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➤ JICA Training Course "Disaster Prevention Education in Schools"

Thanks to financial support from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) conducted a training course on "Disaster Prevention Education in Schools" from 28 August to 15 September 2006.

Newly developed this year, this course was designed to provide opportunities for people involved in school education in the countries affected by the Indian Ocean Tsunami to learn about disaster prevention education in Japan and to promote disaster prevention education in schools in their own countries.



The 15 participants included school principals and officials in charge of disaster prevention education, such as ministry of education officials, from five countries including Indonesia, Malaysia, the Maldives, Sri Lanka and Thailand. They heard a series of lectures by the Hyogo Prefectural Board of Education on disaster prevention education systems, disaster prevention teaching materials, and manuals on disaster prevention education in schools. They also visited disaster prevention education classes at Sanda Kindergarten, Shiomi Junior High School, Maiko High School, and Awaji High School in Hyogo Prefecture, and Hamazaki Elementary School in Shizuoka Prefecture.

These visits provided an invaluable opportunity for the participants to see the lessons for disaster education in various grade levels from kindergarten to high school. The trainees were excited to utilize what they learned in Japan to contribute to the development of disaster education in their respective countries.

The ADRC wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to all of those who contributed to the success of this training course. For further information on this course, please contact Mr. Hiroyuki Watabe (watabe@adrc.or.jp).

➤ International Forum on Tsunami and Earthquake to be held on 15-16 January 2007 in Kobe, Hyogo, Japan

The "International Forum on Tsunami and Earthquake: Progress of the Implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action and Recovery from Tsunami and Earthquake" will be held on 15-16 January 2007 at the International Conference Center Kobe in Hyogo Prefecture, Japan. This

Forum will be co-organized by the ADRC, International Recovery Platform (IRP) Kobe, the Government of Japan, Hyogo Prefectural Government, and UN partners. It will be held on the 2nd anniversary of the World Conference on Disaster Reduction (WCDR), which took place in Kobe just after the Indian Ocean Tsunami, and on the 12th anniversary of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake that occurred in January 1995.

The forum on 15 January, which is open to the public, will enable participants to share information and exchange knowledge that can be used to make more disaster-resilient countries. Valuable input based on past natural disaster experiences, as well as the lessons learned from the recovery process is expected. Participants can also discuss additional ways to engage in international cooperation for the further promotion of the HFA. A Meeting of Experts will follow on 16 January.

Program for the International Forum 15 January 2006

(1) Video Message

- Former US President Bill Clinton, UN Special Envoy for Tsunami Recovery

(2) Keynote Speech

Ms. Maryvonne Plessis-Fraissard, Director of Transport and Urban Development Department, World Bank

(3) Tsunami Recovery Status Reports

From India, Indonesia, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka

(4) Report on the Progress of the Indian Ocean Tsunami Early Warning and Mitigation System

- UNESCO/IOC

(5) Panel Discussion

Facilitator: Mr. Sálvano Briceño, Director of UN/ISDR

Panelists: Representatives of UNDP, UN/OCHA, ADRC, ILO, Cabinet Office of Japan, and others.

Commentators: Prof. Ian Davis, Visiting Professor of Cranfield University, UK,

Country representatives, World Bank

To register for the forum on 15 January, please email or fax your name, organization, job title and phone/fax number to the IRP Secretariat (Fax: +81-78-262-6046, Email: irp-event@recoveryplatform.org). If you are interested in attending the Meeting of Experts on 16 January, please contact the IRP Secretariat. We will close registration when we reach maximum enrollment.

More information on this Forum is available on the IRP website (<http://www.recoveryplatform.org>).

If you have comments or questions regarding this newsletter, please contact the ADRC.

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