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International Workshop on Resilience to High Impact Low Occurrence (HILO) disasters: A cross-sector comparison (5-7 September 2024, Hilton Residences Hotel, Colombo)

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With 2024 being the 20th anniversary of the Indian Ocean tsunami and the 5th anniversary of the Covid-19 pandemic, a particular cross-cutting concern is whether our complex societies are resilient against High Impact Low Occurrence (HILO) disasters. The workshop will arrive at cross-sector strategies for such events, by drawing on the context-based expertise of six partner academies from Japan, Indonesia, India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka – see below. We will also be having keynote addresses by **Professor Dilanthi Amaratunga** (Global Disaster Resilience Centre), **Professor Sonali Deraniyagala** (Disaster Economist) and **Dr Senaka Basnayake** (Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre).

We will be sharing our findings and seeking your responses at an international workshop, starting with the opening ceremony at 6pm on Thu 5th September 2024 (followed by dinner); and continuing in workshop mode on Fri 6th September (whole day) and Sat 7th September (finishing with lunch).

You may contact Professor Priyan Dias (priyandias55@gmail.com) if you require any further information.

Ajit Abeysekera (Professor)
President, NASSL

Academy	Fellow	HILO disaster
Science Council of Japan	Prof Kenji Satake	2011 Tohoku earthquake, tsunami; plus Fukushima
Bangladesh Academy of Sciences	Dr. Kazi Matin Uddin Ahmed	Rohingya refugees influx into Cox's Bazaar
Nepal Academy of Science and Technology	Prof Anjana Singh	Covid 19 pandemic in Nepal
Indian National Science Academy	Dr. Kalachand Sain	2013 Kedarnath Glacier Lake Outburst Flood
Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences	Dr Sabina Kazimova	2000 Baku earthquake?
Indonesian Academy of Sciences	Dr Finarya Legoh	Covid 19 from AIPI perspective
National Academy of Sciences of Sri Lanka	Prof. Priyan Dias	2004 tsunami

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