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➤ We are ADRC Member Countries No.3

❑ Ministry of Govt. Administration & Home Affairs, Korea

The ADRC is composed of 23 member countries, 4 advisory countries, and an observer organization. This is the third of a series to introduce our counterpart organizations of member countries.

The Ministry of Government Administration and Home Affairs (MOGAHA) is the administrative arm of the central government. MOGAHA was created on February 28, 1998 through the integration of the Ministry of Government Administration and the Ministry of Home Affairs. The major functions of the Ministry of Government Administration and Home Affairs are follows: to provide general services for the government, to manage organizations and personnel administration, to foster local administration, and to protect lives and property from disasters. More specifically for the fourth function, MOGAHA render service for preventing and controlling man-made and natural disasters, and for improving fire prevention and emergency rescues services.



Fig. 1 Organization Structure

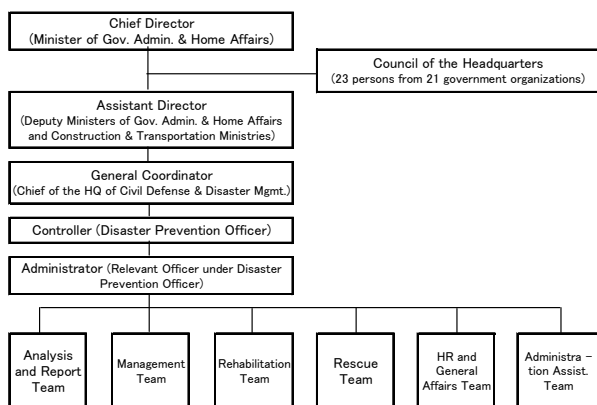


Fig. 2 Operational Hierarchy

As one of the affiliated organizations under the Headquarters of Civil Defense and Disaster management of MOGAHA, the National institute for Disaster Prevention (NIDP) also plays an important roll for disaster management in Korea. It handles policies and techniques related to disaster prevention, emergency services, and recovery remedies. It also pursues international cooperation in efforts to reduce the scale of and damage caused by disasters.

For more information, please visit MOGAHA homepage:

<http://www.mogaha.go.kr/english/index.html>

(Refer to the MOGAHA homepage and the information from Mr. Shim Keeoh, NIDP Republic of Korea / former ADRC Visiting Researcher)

➤ ADRC Staff Profiles No. 14

❑ Ms. Akiko Nakamura, Researcher

I have been working for ADRC from June 2000. Before joining ADRC, I have been involved in the program of accepting foreign students to Japanese university. After this program, I was engaged in NGO dealing with economic development of developing countries. While I was staying in Vietnam as a NGO staff, I had an opportunity to participate the project for building schools in the flooded area of Mekong River which causes severe damage to life of people. This experience triggered and enhanced my interest in the field of natural disaster and its reduction.



In ADRC, I am mainly in charge of Visiting Researcher Program. I hope Visiting Researchers will study about Japanese disaster management system as much as possible during their assignment, and utilize what they learn and achieve from ADRC to establish a better disaster management in their own country.

To make good use of lessons from the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, I would like to pursue the field of disaster reduction through various programs of ADRC.

➤ Recent Natural Disasters in Asia

❑ An Earthquake rocked the capital of Georgia

An earthquake measuring 4.8 on the Richter scale occurred in the Tbilisi area, the capital of Georgia, on Thursday 25 April 2002. The epicenter was 10-12 km from Tbilisi. While no buildings are reported as having collapsed, four persons are reported dead. Approximately thirty persons were treated for injuries, of whom three remain in critical condition. (4/26 OCHA Situation Report No. 1)

❑ Storms swept Bangladesh

According to the local sources, at least 12 people were killed and more than 200 injured when storms swept parts of Bangladesh on April 26 and 27, 2002.

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