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- **The 4th ADRC International Meeting in New Delhi, India**
- **80 people from 22 countries, International Organizations and others participated**

ADRC organized three annual meetings in Kobe, Japan. On January 22-23, 2002, the Government of India and ADRC co-organized the Fourth International Meeting in New Delhi, India. This was the first annual meeting outside Japan in order to begin giving exposure of the disaster reduction strategies to the participants of the Member Countries. 80 people from 22 Member Countries, UN and other International Organizations' disaster management experts participated in the Meeting.



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In the Session of "Lesson Learned from Gujarat Earthquake", the Government of India, the Member Countries and related organizations re-recognized the importance of preparedness, awareness, training, and community participation in strengthening the disaster management system. In addition, the Government of India reported that ADRC's network will further contribute to strengthen international cooperation in various fields of disaster reduction.

In the "Capacity building" and "Information sharing" Sessions, the importance of the Total Disaster Risk Management Approach was confirmed. Further cooperation for capacity building, suitable to the situation of each country is expected to be strengthened. To support this, the existing information sharing system of the ADRC is needed to develop further through using the latest available high technology like satellite technology and Internet. It was confirmed in the meeting that ADRC would continuously promote cooperation for disaster mitigation in the Asian region by using human and technical resources.

Following the ADRC Meeting, United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction Asia Meeting was held at the same venue. ADRC is expected to be a focal point of United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction activities in Asia, as well as an International Center. ADRC will strongly cooperate with the Member and Advisory Countries as well as UN agencies and international agencies in contributing towards preventing the excess damage due to the occurrences of disasters in the Region and toward mitigating their adverse impact.

- **ADRC Staff Profile No. 11**
- **Ms. Takako Chinoi, Researcher**



I joined ADRC last June. I have mainly researched how to make a safer environment in the city area through Urban Planning and Policy at the Urban Disaster Research Institute in Tokyo, Japan.

Even though I was born in Tokyo, I majored in Urban Design and Architecture and minored in Metropolitan Studies at New York University. While staying in New York City, I made a lot of friends from various countries in Asia. In my dormitory, I often talked with them about a lot kinds of things until dawn. As well as I realized there are various cultures in

Asia, I learnt there are many things we share.

Toward the mitigation of the disaster damages in Asia, I would like to know more about Asia, such as culture and politics. I am sure that in order to reduce disaster damage we can together find better way for each country by acknowledging the similarities and differences.

Unfortunately, I have only been able to visit three countries in Asia: Thailand, Indonesia, and Philippine. I would like to visit more countries and know more about each country. I hope I can work together with you to make a safer and more secure environment in Asia.

- **Recent Natural Disasters in Asia**
- **Floods in Indonesia**

Widespread floods triggered by days of heavy rain since Jan. 28 have caused heavy damages to the capital, Jakarta and other cities in Indonesia. As of Feb. 1, 33 people have been killed and almost 200,000 residents have been left homeless. Officials said between 15-20% of Jakarta were underwater on Jan. 30.

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