

## Introduction

The Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction 2004, consisting of the 3rd ISDR Asian Meeting and the 6th ADRC International Meeting, was held from 4 to 6 February 2004 in Siem Reap, Cambodia. The Conference was organized by the Governments of Cambodia and Japan, the UN Inter-Agency Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR), and the Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC). It was participated by more than 130 people including high dignitaries and officials from Cambodia and 22 other countries, mainly from Asia, along with representatives of various UN agencies and international/regional organizations. The Conference was honoured by the address by the Prime Minister of Cambodia, H.E. Mr. Samdech Hun Sen, expressing his support for disaster reduction in Asia and for the Conference deliberations. Co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Nihm Vanda, Senior Minister, First Vice President of NCDM, Cambodia, and H.E. Mr. Tatsuo Sato, Special Adviser to the Prime Minister, Senior Vice Minister of Japan, the Conference issued a Chair Summary.