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● Participation in International Conferences

APEC-related Events

On 20-22 August 2019, ADRC participated in APEC events in Puerto Varas, Chile, including the 13th Senior Disaster Management Officials Forum (SDMOF), the 15th Meeting of the Emergency Preparedness Working Group (EPWG) and related workshops. At the SDMOF, which focused on good practices and possibilities aimed at enhancing the APEC DRR Framework, ADRC Executive Director, Mr. Koji Suzuki, presented an overview of Sentinel Asia and the application of space-based technology to early warning message platforms. In the following EPWG meeting, during which a work plan and new initiatives were discussed, Mr. Suzuki stated that ADRC will commit to providing cooperation for newly approved EPWG projects such as community-based hazard mapping and supporting SMEs.



● Report from ADRC Intern

ADRC Intern, Ms. Tamaki Takai

My name is Tamaki Takai and I am a third year student in the Faculty of Societal Safety Science of Kansai University, studying the fields of disaster prevention and mitigation. As part of my seminar work, I discuss interesting theses and re-examine past disasters. I am interested in disaster risk reduction in Asia because insurance payments in Asia are low despite the fact that Asia is prone to natural disasters. I worked as an intern at ADRC from 19 to 23 August 2019.

During my internship, I updated disaster data and provided support for the Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction 2019 and JICA training



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courses. In addition, I wrote a newsletter article and visited Hyogo Prefectural Government. Through my work to update disaster data in particular, I was able to deepen my understanding of the challenges faced in Asia through looking into enormous amounts of disaster data and using it to create graphs.

Furthermore, I had the opportunity to visit Hyogo Prefectural Government and learn further about the unique efforts taken by the Prefecture.

Overall my one-week internship with ADRC was very rewarding; I learned a lot and discovered new perspectives. Without forgetting this experience, I hope to make good use of it for my studies at university and in the future. I am very grateful to ADRC, the Hyogo Prefectural Government and Kansai University for giving me such a wonderful opportunity.

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