

Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction (ACDR) 2018

Session Abstract

Session 3: Promotion of Regional Collaboration for Capacity Development for DRR including ADRC Visiting Researcher Program

10:30-12:30, 31 October 2018

Capacity development of personnel who are engaged in disaster risk reduction (DRR) and risk management efforts is imperative for conducting effective and sufficient degree of activities for the organizations. Some of the ADRC member countries have established DRR training/ learning centers in recent years or tried to provide regular opportunities for DRR training and learning by the development of systemized training program. Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (SFDRR) stipulates in the article 25-(e) to support the development of local, national, regional and global user-friendly systems and services for *the exchange of information* on good practices, cost-effective and easy-to-use disaster risk reduction technologies *and lessons* learned on policies, plans and measures for disaster risk reduction.

Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) has regarded human resource development as an important pillar in its activities, and provided the ADRC Visiting Researcher (VR) program since 1999, one year after the establishment to enhance capacity of the human resources of the member countries. The number of the researchers who studied in the program has exceeded 100. Most of them have actively engaged in the DRR works in the ADRC member countries after the completion of the program, and form an important human network for the ADRC to be able to contact for the information related to DRR in normal and emergency time.

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has provided opportunities to learn DRR and risk management over many years through several kinds of knowledge co-creation programs; i.e., training courses. The programs were organized utilizing the Japan's good and bad experiences and know-how related to disasters, disaster management, and DRR as well as the advanced policies and researches for DRR by actually visiting Japan. The program is considered as a means to effectively transmit unique experiences of Japan as one of the countries frequently hit by various natural disasters.

Session will review the ADRC VR Program through the experiences of some member countries, and learn from the efforts of JICA and other organizations for capacity development focused on exchanging information and learning each other. It discuss key elements, current issues and challenges for regional cooperation on capacity development for DRR and explore the ways for further collaboration for more effective and coordinated provision of regional capacity development program in Asia. Also, the way forward for the ADRC activities in the area of the DRR capacity development will be discussed and identified.

Co-chairs:

Mr. Kimio Takeya, Distinguished Technical Advisor to the President, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Dr. Sos Samvel Margaryan, Acting Director, Regional Survey for Seismic Protection (RSSP), Ministry of Emergency Situations, Armenia

Agenda:

10:30 – 10:40 Session Introduction by Co-chairs (10 min)

10:40 – 11:45 Presentations Part 1 (15 min x 3 persons + 15 min Q&A and Comments)

10:40 - 10:45 0) Brief Introduction of the ADRC Visiting Researcher (VR) Program

Mr. Koji Suzuki, Executive Director, ADRC

10:45 - 11:00 1) ADRC Visiting Researcher (VR) Program – My Key Learning and Some Instances of Application of Knowledge Gained as VR

Mr. Duni Chand Rana (Fiscal Year 2012 VR)

Special Secretary & Director, Disaster Management and Environment Science & Technology, Government of Himachal Pradesh, India

11:00 - 11:15 2) ADRC Visiting Researcher (VR) Program – Major Lessons Learned from the VR Program and Application to My Works after the Program

Ms. Amornthip Paksuchon (Fiscal Year 2010 VR)

Human Resource Officer (Senior Professional Level), Disaster Prevention Promotion Division, Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM), Thailand

11:15 - 11:30 3) ADRC Visiting Researcher (VR) Program for the RSSP, Armenia

Dr. Sos Samvel Margaryan, Acting Director, Regional Survey for Seismic Protection (RSSP), Ministry of Emergency Situations, Armenia

11:30 – 11:45 Q&A and Comments for Presentations on ADRC VR Program

11:45 – 12:15 Presentations Part 2 (15 min x 2 persons)

11:45 – 12:00 4) Activities of the Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network (ADRRN) for Asian CSOs working in DRR to Share Information and Learn from Each Other

Mr. Takeshi Komino, Secretary General, Executive Committee, ADRRN (General Secretary of Church World Service Japan)

12:00 – 12:15 5) JICA's Knowledge Co-creation Program for Human Resource Development through utilizing Japan's Technology, Skills and Knowledge

Mr. Minoru Homma, Senior Director, Program Division 1 and Disaster Reduction Learning Center (DRLC), JICA

12:15 – 12:30 Q&A, Comments and Discussion (15 min)