



# ADRC Highlights

**Asian Disaster Reduction Center Biweekly News Vol. 5**  
**August 1, 2000**

## ➤ Second Anniversary of the Establishment of ADRC



Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) celebrated the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of its establishment on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2000. We would like to express our gratitude to our member countries and all others for your kind cooperation, assistance and understanding since our establishment. At the time of our 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary, it is scheduled to welcome the Republic of ARMENIA as our new member country. Also we will hold the "Open House Seminar of ADRC" on 30<sup>th</sup> August and publish the "Asian Natural Disaster Data Book". Furthermore we are going to hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> ADRC International Meeting in December.

As ADRC's activities can be seen at any time in this newsletter and on our internet web site, we would highly appreciate your continuing advice and guidance.

Yujiro OGAWA, Executive Director of ADRC

## ➤ Armenia will Join the ADRC Member

The government of the Republic of Armenia expressed its official intention to join the ADRC member. Upon consultation on the basis of ADRC member's rule, we plan to accept Armenia's participation as our 23<sup>rd</sup> member country with agreement of all our member countries. The counterpart of the Armenia is Prof. Dr. Serguei Balassanian, President of the National Survey for Seismic Protection (NSSP), Under the Government of the Republic of Armenia.

The Republic of Armenia is located between the Caspian Sea and the Black Sea. The estimated population in 1998 was 3.8 million. It has a total area of about 29,800sq.km. It is one of the former Soviet Union and its capital is Yerevan. The main disaster is an earthquake and especially the Spitak earthquake of 1988 killed more than 25,000 people. NSSP is the national organization which was established to promote mainly earthquake disaster reduction. It has various knowledge and experience concerning disaster itself and disaster reduction and we hope to share them with our member countries.

## ➤ Open House Seminar of ADRC

This seminar is coordinated for the purpose of the 2nd Anniversary of ADRC.

The venue will be held at the same building, Seminar Room IHD Building 3F, on August 30, 2000. Each researcher will present the interesting and useful topic on Disaster Management. We are very sorry that the presentation will be available in Japanese only. For those who are interested in our Open House Seminar may contact by Fax (078-230-0347) or e-mail (info@adrc.or.jp). The seminar itself is free, but 100 people is the limit of the attendees.

## ➤ Reports from ADRC's counterparts

### □ Natural Disasters in NEPAL in this year

In Nepal, this year monsoonic rainfall started from the middle of June which is early arrival in comparison to preceding years. The early monsoon resulted into floods and

landslides in various parts of the country that affected mostly the far western hilly region. Until now 56 districts have been affected out of the total 75 districts of the country.

The monsoon remains active until the middle of September. Therefore, the loss of lives and physical properties is likely to increase by many folds. However, this year, the effect of monsoon is less devastating in comparison to previous years.

### Loss of lives and properties by Floods & Landslides in 2000

People			Affected	Animal	Houses Destroyed		Estimated
Death	Injury	Missing	Families	Losses	Completely	Partly	Losses (in Rs.)
65	32	5	2,136	251	542	299	57,853,740

<As of 7/17>

...-Posted by; Dr. M. B. Poudyal Chhetri <7/17>

Under Secretary, Disaster Relief Section,  
Ministry of Home Affairs, NEPAL

## ➤ Recent Natural Disasters

### □ Drought in Central and South Asia

Central and South Asia are currently suffering from severe drought. The countries most affected are Afghanistan, India, Iran, Pakistan, and Tajikistan. The disaster has also spread over Mongolia, northern and western China, Iraq, Syria and Jordan. Significant losses of livestock and crops, and rapid deterioration of health and sanitary conditions have already been reported and the prospect of large population displacements has been raised. (7/20 OCHA)

### □ Flood in Cambodia

Following a period of heavy rain, extensive flooding is reported in Cambodia, Vietnam and Thailand. The National Committee on Disaster Management (NCDM) in Cambodia has requested immediate assistance.

Flooding has occurred in the eight provinces of Kratie, Kampong Cham, Kampong Thom, Koh Kong, Prey Veng, Stung Treng, Siem Reap, Odtar Mean Chey. The following detailed information has been provided by the NCDM:

Affected persons: 21,766 families. Fatalities: 3 persons.  
Productive land inundated: 24,751 hectares (70% damaged).  
Houses flooded: 2,799. (7/26 IFRC)

If you have comments or needs for this Newsletter, please write to ADRC in the right box.

**Published by : Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC)**

3rd Floor, IHD Bld. 1-5-1, WAKIHAMAKAIGAN-DORI, CHUO-KU, KOBE

651-0073, JAPAN E-mail: editor@adrc.or.jp Phone:+81-78-230-0346 Fax: +81-78-230-0347

<http://www.adrc.or.jp/>