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## ● Announcement

### Register for the ADRC Online Tsunami Seminar, 15 November 2023

Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) will hold this year's Online Tsunami Seminar on 15 November 2023 on the theme of "State and Challenges of Community-Based Tsunami Preparedness." The seminar will encourage discussions among participants on the progress and challenges in tsunami preparedness, highlighting the experiences from Japan, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam.

- ADRC Online Tsunami Seminar 2023  
"State and Challenges of Community-Based Tsunami Preparedness"
- Date and Time  
14:00-15:30, 15 November 2023 (JST, UTC+9)
- Website  
<https://www.adrc.asia/acdr/2023tsunami.php>
- Zoom Registration  
<https://bit.ly/TsunamiSeminar>

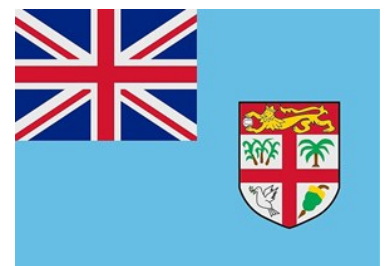
**ADRC Online Tsunami Seminar**  
"State and Challenges of Community-Based Tsunami Preparedness"  
15 November 2023

			
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For details and registration, kindly click on the above-mentioned website link. We look forward to meeting you online!

### ADRC Welcomes a New Member: Republic of Fiji

In response to their application to join a member of ADRC, ADRC has welcomed Republic of Fiji as the 32nd ADRC member country as of 1 October 2023. ADRC anticipates that the active participation of the Republic of Fiji will add to the enhancement of ADRC's activities.



## **Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction 2023 was successfully held**

The Asian Disaster Risk Reduction Conference 2023 (ADRC 2023) was held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, on 20 October 2023. The conference was originally scheduled to take place in Tajikistan in 2020, but was postponed due to the spread of COVID-19.

The conference, entitled “Effective Implementation of DRR Measures — Enabling Digital Transformation in DRR,” was organised in collaboration with the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan (CoES) and the Cabinet Office of Japan. The onsite venue was lively with participants including officials from 17 Member Countries, members of CoES and many other international organisations, research institutions and NGOs. We had 111 viewers joining the conference online including participants from 7 Member Countries, as well as others from a wide range of affiliations including academic and media institutes.

Detailed results of each session and links of the recording of the conference will be provided in the next issue. We would like to thank the Government of Tajikistan for co-hosting this conference and all the participants for your active participation.



ACDR2023 Participants

## **● Promoting Cooperation with Affiliated Institutions**

### **Study Visit in Affected Areas of Türkiye Earthquake (Hyogo Prefecture Türkiye Earthquake Recovery and Reconstruction Support Project)**

ADRC visited Türkiye from 24 September to 2 October 2023, staying six days in Türkiye, to study the state of their recovery in field of education in areas affected by the Türkiye-Syria Earthquake that occurred in February 2023. This study was supported by the “Hyogo Prefecture Türkiye Earthquake Recovery and Reconstruction Support Project” and conducted in collaboration with Mr SUWA Seiji, Visiting Professor, University of Hyogo. In addition, Dr Emin Özdamar of the Turkish Japanese Foundation greatly cooperated in this project.

The delegation visited schools that were



Workshop (Hatay Province)

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damaged by the earthquake in the Province of Gaziantep, Kahramanmaraş, and Hatay, and had interviews regarding school education and the situations of teachers and children after the earthquake. Workshops were also conducted with education communities to share the experiences of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake and the Great East Japan Earthquake, including the response of the actual education sites and the recovery efforts they have made.

It seemed that the teachers were still in deep grief from the earthquake but they were working hard to reopen schools, continue education, and care for children. The Ministry of National Education (MoNE) has been providing mental health and psychosocial support for teachers and children by dispatching specialists and holding seminars for teachers, however, for a long-term recovery, continuous supports for teachers and children in schools are necessary. Moreover, reconsideration of future disaster education based on the experience of this earthquake is also essential. ADRC will create opportunities to share experiences of disasters between Türkiye and Japan through communication exchanges with teachers and children.

**● Participation in International Conferences****8th Joint Project Team Meeting (JPTM) and 29th Session of the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF-29)**

The 8th Joint Project Team Meeting was held from 17 to 18 September 2023 in Jakarta, Indonesia as well as the 29th Session of the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF) held from 19 to 22 September 2023 following JPTM. APRSAF was co-organized by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), and the National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) of Indonesia.

ADRC participated in both conferences, and reported on Sentinel Asia's activities. On 17 September, ADRC participated in a panel discussion and reported on the situations of Sentinel Asia's emergency observation requests (EOR) and end-user feedbacks on the various data provided to them in time of disaster. On 18 September, ADRC joined the organization reports session and introduced about the Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) which is an EOR manual being developed in member countries and region of Sentinel Asia.

ADRC will continue to actively participate in activities related to the utilization of space technology in the field of disaster prevention.



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