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● Announcement

ADRC Welcomes a New Member: Brunei Darussalam

In response to an application from Brunei Darussalam to become a member, Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) has welcomed them as the 33rd ADRC member country as of 1 May 2024.

ADRC anticipates that the active participation of Brunei Darussalam will further enhance ADRC's activities.



● Promoting Cooperation with Affiliated Institutions

7th ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) + Japan Meeting

The 7th ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) + Japan Meeting was held on 9 May 2024 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei. As a part of the program, Mr SASAHARA Akio, Executive Director of ADRC, gave presentations on the final outcome of two projects: "Promotion of Database Linkage and Capacity Enhancement through Utilisation of GLIDE" and "Pilot Project on Utilisation of State-of-the-Art Communication Technologies for CBDRM and Disaster Emergency Management," which were implemented to promote the "ASEAN-Japan Work Plan on Disaster Management 2021-2025." Regarding the CBDRM activities, the delegates from Malaysia, the target country of the project, expressed their gratitude for its successful completion. Additionally, proposals for the intended next phase of these projects were explained. In the meeting, there were also reports on the progress of various activities of the ASEAN-Japan Disaster Risk Reduction Action Plan. Furthermore, ADRC participated in a field visit held on the last day, which facilitated interaction among the meeting participants.

Side Meetings with Representatives of Member Countries and Relevant Organisations

As Brunei, the host country of the ACDM + Japan Meeting, officially became a member of ADRC on 1 May 2024, a meeting was held with the Director of Brunei's National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) to discuss future cooperation activities. We also had meetings with representatives from Malaysia, the ASEAN Secretariat, and the AHA Centre.



(Left) ADRC Executive Director Mr SASAHARA at ACDM + Japan Meeting, (Right) Commemorative photo with Brunei NDMC

7th GLIDE Steering Committee Meeting

The 7th GLIDE Steering Committee Meeting was held online on 13 June 2024. A total of 15 participants from the Steering Committee member organizations discussed the annual priority activities and agreed to have closer communication among the three Subcommittees (API, SOP, and Product Development) to facilitate the integration of GLIDE functionalities. They also shared recent activities relevant to GLIDE application, including a presentation from ADRC on GLIDE utilisation in an ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee project.

● Participation in International Conferences

Participation in the TCS-UNDRR Inter-Regional Dialogue 2024

ADRC participated in the Inter-Regional Dialogue 2024, with the theme “Tools and Technologies for Multi-Hazard Risk Assessment and Early Warning: Sharing Experience among Countries in the Asia Pacific Region,” held on 27-29 May 2024 in Incheon, Republic of Korea. This event was jointly organized by the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS) and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction Office for Northeast Asia & Global Education and Training Institute (UNDRR ONEA & GETI) in support of the Early Warnings for All initiative, which the UN Secretary-General launched in 2022 to ensure a universal coverage of early warning systems by 2027.



TCS-UNDRR Inter-Regional Dialogue 2024

In this dialogue, participants from the trilateral cooperating countries China, Japan, and Korea (CJK) shared their respective experiences, tools, and technologies on multi-hazard early warning systems (MHEWS) with other countries in Asia-Pacific region, including Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, East Timor, and Viet Nam as well as Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Kazakhstan.

The common MHEWS issues in these countries are: 1) warning information is not targeted to specific communities-at-risk; 2) warning information dissemination is usually one-way communication, and there is no feedback on whether the communities-at-risk have successfully evacuated; and 3) different warning agencies maintain their own databases that need to be integrated to achieve reliable forecast and warning.

Japan made two presentations at the plenary. One concerned the “QZSS DC Report,” an early warning message dissemination service of Japan using the “Michibiki” satellites system known as “Quasi-Zenith Satellites System,” presented by Mr Gerry Potutan, senior researcher at ADRC. The other concerned the “Nankai Trough Earthquake Warning Information,” delivered by Mr UMETSU Togo, Policy Office International Cooperation Division Disaster Management Bureau, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan.

This inter-regional dialogue facilitated greater regional collaboration in terms of: 1) available MHEWS tools and technologies; 2) effective practices for risk reduction among disaster-prone countries in relation to early warning; and 3) community-level capacity development in disaster risk reduction between Northeast Asia and other sub-regions of the Asia Pacific region.

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