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➤ Final JST Sendai meeting - Development of Disaster Information Network System in the Asian Region -



This final meeting was held on 11-12 May 2001 in Sendai City with support of the Tohoku University of Culture and Education. The objective of the meeting was to summarize the final report and to discuss about subjects that must be completed by the end September 2001.

The meeting was concluded with the 4 concrete tasks: 1) organize an international conference in this fiscal year 2) summarize the final report 3) follow-up the project 4) further carry out research on the advanced technology by using GIS and Remote-sensing technology.

The meeting also introduced the early warning system for Tsunami that was implemented in Japan. The system which uses a sensor and solar cell, and is equipped with the monitoring camera, can be easily implemented in other developing countries as well.

➤ ADRC staff members is assigned to each member countries

We are approaching to the third anniversary of Asian Disaster Reduction Center which was established on 30 July 1998. In the past three years, ADRC has successfully collected information on natural disasters from member countries, organized three International Meetings with the full participation of ADRC member states, developed four cooperative projects in most disaster prone countries, in addition to the

Visiting Researcher's Program. The information on ADRC's achievements and programs are made available on the ADRC website.

To develop closer working relationship with member states, ADRC has decided to assign its staff members to its member countries as following:

Name of the Countries	Person in charge
Armenia, Bangladesh, Japan, Kazakhstan	Fumiaki Yoshimura
Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, Philippine, Russia	Taichi Kusaka
India, Laos, Korea	Masaru Arakida
China, Nepal, Sri Lanka	Ryosuke Aota
Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand	Bambang Rudyanto
Mongolia, Tajikistan, Viet Nam	Akiko Nakamura
Myanmar, Uzbekistan, Singapore	Miki Kodama

The ADRC staff members will contact their counterparts in the countries assigned to them shortly.

➤ Recent Natural Disasters in Asia

<Russian Federation - Floods>

The six regions in Ural, Siberia, and Far East had been affected by floods since mid-May. Five people were killed, and two were missing. Approximately 20,000 persons have been evacuated from their houses.

(5/23UN-OCHA Situation Report)

<Report from Member Countries - India>

Sub-Divisions in Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Rajasthan received deficient and inadequate rainfall during South-west monsoon 2000, leading to drought like situation.

(6/4 by NDMCR, Ministry of Agriculture)

➤ International Symposium on Internet based Disaster Information (ISIDI)

Asian Disaster Reduction Center will hold the International Symposium on Internet based Disaster Information (ISIDI) 27 August 2001 in Kobe.

An objective of this symposium is to promote Internet based Mapping and GIS for Disaster Management by sharing information among the related institutions in order to utilize the technique toward disaster mitigation.

The conference consists of two sessions: Morning Session (Internet Mapping) and Afternoon Session (Disaster Information & Future International Cooperation). The discussion among experts who internationally experienced and are involved with Mapping or Disaster Information will be a focus of the symposium. Medium is English and any participant is free to attend. Any inquires please contact: rep@adrc.or.jp.

➤ ADRC Staff Profiles 1

D r. Yujiro Ogawa, Executive Director

We will introduce ADRC staff members in series.



Dr. Yujiro Ogawa was born in Tokyo in 1944. He got a master's degree of

Science in Engineering at Tokyo Metropolitan University and University of California at Los Angeles. He gained doctorate in Engineering at University of Tokyo in 1993.

He had made his best endeavors for the disaster management, especially for the urban disaster prevention planning in Japan since 1978. Since 1994, he had made a lot of efforts for the improvement of disaster planning in developing countries as a Disaster Management Planner of United Nations Centre for Regional Development.

He has exerted himself for the disaster reduction in Asia as an executive director of ADRC since its foundation.

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