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● Announcement

Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction 2025 to be Held in Tokyo

As announced in the previous issue, the Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction 2025 (ACDR2025) will be held in Tokyo, Japan from 17 to 19 December 2025, hosted by the Cabinet Office of Japan.

This year's theme is 'Forging Resilience Together: Toward a Sustainable Society Prepared for Mega-Disasters.'

The draft conference agenda is as follows.

Agenda (Tentative)

Day 1: 17 December 2025 (Wed)

- Opening Ceremony
- Panel Discussion
- Country Roundtable 1
- Session 1

Day 2: 18 December 2025 (Thu)

- Country Roundtable 2
- Session 2
- Closing Session

Day 3: 19 December 2025 (Fri)

- Field trip (by invitation only)

ACDR2025 will be held in a hybrid format.

For further details regarding the conference, please visit the ACDR2025 website below. We look forward to your participation!



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

● Promoting Cooperation with Affiliated Institutions

ADRC Online Tsunami Seminar 2025

Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) held an online Tsunami Seminar on 30 September 2025 to provide information on recent development and guidance on

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tsunami preparedness at the regional, national/local, and community levels.

At the regional level, 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)) reported how far the Asia-Pacific region has progressed in the last two decades since the Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Tsunami, Disaster, and Climate Preparedness was established following the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami. Among the most notable progress that she mentioned was the advancement of the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System and the Tsunami Ready initiative.

At the national/local level, Mr Kien Develos (Local Government Operations Officer IV, Local Governance Training and Development Division, DILG-Local Government Academy, Philippines) introduced the Operation L!STO: Disaster Preparedness Manual for Tsunami – a tool that guides local officials of the Minimum Critical Action (e.g., pre-emptive evacuation after detecting a distant tsunami) in the event of imminent tsunami disaster. The Local Government Academy supports building the institutional capacity of local governments in tsunami preparedness.

At the community level, Dr IKEDA Makoto (Senior Researcher, ADRC) shared two case studies showing some practical tsunami preparedness activities. In the case of Hirono Town (Iwate, Japan), the community updates tsunami hazard maps, maintains evacuation routes, and stockpiles emergency supplies. In the case of Sukabumi (West Java, Indonesia), the community maintains awareness-raising activities, including tsunami warning signs near the coast, direction of evacuation routes, and tsunami information materials at mosques and schools.

In his synopsis, Mr SASAHARA Akio (Executive Director, ADRC) emphasised the importance of having a legal basis for implementing tsunami preparedness activities to ensure order and sustainability. At the closing, Mr Gerald Potutan (Senior Researcher, ADRC), who moderated the event, said that "it is essential to continue sharing information and experiences on tsunami to inform our risk reduction efforts." A recording of the webinar is accessible online.



Speakers of ADRC Online Tsunami Seminar 2025

Website for the ADRC Online Tsunami Seminar 2025: <https://www.adrc.asia/acdr/2025tsunami.php>

The JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program "Disaster Risk Reduction for Sustainability and Resilience"

ADRC conducted a JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program "Disaster Risk Reduction for Sustainability and Resilience" from 17 June to 6 August 2025, in cooperation with JICA Kansai. Six government officials from six countries: India, Kenya, Morocco, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Türkiye participated in the course, where they learned how to formulate and implement local DRR plans to promote DRR measures in their

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respective countries.

The program was delivered in a hybrid format: participants first attended online sessions, followed by an in-person program in Japan. During the one-month program in Japan, the participants visited Hyogo, Tokyo, Miyagi, and Iwate prefectures, where they joined site visits and attended lectures given by officials and experts from the Cabinet Office, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, local governments, and other relevant organisations. These sessions provided insights into Japan's experiences and initiatives in DRR. In addition, the participants discussed budgetary and policy challenges in their own countries and explored ways to collaborate with other organisations to advance DRR. At the end of the course, they presented draft local DRR plans that they had developed through the program.



Site visit to learn about earthquake countermeasures for water supply infrastructure (Kobe City Waterworks Bureau)

The JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program "Investing and Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction for Sustainability and Resilience"

ADRC conducted a JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program "Investing and Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction for Sustainability and Resilience" from 3 to 27 September 2025, with the cooperation of JICA Kansai. Six government officials and experts from four countries: Bangladesh, Egypt, Mongolia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, participated in the course, learning about disaster countermeasures in Japan and the importance of investment in disaster risk management.

The first week of the course consisted of online lectures, and in the latter two weeks, face-to-face programs were conducted in Japan. The programs in Japan included lectures at DRR-related organisations in Tokyo, Gifu, and Hyogo prefectures.

Participants learned, for example, about disaster prevention measures and water supply responses in preparation for emergencies from the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Waterworks Bureau. During an inspection of the Edogawa Ward area, they toured facilities related to actual flood control measures. They participated actively in the programs, considering how to apply what they learned from this course to their future work and DRR measures in their home countries.

ADRC would like to express its sincere gratitude to all the supporting organisations and universities for their cooperation in conducting the course.



Measures against water-related disasters in Edogawa Ward

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