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## ● Promoting Cooperation with Member Countries

### 5-Day Japan Visit by the Vietnam Disaster and Dyke Management Authority (VDDMA)

On 25-29 May 2025, a delegation from Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) counterpart the Vietnam Disaster and Dyke Management Authority (VDDMA) visited Japan to learn about Japan's disaster risk reduction (DRR) efforts through a five-day programme. The delegation consisted of five senior officials and one private sector representative. At the request of VDDMA, the ADRC provided advice on the overall programme design, coordinated visits to various organisations, and accompanied the delegation throughout the visit.



Visit to WeatherNews Inc.

Vietnam is one of the countries in the Asia-Pacific region at the greatest risk of natural hazard. Its eastern coastline, stretching around 3,260 kilometres, is constantly exposed to hydro-meteorological hazards such as typhoons, heavy rainfall, floods, landslides, and storm surges. In September 2024, Typhoon Yagi caused severe damage, claiming approximately 300 lives.

In response to such challenges, VDDMA has implemented various DRR measures, but many issues still remain. In particular, disaster awareness and preparedness among local residents in remote and high-risk areas is insufficient, and community-level efforts based on scientific knowledge are ineffective. Furthermore, early warning systems for sudden disasters such as flash floods and landslides have not been adequately developed in a way that is accessible to local communities.

To address these challenges, the programme was organised with the aim of learning from Japan's practical experiences in disaster risk management.

During the visit, the delegation received lectures from the Cabinet Office and the ADRC, and visited facilities such as the Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution (DRI), the Sona Area Tokyo (also known as the Tokyo Rinkai Disaster Prevention Park), and the Kyoto City Disaster Prevention Center to deepen their understanding of disaster awareness and education in Japan. They also visited the Construction Technology Pavilion (MLIT Kanto Regional Development Bureau) and Weathernews Inc., and received a lecture from Geosphere Environmental Technology Corp., thereby gaining a broader knowledge of Japan's diverse DRR technologies.



(Left) DRM Training at Kyoto City Disaster Prevention Center, (Right) Workshop at DRI

## ● Participation in International Conferences

### **The 8th Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction and Side Meetings**

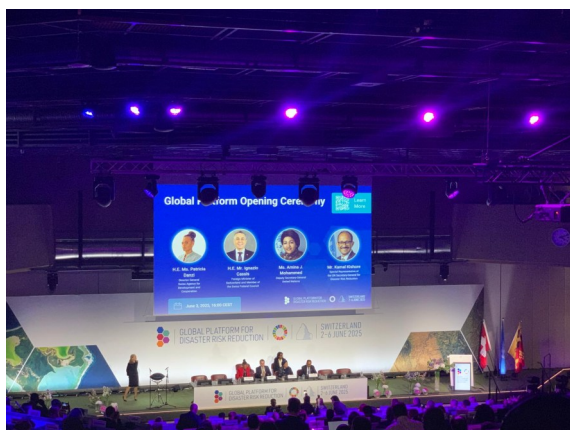
The 8th Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP) was held in Geneva, Switzerland from 2 to 6 June 2025. The event was co-chaired by the Government of Switzerland and the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR). ADRC participated in the meeting and took the opportunity to hold discussions with member countries and GLIDE project stakeholders.

The 8th GP was held under the overall theme of 'Every Day Counts, Act for Resilience Today,' aiming to accelerate further efforts toward achieving the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) at a pivotal point two years after the mid-term review of the SFDRR and with five years remaining until 2030. The week prior to the GP, a disaster struck the village of Blatten in the Swiss canton of Valais, which was buried by a landslide caused by a glacier collapse. This reaffirmed the urgency of responding to climate change and the importance of early warning systems.

During the GP, ADRC attended meetings and Ignite Stages hosted by the Japanese government, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) and other related organisations, and also held discussions with participating member countries.

During discussions with member countries, the ADRC met with Major General Ariunbuyan Gombojav, Chief of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) of Mongolia, and Mr Baasansuren Demberelynam, Director of Disaster Risk Management Department and former ADRC Visiting Researcher, to commend the DRR cooperation between Mongolia and the ADRC to date and confirm further strengthening of the relationship in the future.

Additionally, during the Ignite Stage session, JAXA introduced Sentinel Asia, and the Cabinet Office of Japan announced that the next Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction will be held in Sendai City in autumn 2027.



GP Opening Ceremony



Meeting with NEMA Mongolia

### **GLIDE Joint Subcommittee Meeting**

The GLIDE Joint Subcommittee Meeting was held on 4 June 2025 in Geneva, Switzerland. The GLIDE Steering Committee has three Subcommittees: API, New Product Developments, and SOPs, and the purpose of this meeting was for these committees to jointly discuss the future development of tools. In a hybrid format, nine members gathered for a technical discussion on benefits and challenges regarding GLIDE's collaboration with other institutions. The participants agreed to meet and work together toward the completion of the tools at the 11 June Steering Committee meeting and periodically in the future.

GLIDE Joint Subcommittee Meeting



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