

Meeting the RICS

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On the 24th of November 2016, Professor Dilanthi Amaratunga and Richard Haigh had discussion with the RICS (The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors) on the topic of "Mainstreaming disaster resilience within the construction process"

They met with Alan Muse (RICS Global Director of Built Environment) and David Tuffin (Former RICS President and the RICS DM Champion)

CADRE (Collaborative Action towards Disaster Resilience Education) project details were discussed highlighting the need to mainstream disaster resilience concept within the overall construction process together with its initiative on market demands and skills needs in the construction industry to increase societal resilience to disasters.

RICS reflected on their Disaster Management initiatives, following on from the setting up of the RICS Disaster Management Commission in 2005.

Dilanthi and Richard also discussed about potential input from RICS towards the UN initiative on Construction policy and practice as part of "Words into Action: Sendai Framework's implementation guides", which they lead.



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RICS traces its history right back to 1792 when the Surveyors Club was formed.

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