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## Highlights

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### ➤ Human Resources Information

ADRC has been operating a human resource information database (UN-HiNet), in which approximately 1,400 researchers, administrators, and experts had been registered from 51 countries (mainly from Asia). We are now under revising the database and it will be re-launched in August 2000 as "ADRC Expert Network" (Hereinafter as "ADRC E-Net").

When it comes to disaster reduction, it is important to form a three concerned network among researchers, government officials in charge of disaster reduction who make decisions on the basis of knowledge and the technologies provided to them by researchers, and citizens who comply with governmental policies and feed comments back to the administration, so as to facilitate exchanges of information.

ADRC E-Net is a comprehensive database of human resources information that covers all disciplines, especially on disaster management, disaster research and other disaster related works. It consists of bio data of researchers and engineers, university professors, member of research institutions or societies, government officials, experts, NGO staffs and other institutional staffs. The information is stored in the Center's database, and can be searched by country, field of study, name, etc. The accumulated information is provided in two different forms: abbreviated data which is open information and detailed data which is not open in website.

The experts who are already registered in our former UN-HiNet are requested to check your personal data on our website <http://unhinet.adrc.or.jp/> and if necessary, please revise data through <http://unhinet.adrc.or.jp/register.htm> (on line registration). And those experts who are not registered are also kindly requested to fill the form on <http://unhinet.adrc.or.jp/> and send it by e-mail or Fax.

### ➤ Reports from ADRC's counterparts

ADRC has already received some reports from our counterparts of member countries, which will be published sequentially.

#### □ International Conference held in Bangladesh.

**<FOCUS on the poor: Long term Disaster Management in Bangladesh>**

The World Bank and the Government of Bangladesh jointly organized a three-day International conference in the International Conference Centre in Dhaka from 20th June to 22nd June, 2000 on the above subject. The conference focused on mechanism for community long-term disaster

mitigation and the role of the Private Sector, specially the microfinance institutions in providing such mitigation. The event was co-sponsored by the Government of Bangladesh, the World Bank, UNDP and ADPC. Participants from home and abroad took part in it.

.....Posted by; Mr. Khabir Uddin Ahmed on 28 June

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management & Relief,  
Bangladesh Secretariat

#### □ Unique activities for natural disaster reduction in Cambodia

In terms of disaster preparedness planning and mitigation program, National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM) General Secretariat is supposed to achieve the following activities:

- 1) A series of training courses to build the capacity for integrated disaster management including training of trainers (TOT), decision makers, provincial training in the target provinces most prone to flood disasters.
- 2) A three-day workshop with the participation of all permanent secretaries of 24 Provincial Committee for Disaster Management (PCDM) to focus on disaster preparedness planning, the disaster reduction program and emergency response.
- 3) Printing of posters and small manuals for disaster public awareness and public education.
- 4) Three NCDM working groups are formed and field mission to the target provinces to monitor and strengthen PCDM capacity dealing with disaster situation and disaster management.
- 5) Amendment of the National Policy for Disaster Management which outlines the legal institutional framework of PCDM, the National Policy and the national emergency plan to be performed by all ministries, agencies concerned. This policy document will be presented to the National Workshop scheduled in the near future.

.....Posted by; Mr. Peou Samy on 7 July

Secretary General of NCDM, Cambodia

### ➤ Recent Natural Disasters

#### □ Tropical Depression in Philippine

In conjunction with yearly southwest monsoon, two tropical depressions associated with the two typhoons dumped heavy rains over the entire area of Luzon and the Visayas in the Philippines since 4 July 2000.

The NDCC reported on 10 July 2000, 42 persons have been killed, 11 persons have been injured and 13 persons are missing, not including the collapse of the dumping site.

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