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● Promoting Cooperation with Member Countries

Asian Disaster Reduction Center Welcomes a New Member: Republic of Maldives

In response to their application to join Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC), and with the consent of the 28 current member countries, ADRC is pleased to welcome Republic of Maldives as the newest ADRC member country. ADRC is looking forward to further enhancing its activities through the active participation of Republic of Maldives.

ASEAN Project: Promotion of Disaster Education in Schools

The “Promotion of Disaster Education in Schools” is one of the projects being implemented by the ADRC. The main objective of this project is to promote disaster education in ASEAN countries through the implementation of a sustainable disaster education training system for school teachers in elementary and junior high schools.

Prior to implementing this project, ADRC held a Coordination Meeting with the Ministry of National Education (MONE) of Indonesia. During the meeting, ADRC outlined the project and the MONE briefed on the latest situation with regard to disaster education in Indonesia. ADRC also met with officials from the Yogyakarta provincial education bureau, as well as the principal and teachers of a pilot school in Yogyakarta.

As the first step of the project, ADRC and MONE jointly organized a Training of Trainers (TOT) for teachers of schools in Yogyakarta on 1-2 March 2010. More than 50 primary school teachers attended this two-day event. Among the topics discussed by the Japanese experts were the “Current State of Disaster Education in Japan,” “Earthquake Disaster Risk Reduction in Japan,” and “Basic Knowledge of Natural Disasters.” With regard to experiences in Yogyakarta, a report was given indicating that there have been many earthquakes in this province in the past, including the latest one in 2006 which claimed more than 5,000 lives. In view of the risks



[First Aid Training: Training of Teachers]



[Evacuation Drill: Pilot Class]

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caused by disasters, the training participants expressed their passionate concern for further efforts to reduce risks and suggested that first aid training might be an effective tool that would help them support their students.

Following the TOT, pilot classes and seminars were conducted by the more than 50 teachers who received training. Teachers shared lessons on disaster reduction with many students. They shared basic knowledge regarding natural disasters, and then conducted evacuation drills to teach students how to prepare for an earthquakes. To conclude the project, ADRC summarized the program in conjunction with feedback from the teachers and experts who had participated, and recommended that the national and local governments continue to implement and support disaster education activities.

As a follow- up step, the action plan will be developed with participants, MONE, and other schools.



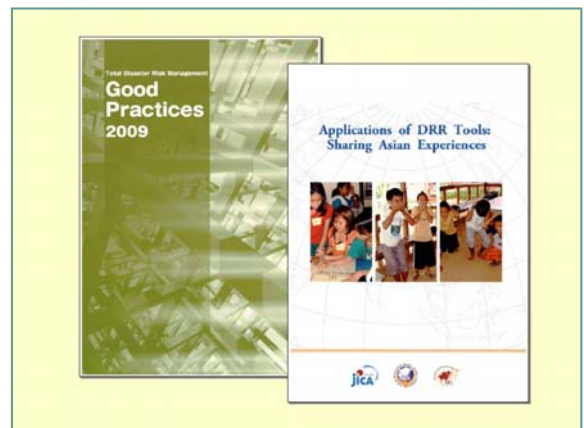
[Discussion: Seminar]

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New ADRC Publications: "Total Disaster Risk Management: Good Practices 2009" & "Applications of DRR Tools: Sharing Asian Experiences"

ADRC has compiled a publication entitled “Total Disaster Risk Management: Good Practices,” which outlines the efforts taken by member countries, including those of the private sector, in disaster risk reduction as well as disaster education and training. In addition, participants of JICA’s Grassroots Technical Cooperation program compiled “Applications of DRR Tools: Sharing Asian Experiences,” which focuses on the potential applications of disaster risk reduction tools.

Both publications are available on the ADRC website as shown below.



“Good Practices 2009”:

http://www.adrc.asia/publications/TDRM2005/TDRM_Good_Practices/GP2009_e.html

“Applications of DRR Tools”:

http://www.adrc.asia/publications/Tool_Book/

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