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Highlights

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➤ **Disaster Information Data Base**

Just after the Asian Disaster Reduction Center(ADRC) was established, ADRC Web site was set up on the Internet to start disseminating information on disasters occurring around the world, and now we are operating unique 7 databases of disaster related information in member countries according to the recommendations at the ADRC International Meetings which we held in February and December in 1999 in Kobe inviting all of our member / advisory countries and observers.

1. **The Latest Disaster Information**

Since the beginning of the database in September 1998, ADRC has been providing 117 pieces (2000.6.15) of disaster information. ADRC organizes, summarizes and sets direct link to each information resource such as UN, Governments, media, NGOs for the rapid dissemination of information surrounding the disaster situation, each of which has a brief explanation so that users can easily get the total picture.

2. **Disaster Management Information**

With regard to 22 Asian member countries and 4 advisory countries, information about the legal system, organization, disaster management planning, and disaster countermeasures is available. The list of the laws and plans registered will be shown in the future editions.

3. **Disaster Reduction Reports (Country report)**

Full texts of disaster reduction reports, which were submitted on the occasion of the 1st ADRC International Experts Meeting held in 1999, have been published. Each report contains present state of natural disasters, past major disasters, disaster countermeasures, etc.

4. **The Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake**

Among various reports and measurement data which governments, institutions, universities, and private companies have published on the Internet, ADRC has collected and organized 219 web pages in

Japanese and 82 in English. Direct links to the original Web Sites are available via this database.

5. **Human Information Network**

6. **Disaster Training Course Information**

7. **Schedule of International Conferences and Disaster Studies**

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➤ **Recent ADRC's activity**

□ **Participation in the GDIN Conference**

ADRC took part in the **3rd Global Disaster Information Network (GDIN) Conference** in Ankara, Turkey from 26 to 28 April, and made two presentations there.

Following the Asia-Pacific panel, options for regional Asia-Pacific collaboration under the GDIN umbrella were discussed and agreed to have a working meeting, to explore opportunities for regional collaboration.

< <http://www.gdin-international.org/> >

➤ **Recent Natural Disasters in Asia**

In each edition, we will publish newly occurred natural disasters in Asian Region since the previous Highlights, which are also reported on ADRC's WebSite precisely.

<<http://www.adrc.or.jp/latestinfo/disasterlist.asp?lang=en/>>

□ **Earthquake in Bengkulu, Indonesia (4 June, M7.9)**

Powerful earthquake, measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale jolted Bengkulu, South Sumatra at 16.28 hrs GMT, (23.28 hrs local time), on 4 June. The epicenter was located beneath the Indian Ocean around 110 kms southwest of Bengkulu city. As of 12 June, the death toll is 90 and 352 houses were completely destroyed.(6/12 OCHA)

□ **Flood in China (Sichuan, Gansu Province)**

34 people were killed in the 31 May floods in Gansu province. Another 183 people were injured in the storm. (6/9 OCHA)

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