

Mr. Pradip Kumar Koirala from Nepal



My name is Pradip Kumar Koirala and I am an Under-Secretary in the Disaster Management Division of the Ministry of Home Affairs of Nepal. I have worked as a section chief in charge of studying and researching disasters at the Ministry for the past two and a half years. I have taken a variety of training courses inside and outside of Nepal related to my various jobs. It is quite natural for government employees to be transferred from one sector to another over the course of their career in order to gain broad base of experience that will facilitate our ability to serve as generalist managers.

I started my career in the Ministry of Finance and was promoted to Under-Secretary in 2002. Initially I worked as a Program Director at the National Planning Commission Secretariat for three years. I was then transferred to the Ministry of Home Affairs, where I began my one-year term as a Chief District Officer at the Jumla Himalayan Range District. After that, and for nearly the past two and a half years, I have been working in the Ministry's Disaster Management Division. I am responsible for coordinating disaster management activities at both the national and international levels. I am currently also coordinating disaster management response activities and related affairs at the district level. My primary responsibility is to assist in the formulation of disaster related policies and regulations and to provide feedback to policy makers. In this capacity, I am coordinating efforts with many non-governmental actors at the same time.

I participated in a "Public Governance and Administration" training program in Singapore, a "Regional Training Workshop for Drug Abuse Prevention" in Bangkok, and a "China-Developing Countries Seminar for Economic and Administrative Officials" in Beijing. I was took part in a seminar on taxation at the National Tax Agency and National Tax Collage Japan in Tokyo in Aug-Nov, 2001. It feels like ADRC's visiting researcher program was practically made just for me, and I intend take advantage of this program to do everything I can to make even greater contributions to this field in the future. I am extremely hopeful that my research findings will be helpful for DRR from both academic and practical perspectives, in both Nepal and Japan. I am grateful for the opportunity to be able to make additional contributions to this field in the future.