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My name is Emin NAZAROV, and I am serving as a senior advisor for the Crisis Management Center (CMC) in the Ministry of Emergency Situations (MES), Republic of Azerbaijan. The CMC is a functional body of the MES which is in charge of ensuring effective management of its forces and facilities. The CMC also manages the “112 hotline” service. In fulfilling its responsibilities, the CMC acts in close cooperation with other bodies and departments of the MES. As a senior advisor of the CMC, I have been actively involved in its activities; my daily duties include the compilation, editing, and analysis of both natural and man-made disasters taking place both in Azerbaijan and worldwide.

Azerbaijan’s geographical location, as well as its prevailing geographical features make it one of the most disaster-prone countries in the region. On the other hand, a booming construction and industrial sector, particularly the well-developed oil and gas sector, increase the risk of technical disasters. The territory of Azerbaijan, being part of the Alpine folded belt, is a highly seismic region and is also subject to other recurring natural disasters such as floods and landslides. Given its high level of vulnerability, Azerbaijan adheres to a comprehensive approach to disaster management, constantly advancing emergency management systems, prioritizing disaster risk reduction activities, and promoting international cooperation in this field.

The MES was established in 2005 by presidential decree. In spite of its relative newness, the MES has succeeded in developing sufficient capabilities covering every single area of disaster management and serves as a good example of emergency management for other countries in the region.

The ADRC Visiting Researcher program is unique in that it affords me an excellent opportunity to become closely acquainted with the organization’s activities and with the best practices of Japanese disaster management. I believe this program will enrich and deepen my knowledge of disaster management. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all the ADRC staff for their cooperation and assistance, and to wish them great success in all their future endeavors.