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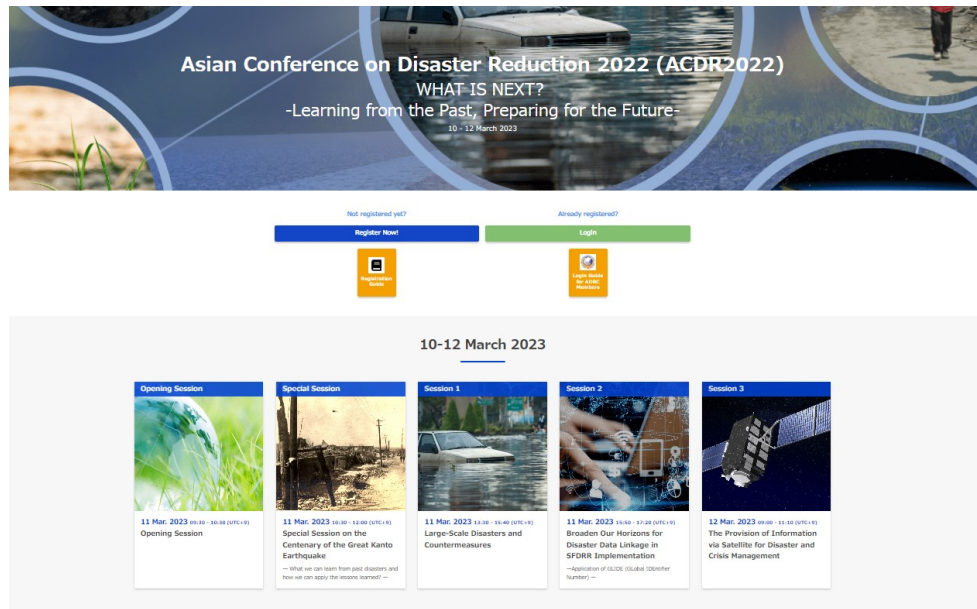
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● Announcement

Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction 2022

As announced previously, Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) will hold the Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction 2022 (ACDR2022) in a hybrid format (in-person and online) this year, after having conducted it in an online-only format for the past two years. We are pleased to announce the latest version of the program agenda. Those wishing to participate in this conference in person or online can register on the website below:

ACDR2022 website: <https://acdr.adrc.asia/meeting/home/acdr2022>



ACDR2022 Website

Date and time

10-12 March 2023

The meeting on 10 March is for member countries only. The event will be open to public starting on 11 March.

Venue

Sendai International Centre
<http://www.aobayama.jp/>
<https://goo.gl/maps/wLDr6wLoKBHFN18u5>

Draft Agenda (as of 28 February 2023)

11 March 2023

Special Session on the Centenary of the Great Kanto Earthquake - What can we learn from past disasters and how can we apply the lessons learned?

Panelists:

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- Prof HAMADA Masanori, Chairman, Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC), Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Science and Engineering, Waseda University
 - Prof ITO Shigeru, President of the ADRC, Professor Emeritus of the University of Tokyo
 - Prof HASEMI Yuji, Professor Emeritus Faculty of Science and Engineering, Waseda University
 - Prof SHIGEKAWA Kishie, Professor Faculty of Social and Environmental Studies, Tokoha University
- Moderator:
- Mr YOSHIMURA Hidemi, Former Chief Commentator, NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation)

Session 1: Large-Scale Disasters and Countermeasures

- Dr SAKAMOTO Mayumi, Professor, Graduate School of Disaster Resilience and Governance, University of Hyogo
- Ms Litea Biukoto, Disaster & Community Resilience Programme, The Pacific Community (SPC) (tbd)
- Dr ARASHIMA Chizu, Professor, International and European Union Law, Faculty of Global Communication, Kobe Gakuin University
- Mr Saleem Shahzad Malik, Director, Disaster Risk Reduction, National Disaster Management Authority, Prime Minister's Office, Pakistan
- Dr Le Minh Nhat, Deputy Director, Department of Natural Disaster Response and Recovery, Viet Nam Disaster Management Authority (VNDMA), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)
- Mr Serik Aubakiro, Acting Director, Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction (CESDRR)

