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Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) conducted the Knowledge Co-Creation Program for disaster management officials from Central Asia and the Caucasus from 27 June to 29 July 2016. This event was conducted in cooperation with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Kansai International Center. Central Asia and the Caucasus frequently experience disasters such as earthquakes and landslides, as well as flash floods and other floods caused by spring snow melts in the mountains. In addition, some of these natural disasters extend across several countries. Promoting regional cooperation on disaster risk reduction in these regions is therefore a significant challenge.



This course aims to convey basic knowledge and experience related to natural disaster management in the participants' countries. Participants were asked to identify a major problem in their own country and to formulate an action plan for addressing it. The course was conducted in Russian for 14 central and local government officials representing six countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan in Central Asia, and Armenia in the Caucasus. Participants attended lectures and visited central and local government agencies, research institutes, private companies, a meteorological organization, and NGOs in order to comprehensively enhance their understanding of disaster management.

Following in the footsteps of last year's participants, they visited the city of Hiroshima and learned about the importance of passing down lessons learned from major disasters to future generations. In addition, they learned about the experience and lessons from the 2014 Hiroshima landslide and visited the construction site of an erosion control dam being built as one of the structural countermeasures. Further, during their Tohoku study tour, they learned about the complex disaster caused by Tsunami and Nuclear accident under the Great East Japan Earthquake. They learned about the disaster, evacuation, and reconstruction while visiting Kawauchi village in Fukushima prefecture.

During their Niigata study tour, they visited the area affected by the Chuetsu Earthquake and learned about earthquake recovery and the landslide and erosion control countermeasures being implemented. In addition, thanks to the cooperation of the Niigata prefectural government and the Snow and Ice Research Center of the National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention, they learned about countermeasures implemented by the Niigata prefectural government for heavy snow regions, and learned a great deal about snow and ice disasters.

It is hoped that the participants will make good use of the knowledge, tools, and methods they learned during this training course to implement various projects and help strengthen the disaster management systems in their home countries. ADRC would like to express its sincerest gratitude to all the organizations that contributed to the success of this course.

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