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● Participation in International Conferences

IRP/ ADRC Attends International Forum on Recovery and Reconstruction Following China's Sichuan Earthquake

The Forum on Post-Disaster Revival and International Disaster Reduction: Experience and Lessons from 5-Year Wenchuan Post-Disaster Reconstruction and Lushan Earthquake Relief, organized by Sichuan University and Hong Kong Polytechnic University, was held in Chengdu, China from 8 to 9 May 2013. A representative from the International Recovery Platform (IRP)

secretariat attended the forum on behalf of the Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC). The forum's more than 300 participants included experts ranging from government officials to academic experts across China.

During the keynote speech, ADRC Senior Expert and IRP Senior Recovery Expert Mr. Shingo Kouchi praised the ability of the Chinese government and people to promote recovery and reconstruction efforts following the Wenchuan Earthquake that struck Sichuan Province in May 2008. Mr. Kouchi also noted that ADRC and IRP have long been involved in facilitating China's efforts to utilize Japanese technologies, experiences, and lessons related to earthquake disaster risk reduction.

Mr. Kouchi also emphasized the importance of everyday preparedness by citizens, in addition to government efforts, when a massive disaster strikes. In this regard, the Lushan Earthquake that occurred in late April showed evidence of the progress that has been made in disaster reduction and preparedness over the past five years.

In commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the Wenchuan Earthquake, the HK PolyU Institute for Disaster Management and Reconstruction (IDMR) has been established at Sichuan University. After the opening ceremony, a signing ceremony of the MoU between ADRC and IDMR was held. Both organizations are committed to promoting the effective disclosure and sharing of information related to disaster prevention and post-disaster reconstruction, developing disaster prevention and post-disaster reconstruction programs, and educating people in the field of disaster prevention and post-disaster reconstruction. They are dedicated to cooperation and mutual participation in the following areas:

- (1) Promoting personnel exchanges among research staff, faculty, and students
- (2) Giving priority to joint research projects to promote collaborative research
- (3) Promoting the sharing of research findings and professional knowledge

ADRC, together with the IDMR, would like to continue to support efforts to strengthen the disaster reduction capabilities of the affected communities. For more information, please contact Mr. Kouchi (kouchi@recoveryplatform.org).



Workshop on Standard Operating Procedures for a Coastal Multi-hazard Early Warning System

ADRC participated in a Workshop on Standard Operating Procedures conducted as part of a project to develop Synergized Standard Operating Procedures (SSOP) for a Coastal Multi-hazard Early Warning System, which was hosted by the Typhoon Committee of UNESCAP and held at the United Nations Conference Center (UNCC) from 8 to 9 May 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand. In the keynote address, ADRC described the local disaster management plans that have been published by Hyogo Prefecture and the City of Kobe and discussed several community-based disaster risk management activities. Other participating member countries presented information on their own early warning systems and reported on existing standard operating procedures. The following were identified as issues needing to be addressed:



- Define a standard operating procedures in the disaster management field
- Differentiate between the early warning system designs adopted in various countries
- Cultivate human resources

More active discussions among all of participants are expected to take place in the future.

●Announcement

A report on the "BCP Status of the SMEs in the Asia-Pacific Region 2012"

The ADRC compiled a report on the "BCP Status of the SMEs in the Asia-Pacific Region 2012." This report summarizes the findings of a 2012 regional survey on the private sector preparedness of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) conducted among APEC economies by the Taiwan Institute of Economic Research (TIER) and supported by the Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC). The report is available on our website (http://www.adrc.asia/publications/bcp/survey_2012.pdf).

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