Session 2: Broaden Our Horizons for Disaster Data Linkage in SFDRR Implementation: Application of GLIDE (GLobal IDENTifier Number)

- Mr Julio Serje, Director, RobotSearch Software Inc.
- Mr Rajesh Sharma, Programme Specialist (Global) Disaster Risk Information & Application Crisis Bureau, Bangkok Regional Hub United Nations Development Programme, Bangkok, Thailand
- Mr Demberelnyam Baasansuren, Director, Risk Management Department, National Emergency Management Agency, Mongolia
- Dr Chihun Lee, Senior Research Officer, National Disaster Management Research Institute, Ministry of the Interior and Safety, Republic of Korea
- Dr Animesh Kumar, Head, UNDRR Office in Bonn, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
- Mr Keith Paolo C. Landicho, Disaster Monitoring and Analysis Officer, ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre)
- Dr SHIOMI Yumi, Senior Researcher, ADRC

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Session 3: The Provision of Information via Satellite for Disaster and Crisis Management

- Dr Gerald Potutan, Senior Researcher, ADRC, Visiting Associate Professor, Kobe University
- Mr HONGO Nobuo, Deputy Director, National Space Policy Secretariat, QZSS Strategy Office, Cabinet Office, Japan
- Ms Gou RUNJIE, GIS Engineer, Social Innovation Division, NTT DATA Corporation
- Dr Hasi Bateer, Advanced Technologies Research Laboratory Infrastructure Systems Development Center, Asia Air Survey, Co. Ltd.
- Expert from Fiji (tbd)
- Mr Socheath So, Senior Technical Officer, National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM), Cambodia

All updates will be shared through the ACDR2022 website. We are looking forward to seeing you in Sendai or online soon!

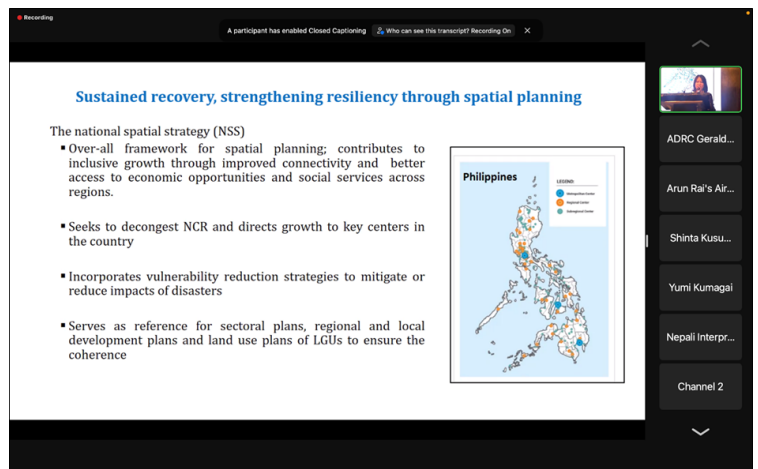
● Participation in International Conferences

The 5th Spatial Planning Platform Meeting (5th SPP)

Addressing the challenges in spatial planning due to increasing natural disasters and climate change was the overarching theme of the 5th Spatial Planning Platform (SPP) meeting held in Kathmandu, Nepal on 2-3 February 2023. ADRC participated in this year's event online.

Since spatial planning is an essential tool in countering unplanned development and rapid urban growth, this planning practice faces inherent challenges such as the growing demand for more space as well as the increasing spatial needs for transportation, infrastructure, housing, landscape, and recreation. In the context of the changing climate, the 5th SPP tackled how to formulate and implement spatial plans that ensure the prudent use of land and natural resources.

