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● Participation in International Conferences

Consultation Workshop on Developing a Capacity-Building Strategy through the Establishment of a Disaster Management Training Center in Myanmar

Myanmar is a disaster prone country. On May 2008, Cyclone Nargis left 130,000 people either dead or missing. Subsequent disasters have included floods and landslides in 2010 and a heavy earthquake in 2011. For this reason, the government of Myanmar prepared the "Myanmar Action Plan for Disaster Risk Reduction" in 2012, and has been promoting various DRR projects based on that plan. The government of Myanmar decided to establish a "Disaster Management Training Center" in order to enhance disaster prevention awareness and to train personnel involved in disaster management, and planned to build this facility over three years starting in 2013.

On 2-4 July, with the aim of offering proposals and advice to the government of Myanmar regarding the training and educational content to be offered through the center, a workshop was held in Nay Pyi Daw, the new capital city of Myanmar. It was sponsored by the International Cooperation Agency of Japan (JICA) and the United Nations Development Programme. The workshop was attended by about 80 people representing various Asian governments (including Myanmar), international organizations, and NPOs. An ADRC staff member was also invited to attend.

The workshop included introductions to the education and training centers in Thailand and Singapore, as well as presentations by JICA and the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center on their international capacity-building businesses. The Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) also presented information on its capacity-building activities for Myanmar, including the Visiting Researcher program. Under this program, young officials of member countries are invited to Japan to participate in a DRR training program for local government officials sponsored by the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund.



ADRC Participates in 8th Meeting of Typhoon Committee Working Group on DRR

ADRC participated in the 8th Meeting of the Typhoon Committee Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction which was jointly organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Typhoon Committee Secretariat, and the National Emergency Management Agency of the Republic of Korea in Seoul on 29-30 May 2013.



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The approximately 30 participants who attended the meeting included representatives from China, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Viet Nam, and the Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions, as well as representatives from the organizing institutions. During the meeting, participants discussed the future activities of the working group, such as the “Synergized Standard Operating Procedures for Coastal Multi-hazards Early Warning System (SSOP)” project, being conducted in cooperation with ADRC, and efforts aimed at strengthening international cooperation.

In addition, representatives from each country reported on the disasters their countries experienced in the previous year as well as their disaster prevention policies, further allowing participants to strengthen their networks through the exchange of information. The Typhoon Committee has two other working groups, on meteorology and hydrology, in addition to the working group on disaster risk reduction.

●Promoting Cooperation with Member Countries**Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund Project "Promotion of Disaster Education in Schools" (Malaysia and Brunei)**

ADRC had a meeting regarding the "Promotion of Disaster Education in Schools" project with the Ministry of Education in Malaysia on 13 June and the Ministry of Education in Brunei on 3 July. ADRC and the task team discussed the current situation with regard to disaster education in each country and discussed Training of Trainers (TOT) and Pilot Lessons as possible future activities. Activity details will be discussed in the near future.

Note: This project is part of the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund Project aimed at promoting disaster education in ASEAN countries by training school teachers and then having those trained teachers facilitate school lessons.

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