



# AVERTING DISASTER

On March 2011, Japan was struck by a devastating earthquake, triggering huge tsunami waves and nuclear meltdowns. The impact can still be felt across the globe, and will be for years to come.

**How can we better prepare for and cope with natural disasters?**

At this free, public lecture, Dr. Norio Okada will recall lessons learned from the Great East Japan Earthquake, presenting his Vitae Systems methodology for handling future events in a proactive, adaptive, and integrative fashion.

## COPING WITH EARTHQUAKES, TSUNAMI, AND NUCLEAR MELTDOWNS



**Dr. Norio Okada, 2012 TD Walter Bean Visiting Professor in the Environment**

Dr. Okada is an expert in the management of physical and human systems, including natural disasters, the environment, water resources, and infrastructure. A former director and professor at the Disaster Prevention Research Institute at Kyoto University, he holds an honorary Doctorate of Engineering from the University of Waterloo, and has received numerous awards for research in civil engineering and risk management.

**Thursday, September 27, 2012 | 7-10pm**



Humanities Theatre, Hagey Hall, University of Waterloo  
Register at: [uwaterloo.ca/engineering/tdwalterbean](http://uwaterloo.ca/engineering/tdwalterbean)

**Free admission**  
**Free parking in lot HV**



The visiting professorship was founded in 1992 by the late Walter Bean, who was president of Waterloo Trust until its merger with Canada Trust in 1968. The professorship seeks to promote a legacy of community involvement and commitment to youth, education, and community, and involves Waterloo's faculties of engineering, environment, and science.