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● Announcement

ADRC Online Tsunami Seminar 2025

As announced in the previous issue, this year's ADRC's Online Tsunami Seminar will be held at 15:00 – 16:15 (JST, UTC+9) on 30 September 2025.

Theme: Escaping from tsunami and mitigating its impact

Agenda:

- 15:00 Introduction
by Dr Gerald Potutan, Senior Researcher, Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC)/Visiting Associate Professor, Kobe University
- 15:05 Overview of Tsunami Preparedness within Multi-hazard Context
by Ms Temily Baker, Programme Management Officer, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP)
- 15:20 Operation L!STO: Disaster Preparedness Manual for Tsunami
by Mr John Kien D. Develos, Local Government Operations Officer IV, Local Governance Training and Development Division, DILG-Local Government Academy, Philippines
- 15:35 DRR efforts at local level for the next Earthquake and Tsunami - Comparison between Japan and Indonesia -
by Dr IKEDA Makoto, Senior Researcher, ADRC/Visiting Associate Professor, Kobe University
- 15:50 Discussion
- 16:10 Closing remarks & wrap-up
by Mr SASAHARA Akio, Executive Director, ADRC

For details, visit the special web page for the Online Tsunami Seminar:
<https://www.adrc.asia/acdr/2025tsunami.php>

To participate, please pre-register for the Zoom Webinar using the registration form below:

Registration: <https://bit.ly/TsunamiSeminar2025>

We look forward to your participation!



ADRC Online Tsunami Seminar 2025

ACDR2025 to be Held in Japan in December 2025

This fiscal year's Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction (ACDR) will be held in Tokyo, Japan on 17-19 December 2025. The theme of ACDR2025 is "Forging Resilience Together: Toward a Sustainable Society Prepared for Mega-Disasters." The conference will be hosted by the Cabinet Office, Government of Japan, and held in a hybrid format.

Further details will be announced in this newsletter in due course. Please also refer to the following ACDR2025 website.



ACDR2025 Website: <https://acdr.adrc.asia/home/acdr2025>

● Promoting Cooperation with Affiliated Institutions

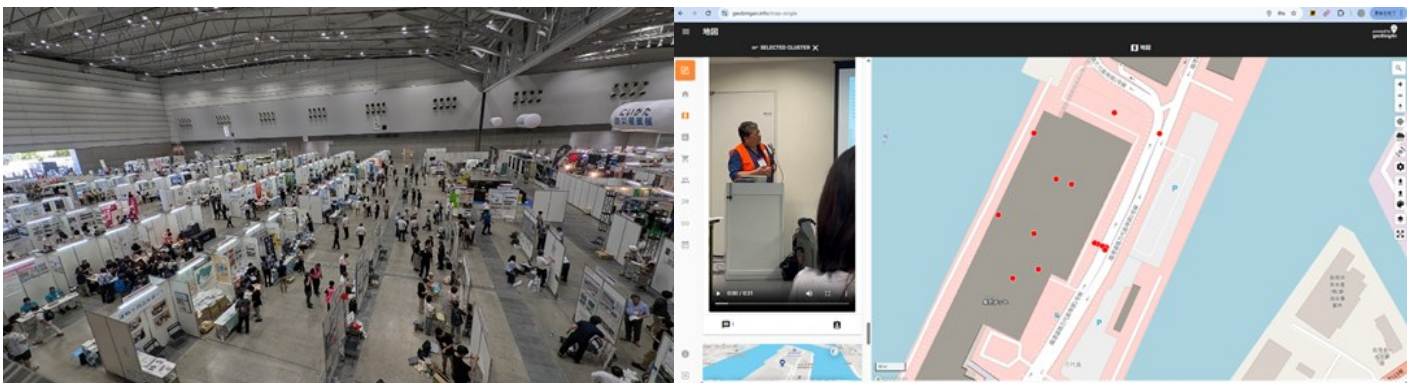
Dissemination of ADRC Activities at BOSAI Kokutai 2025 and Yamanashi Disaster Preparedness & Resilience Festival

ADRC Showcases Multi-Purpose DRM App at BOSAI Kokutai 2025

ADRC hosted a workshop on 7 September 2025 at Toki Messe in Niigata City, introducing a disaster risk management (DRM) app jointly developed with the Mount Fuji Research Institute. The workshop was part of BOSAI Kokutai 2025 (Japan's National disaster risk reduction (DRR)/DRM Exhibition), one of Japan's largest DRR/DRM events, held on 6 – 7 September 2025. The event featured 472 exhibitors and attracted approximately 19,000 visitors from across the country over two days.

The app is integrated with the widely used LINE messaging platform in Japan, enabling users to receive alerts and evacuation information during emergencies. It also allows them to report local damage, request supplies, and share photos with location data, giving HQs the ability to quickly assess on-the-ground conditions.

Although originally designed for volcanic hazards, the app can also be applied to other disasters such as earthquakes and floods, which Niigata has experienced in the past. Participant comments at the workshop included "It's easy to use since I can communicate on LINE, which I already use every day" and "It's great that it can be applied to different types of disasters."



(Left) Overview of booth displays at BOSAI Kokutai 2025, (right) Photos and location data submitted by participants via the app

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The initiative demonstrated how residents and visitors alike can actively engage in disaster preparedness and response using familiar digital tools, marking a step forward in strengthening community resilience.

Volcanic Disaster App Demonstrated at Yamanashi Disaster Preparedness & Resilience Festival

On 13 September 2025, ADRC showcased the DRM app jointly developed with the Mount Fuji Research Institute at the Yamanashi Disaster Preparedness & Resilience Festival, held at the north exit of Kofu Station, Yamanashi Prefecture. The festival brought together 47 organisations under the theme of DRR/DRM, with interactive exhibits to raise awareness among visitors.

The app uses the familiar LINE messaging platform to deliver disaster alerts and evacuation information. It also allows users to send reports of damage or requests for supplies, along with photos tagged with location data, enabling disaster response headquarters to grasp local conditions sooner.

The app was also introduced the previous week at BOSAI Kokutai 2025 in Niigata, where it was highlighted as a practical tool adaptable not only for volcanic hazards but also for earthquakes and floods. At the Kofu event, visitors tested the app and commented, "It's good that foreign users can also use WhatsApp instead of LINE," and "The fact that location data is attached is very important."

By presenting the system in Yamanashi, the initiative highlighted how everyday digital tools can help communities prepare for disasters, linking advanced technology with local participation.



ADRC's exhibition booth

JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program: Disaster Risk Reduction for Sustainability and Resilience (African Region) JFY2025

The JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program "Disaster Risk Reduction for Sustainability and Resilience (African Region)" was conducted from 8 June to 5 August 2025, with the cooperation of JICA Kansai. It was conducted in a hybrid format, with both online and in-person programs in Japan. Eight government officials attended the course from seven countries: Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, and Sudan.

The course aims to assist participants to formulate and implement local DRR plans to promote disaster reduction measures in their home country. The participants attended lectures, joined site visits and took part in a Town Watching activity. They also participated in exercises to formulate a draft local DRR plan. ADRC would like to express its sincere gratitude to all the supporting organisations and universities for their cooperation in conducting the course.



Discussion about Town Watching with Dr Ogawa, Executive Secretary of ADRC

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