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● Participation in International Conferences

The Fifth Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (5th AMCDRR) in Yogyakarta, Indonesia

The Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) participated in the 5th AMCDRR held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia from 22 - 25 October 2012. The conference participants included ministers of disaster management from more than 50 Asia-Pacific nations, as well as representatives of UN agencies, international organizations, and NGOs. The main theme of the conference was "Strengthening Local Capacity for Disaster Risk Reduction," and



participants discussed various aspects of disaster risk reduction at the local level. They also discussed new framework options for 2015 and beyond, subsequent to the expiration of the Hyogo Framework for Action. ADRC also helped arrange several side events and facilitated a pre-conference meeting.

[Pre-Conference Meeting (PC3)]

ADRC's Executive Director Kiyoshi Natori served as facilitator of the "Expert Meeting for Disaster Risk Reduction Cooperation between Indonesia and Japan: To Enhance Local DRR Capacity on DRR" (jointly organized by BNPB and JICA).

[Side Event (SE2)]

A symposium entitled "Mainstreaming DRR toward post-HFA and Lessons Learned from Mega Disasters" was jointly organized by JICA and ADRC. ADRC gave a presentation on "Lessons Learned from Mega Disasters and Implications for the Mainstreaming of DRR."

[Side Event (SE27)]

UN-SPIDER organized a meeting on "Improving DRR Practices Based on Lessons Learned from Major Disasters in Asia: A Space Technology Intervention." ADRC gave a presentation on "The Effective Use of Space-Based Information to Assess Tsunami Impacts: Lessons Learned from the Recent Tsunami in Japan."



● Promoting Cooperation with Member Countries

Urban Search-and-Rescue Training in Singapore

Continued

The Singaporean government holds an annual training course for search and rescue professionals, and over the past nine years, the course has included trainees from outside Singapore. Training is provided on the search-and-rescue expertise required in urban disaster situations. The training facility complex of the Civil Defence Academy (CDA) of the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) is one of the most advanced in Asia. In an effort to utilize Singapore's expertise and facilities, ADRC has been inviting fire fighters and rescuers from member countries to participate in this training course since 2001. In 2012, the course was held from 24 September to 5 October, and was attended two professionals from ADRC member countries Mongolia and Thailand.

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