diversity, is part of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, which is overseen by Lt Governor Mitch Landrieu. The Museum network includes five properties in the famous French Quarter: the Cabildo, Presbytere, 1850 House, Old U.S. Mint and Madame John's Legacy. Other sites include Baton Rouge, Patterson, Natchitoches, and Thibodaux.*

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