

Ms. Mazni Azis from Malaysia



My name is Mazni Azis and I am from Malaysia. I'm married and have two sons. Malaysia is the one place where all the colors, flavors, sounds, and sights of Asia come together. No other country has Asia's three major races, Malay, Chinese, and Indian, plus various other ethnic groups in large numbers. Geographically, Malaysia lies close to the equator and has a tropical rainy climate, with high temperatures, abundant rain, and high humidity throughout the year. Furthermore, Malaysia's rain forest is considered to be the oldest in the world and the country has many scenic locations, including beaches, islands, and the rain forest.

I earned my B.Sc. in Physics from the National University of Malaysia in 2005 and completed my master's degree in Disaster Management Policy at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies in Japan in 2011. Currently I'm working as a Senior Assistant Director of the National Weather and Geophysics Operation Center of the Malaysian Meteorological Department (MMD). Positioned under the Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change (MESTECC), the MMD is responsible for ensuring homeland security in Malaysia against disasters and threats posed by climate change, extreme weather, earthquakes and tsunamis. MMD is committed to enhancing its products, services, and efforts to protect the public interest and to achieve its vision to be among the best meteorological, climatological, and geophysical service centers in Asia by 2020.

As Senior Assistant Director of the National Weather and Geophysics Operation Center, I am responsible for ensuring that earthquake and tsunami monitoring and analysis systems function well and that earthquake information and tsunami advisories and warnings are disseminated as quickly as possible. I'm also involved in raising public awareness and conducting drills related to extreme weather, earthquakes, and tsunamis.

I'm really interested in participating in the ADRC Visiting Researcher Program because I want to learn more about how Japan handles disaster risk, and to gain knowledge and experience on best practices in disaster risk management that I can share and practice in my country.

Finally, I would like to express my special thanks to the government of Japan for funding this program and express a million thanks to all the staff at ADRC for their constant encouragement, support, and help during my program. Thank you.