

## **Session 1: Regional Cooperation against Cross-Border Disasters**

30th October 2018, Awaji, Hyogo, Japan

Asia is disaster prone region such as cyclone/typhoon, draught, earthquake, floods, landslide, tsunami, volcanic eruption, and so on. Sometimes natural disasters have cross-border impacts with regional implications. Regional approach is necessary for such cross-border disaster and the role of regional cooperation institute is extremely important.

Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) has promoted to exchange member countries' efforts and challenges at ADRC annual meeting since 1998. Also ACDR sometimes set the sub-regional sessions to exchange more detail in each sub-region. Now there are sustainable sub-regional DRR organization in Asia such as AHA Center, SAARC Disaster Management Center (SDMC), and CESDRR.

Session will introduce the good practice and latest challenges of sub-regional DRR organization, current situation and needs/expectations of Member Countries, and discuss how we could cooperate against the Cross-Border Disasters.

Date and time:

12:30-14:00, 30th October 2018

Co-chairs:

-H.E. Mr. Shri Kiren Rijiju, Minister of State for Home Affairs, India

-Ms. Adelina Kamal, Executive Director, AHA Centre

AGENDA:

1. Introduction by Co-chairs

H.E. Mr. Shri Kiren Rijiju, Minister of State for Home Affairs, India

Ms. Adelina Kamal, Executive Director, AHA Centre

2. Role and Tasks of AHA Center, AHA center

Mr. Qing Yuan Pang, Assistant Director (Disaster Monitoring & Analysis), Operations Division/Disaster Monitoring & Analysis, AHA Centre

3. Current Situation and Expectations from Member Country

Mr. Vilayphong Sisomvang, Deputy Director General, Social Welfare Department, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, Lao PDR

4. Good Practice of Caspian region; Caspian 2017 International Exercises

Dr. Rashad Gasimzada, Head of Division, International Cooperation Division, Ministry of the Emergency Situations, Republic of Azerbaijan

5. Key challenges of CESDRR, CESDRR \*Russian-English Interpretation

Mr. Valeriy Petrov, Director, Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction

6. Comments & Discussion