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ADRC Participates in the 11th Meeting of the Typhoon Committee Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction

Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) participated in the 11th Meeting of Typhoon Committee (TC) Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction (WGDRR) which was jointly organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) TC Secretariat, and the National Disaster Management Research Institute



(NDMI) of the Republic of Korea in Ulsan on 24-27 May 2016. The meeting was attended by 40 people from countries including China, Malaysia, Vietnam, Laos, Hong Kong and the Macao Special Administrative Regions of China, as well as advisors from the Working Group of Meteorology (WGM) and the Working Group of Hydrology (WGH). A summary of the four-day event follows.

Day 1: 24 May

Keynote presentations were given by the TC secretariat and experts from WMO and UNESCAP who have served as advisors for many years on the ongoing implementation of the Synergized Standard Operating Procedure (SSOP-II) for Coastal Multi-Hazard Early Warning System and the strategic plans of the TC. Discussions followed.

Day 2: 25 May

Two meetings were held in tandem: a country report meeting by member countries of the TC, and another meeting of the Advisory Working Group (AWG) attended by advisors of WMO, UNESCAP, WGM, and WGH. In the country report meeting, participant countries presented reports on recent disasters that have occurred in each country, and on initiatives to build a disaster information system that facilitates information collection, reporting, and distribution. ADRC gave a presentation on recent disasters in Japan by focusing on the efforts in Hyogo prefecture related to evacuation warnings issued for sediment disasters caused by typhoons and heavy rain. ADRC also reported on the Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction 2016 and on the Kumamoto Earthquake that occurred in April.

Day 3: 26 May

In the morning, NDMI reviewed the 7 Key Result Areas (KRAs), and gave a briefing on the WGDRR's future Annual Operating Plans (AOPs) and budget based on the recognition that DRR is a cross-cutting issue. This was followed by a discussion. In the afternoon, conference participants visited a shipyard and an automobile manufacturing plant of the Hyundai Group, which conducts business worldwide from its base here in Ulsan.

Day 4: 27 May

The TC Secretariat summarized this WGDRR and participants agreed to continue discussions on the reconsideration of the AOPs and other topics in preparation for the Integrated Workshop, which will be held in the Philippines in October.

Promoting Cooperation with Affiliated Institutions

ADRC Participates in 3rd Earthquake Technology Expo in OSAKA

The 3rd Earthquake Technology Expo was held in OSAKA, on 2-3 June 2016. The Expo attracted more than 10,000 visitors representing private companies and research institutions in the disaster management field.

ADRC hosted a booth to promote its activities. Here we provided the latest disaster information from Asia and highlighted specific disaster risk reduction projects, such as an "Inamura no Hi" project. Visitors asked about past large disasters in the Asian region and within the 30 member countries of ADRC. This Expo was great opportunity to promote interest in ADRC.



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