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➤ 2nd Consultative Meeting on TDRM in Asia was held in Thailand, 12-14 June 2002



ADRC and UN-OCHA/ADRU initiated and organized the first Consultative Meeting on Regional Disaster Cooperation in Katmandu in July 2001 to search for a more effective approach in

managing the different phases of the disaster cycle, concluding with an agreement to promote a Total Risk Management Approach to Disaster Management.

To continue and enhance efforts to coordinate interventions in the area of disaster management, the 2nd Consultative Meeting on Total Disaster Risk Management (TDRM) in Asia was held in Bangkok in June 2002, co-hosted by ADPC, UN-OCHA/ADRU and ADRC.

Participants shared ideas and views on how we could address the disaster problem as a whole, and stressed the importance of cooperation and collaboration between international organizations, as well as teamwork and partnership at all levels. The following recommendations were made:

1. TDRM is a process and a culture that looks at gaps in every phase of disaster management, and considers every aspect of community life affected by disasters.
2. The advocacy of TDRM should be through
 - (1) development of a checklist
 - (2) documentation of successful disaster management
 - (3) advocacy and networking
 - (4) pilot projects
3. The advocacy for disaster risk management should find ways and means for mainstreaming key development issues such as poverty alleviation, sustainable livelihood, environmental protection, gender, and good governance.
4. ADPC, ADRC, and UN-OCHA/ADRU, with support from other organizations, will promote and facilitate the adoption of TDRM on a pilot basis in the selected high-risk countries, Bangladesh, Nepal and Vietnam.
5. A third consultative meeting, hosted by WHO and ADPC, will be held in the Philippines 2nd quarter of 2003.

(Mr. Fumiaki Yoshimura, Senior Researcher)

➤ ADRC presents GLIDENUMBER.net at GDIIN Conference

The 5th Global Disaster Information Network was held in Rome from June 19 to 21. Mr. Nishikawa, Executive Director and Mr.

Arakida, Senior Researcher attended the meeting as representatives of ADRC. The meeting was blessed with fine weather rising over to 35°C every day, and took place at S. Spirito, an ancient hospital and now renovated as a medical care history museum. Despite the unfortunate lack of any air conditioning in the conference hall, every participant concentrated on the active discussions.

There were many discussions regarding the Disaster Information Network among EU or Mediterranean countries. Presentations were also conducted on a wide range of other areas, such as the September 11th terrorist attacks, manmade disasters, GIS and satellite information systems, and information sharing on the Internet.

ADRC made a presentation on the progress of GLIDENUMBER.net for the promotion of GLIDE (former Unique ID), a unified disaster number, which was proposed at the Canberra meeting last year, and also on the multilingual glossary on natural disasters including the languages Korean and Chinese from this summer.

With regards to GLIDE, Masahiko Murata, Operation Director of Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution (a former senior researcher of ADRC) who had previously called for a unique identifier



number, gave an overview of GLIDE and explained the establishment of a disaster information database in Japan with GLIDE. Nathalie Cohen of OCHA ReliefWeb, which is collaborating on promoting GLIDE with ADRC, represented the web application with GLIDE.

Furthermore, Masahiko Murata gave a talk on the thinking behind and functions of the Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution, using a video showing a recreation of a disaster scene, and emphasized the importance of the dissemination of the facts and records of disasters.

(Mr. Masaru Arakida, Senior Researcher)

➤ Recent Natural Disasters in Asia

□ Quazvin Earthquake brought serious damage in Iran

A strong earthquake measuring 6.3 on the Richter Scale struck north-western Iran on 22 June causing 226 deaths in the Qazvin region and 5 deaths in the Hamadan region. Approximately 1,400 people were injured, 500 of whom were hospitalized and 800 treated for minor injuries. (OCHA ReliefWeb Situation Report 2002/06/28 etc.)

□ Floods in Russia

Severe floods caused by heavy rains in southern Russia forced thousands of people to evacuate their homes. As of June 25, 2002, 52 people had been killed, and 180 missing. (OCHA ReliefWeb Situation Report 2002/06/25 etc.)

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