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## ● Promoting Cooperation with Affiliated Institutions

### The 3rd Expert Group Meeting on the Great East Japan Earthquake: Applying Lessons on Recovery from Mega Disasters to Reduce the Impacts of Future Disasters

The Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) jointly organized the 3rd Expert Meeting on the Great East Japan Earthquake with the Japanese Cabinet Office, the International Recovery Platform (IRP), the UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR), and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), in Sendai, Japan on 3-4 July 2012. Held as a side event of the World Ministerial Conference on Disaster Reduction in Tohoku, the meeting provided a forum for sharing experiences and lessons learned in the earthquake recovery process with Asia and others in the international community.

The meeting, which was preceded by the first meeting in May 2011 and the second in December 2011, was attended by approximately 70 participants, including working-level officials representing various Asian countries, as well as experts from international organizations, NGOs, and research institutions. It mainly focused on recovery from major disasters and provided opportunities for intensive discussions to take place around how the lessons learned during the earthquake recovery process in regard to health, the environment, and governance issues might be applied in future large-scale disasters.

On the second day of the meeting, approximately 40 experts visited earthquake-affected areas of Sendai City where they observed the current status of recovery in the area and visited disaster debris processing sites.

#### [Agenda for the Expert Meeting]

Keynote Speech: Current State of Reconstruction in Sendai City

Issues Associated with Recovery from Mega Disasters

- Governance Issues, Health Issues, Environmental Issues

Panel Discussion: How can lessons regarding health, the environment, and governance issues during recovery be applied so as to reduce the impacts of future disasters?

To further contribute to disaster reduction activities around the world, ADRC hopes to continue working with its partner organizations to disseminate knowledge derived from these expert meetings and to share updates on the recovery status from the Great East Japan Earthquake.



## ● Promoting Cooperation with Member Countries

### **2nd Regional Workshop of the ASEAN Cooperation Project on the Utilization of Space-Based Technology for Disaster Risk Management**

ADRC collaborated with Indonesia's National Institute of Aeronautics and Space (LAPAN) to organize a workshop entitled "ASEAN Cooperation Project on the Utilization of Satellite Images for Disaster Risk Management." This workshop was conducted to facilitate reporting on all aspects of this project. Delegates from several member states of ASEAN (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Myanmar, LAO PDR, Thailand, Vietnam, and Indonesia) were involved. This project is being funded by the JAPAN-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF). Its main objectives are to increase awareness of the uses of satellite data and images and to highlight the need for these technologies among government officials in disaster management agencies, mapping agencies, space agencies, and other related agencies of ASEAN member countries that are engaged in disaster mitigation and risk management activities. These objectives are achieved through appropriate capacity-building programs including seminars, workshops and hands-on training programs conducted locally in each of the member countries, and through regional workshops held to help all members share their knowledge and experiences. This workshop was held on 26-27 June 2012 at the Salak Hotel in Bogor, Indonesia.

The workshop was attended by 76 participants representing government and government-affiliated organizations engaged in disaster mitigation and development activities and keen on incorporating remote sensing techniques in their everyday activities. The workshop began with welcoming remarks by Mr. Kiyoshi Natori, ADRC Executive Director. The program was comprised of an opening session followed by presentations by ASEAN countries and presentations by external experts and local agencies. The presenters were representatives of ADRC-Japan, JAXA-Japan, AIT-Thailand, ASEAN-SCOSA Secretariat, the AHA Center, and local institutions (LAPAN, BNPB).



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