The session “Spatial Planning and Territorial Approach for Climate Change Adaptation,” showcased experiences from Bangladesh, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Uganda. In the Philippines, where natural disasters are common, the government adopted an overall framework for spatial planning that contributes to: (1) inclusive growth through improved connectivity and better access to economic opportunities and social services across regions; (2) decongestion of the national capital region (NCR) and efforts to direct growth to key centers in the country; (3) vulnerability reduction strategies to mitigate or reduce impacts of disasters; and (4) the alignment of sectoral plans, regional and local development plans, and local governments' land use plans with the national framework to ensure coherence. Details of the meeting can be accessed online: <https://www.spp-pr.com/conferences/5thMeeting/>



5th SPP

● ADRC Visiting Researcher Report

Ms Thai Minh Huong (Vietnam)

My name is Thai Minh Huong and I am an ADRC Visiting Researcher from Vietnam. Currently, I am the disaster risk management and climate change adaptation expert for the Vietnam Disaster Management Authority of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. I received my Master of Science degree in Technology and Resources Management with a focus on Water Resources Management from the Cologne University of Applied Science in 2013 and a Bachelor's Degree in Business English from the Foreign Trade University in 2007. For the last 17 years, I have pursued a career in the development sector, especially in the field of water resources management, agriculture and rural development, disaster risk management, and climate change adaptation. I have held a variety of roles as consultant, national expert, national coordinator, and government expert in development programs/organizations. In these various roles, I have had hands-on experience in strategic and results-based management, planning, participatory monitoring and evaluation, policy dialogue facilitating, communication, and information management.

I have worked for VNDMA since 2018. VNDMA is the main national organization that deals with disasters in Vietnam. It is also the Standing Office of the National Committee for Disaster Prevention and Control. From its origins 20 years ago as the Department of Dike Management and Flood Control, VNDMA's mandate has widened to cover 22 or so different types of hazards.

As the DRM and CCA Expert at the VNDMA, I have been actively working on international cooperation



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and community-based disaster risk management. I am responsible for coordinating the international donor-funded programs/projects in disaster risk management. I'm also in charge of implementing awareness raising, capacity building, and communication activities. With 17 years of experience in this field, I understand that the community plays a central role in disaster response, and that by equipping them with sufficient knowledge and skills, we can minimize the damage and losses caused by disasters.

Like Vietnam, Japan is also prone to disasters. However, Japan has shown strong resilience in coping with disasters by applying modern technologies, good governance, and effective international cooperation. I also learned that Japan is famous for the Bokomi model that promotes a community-based approach to reducing disaster risks.

Thanks to the ADRC Visiting Researcher Program, I have a chance to witness how Japan deals with disaster risks. By taking the program activities, I can update my knowledge and skills, and learn best practices in community-based disaster risk management. After my time in Japan, when I return to Vietnam, I am excited to be able to share my new knowledge with my colleagues and practice what I have learned in my own country.

Lastly, I would like to express my sincere thanks to my ADRC colleagues for their help and support during my stay in Japan.

Ms Sophita Thanyalakmetha (Thailand)

My name is Sophita Thanyalakmetha, and my nickname is Bow (in reference to a bow hair tie). I am a Visiting Researcher at ADRC from Thailand. Since 2015, I have been working as a Plan and Policy Analyst for the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM), Ministry of Interior, which is the central government unit that conducts all activities related to national disaster prevention and mitigation in Thailand. I started working in the Research and International Cooperation Bureau to facilitate ASEAN cooperation on disaster risk management and to promote coordination between ASEAN stakeholders and relevant organizations in Thailand on the implementation of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) Work Programme, especially the Working Group on Prevention and Mitigation.

After four years in the Research and International Cooperation Bureau, I moved to the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Policy Division, which is another division in the DDPM. I am part of a team that is developing and implementing the National Risk Management Plan and driving the National Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Committee to reduce the risk of disasters in Thailand.

I am interested in participating in the ADRC Visiting Researcher Program because I would like to learn about disaster risk reduction in Japan including local level DRR plans that can be applied to the disaster risk management mechanism of Thailand for resilience and sustainability.

Finally, I would like to express my deep appreciation to all the staff of ADRC for supporting and helping me through the program.

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