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I came to ADRC as a visiting researcher with the 21st century close at hand. The benefits that I reaped throughout of my stay here are immense and cannot be expressed by words. Especially, the introduction of information technology and strategies, the GIS based disaster management technology, which would, beyond doubt, enrich my working abilities in my country for the common goal of sustainable socio-economic development through enhanced technologies of disaster prevention, mitigation, and preparedness.



Actually, the visiting researcher program of ADRC bridges the gap between the practicability and the knowledge base of disaster management in member countries. Further, this unique program brings together exceptionally varied group academics in Japan and other world wide related institutions and multi national researchers with immense work experience in their specialty for the purpose of effective disaster management in the region. The difference between other training programs and visiting researcher program is the main reason for the success and uniqueness of the program. As a visiting researcher from a disaster prone country, I strongly believe that such a combination of human resource and physical and IT facilities available at ADRC provides an excellent environment for research that is supportive, provocative, challenging and satisfying.

Finally, hats off to ADRC for their valuable contribution in the field and the very friendly and intellectual staff who helped me to feel home away from home.

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