

1-2. Composition

At the onset, the ADRC had 22 member countries, 4 advisor countries and an observer organization. Later Armenia joined in August 2000 followed by Kyrgyz Republic in July 2002 bringing the number of member countries up to 24. In March 2004, the USA joined as the 5th advisor country to the ADRC.

1-3. Activities

1-3-1. Basic Activities

The ADRC is engaged in the following basic activities:

- (1) Information Sharing
 - ① Provision of disaster information through its website.
 - ② Promotion of GLObal unique disaster IDentifier (GLIDE) number system,
 - ③ Organization of international meetings

- (2) Human Resources Development
 - ① Organization of seminars, workshops and training on disaster reduction, and
 - ② Acceptance of visiting researchers from member countries

- (3) Building Community Capabilities
 - ① Development and distribution of tools for encouraging community involvement, and
 - ② Assistance to the activities of the Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network (ADRRN)

1-3-2. Past Activities

It is of utmost importance to establish cooperative relationships with concerned nations and organizations. The purpose of this is to gather extensive and accurate data on disaster reduction and to disseminate it across the Asian region.

With this in mind, the Center has actively attended relevant international conferences, visited various countries to conduct surveys, and welcomed organizations and individuals for tours and study programs. Since 1999, the Center has held an ADRC international meeting every year for member countries, advisor countries and international organizations such as the UN. The 7th ADRC International Meeting was held in Kobe as the side event to the United Nations World Conference on Disaster Reduction in January 2005 (described later).

The ADRC has also been enhancing its information services that were launched in the year of its establishment to provide accurate and extensive information on disasters around the world. The ADRC continues to build a publicly-accessible database of disaster reduction systems and other relevant information (described later) provided by member countries at past international meetings.

Through these activities, the ADRC has gained recognition in international circles. In fact, the ADRC was named as one of the ten success stories at the IDNDR Programme Forum in Geneva, Switzerland, in July 1999, held to mark the end of the 10-year-long international disaster reduction effort.

Furthermore, in February 2000, the ADRC launched a joint international project in cooperation with the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), aimed at reinforcing disaster management in the Asian region by building a cooperative framework for disaster response. As part of this initiative, the OCHA set up the Asian Disaster Response Unit within the office of the ADRC and assigned an advisor on disaster response to head up the Unit. The two organizations are sharing information and working closely together to promote activities.

The ADRC promoted human resources development to improve disaster response capabilities in the Asian region by jointly sponsoring with the OCHA the Asian Meeting for "Total Disaster Risk Management (TDRM)" (held in Kobe, August, 2002) and the "UN Disaster

Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) Asia Induction Course” (March, 2003).

In August 2001, OCHA's ReliefWeb was set up to provide humanitarian and disaster relief information worldwide over the Internet. These activities set up to promote information sharing in the Asia-Pacific region have contributed to strengthening disaster management, emergency aid and humanitarian support.

At the Canberra Conference of the Global Disaster Information Network (GDIN) held in March 2001, the ADRC made a proposal to introduce a standardized ID number for disasters worldwide (GLIDE), which is now being jointly developed and promoted with ReliefWeb and the Center for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters of Louvain Catholic University (CREDE) in Brussels, Belgium, as a means to effectively utilize disaster information archived around the world. The ADRC continues to contribute to sharing disaster reduction information on a global basis.

Since 2002, when the ADRC was designated as an Inter-Agency Task Force member of the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR), it has been actively supporting ISDR activities. The ADRC attended the preparatory meetings for the “World Summit on Sustainable Development” held in Cambodia (November, 2001) and Indonesia (May, 2002) and contributed to the effort to include an item concerning “disaster reduction” in the political declaration of the Johannesburg Summit.

At the “3rd World Water Forum (March, 2003)”, the ADRC jointly convened a session with the ISDR Secretariat under the theme “Living with Risk - towards effective disaster reduction”, which illustrates close coordination with the ISDR Secretariat in contributions toward the implementation of international disaster reduction strategies.

Moreover, in October 2003, March and August 2004, the ADRC together with the United Nation University, the Japanese Government, and the UN/ISDR co-organized public forums on International Cooperation in Disaster under the themes of “earthquake disaster risk reduction”, “catastrophic flood disaster mitigation” and “recovery from catastrophic disasters (including UNDP as co-organizer)”.

In addition, the ADRC has accepted 25 visiting researchers from member countries to provide them with knowledge and training on disaster reduction and cooperation with a view to improve disaster preparedness in Asia.

Table 1-3-2-1 <Major Activities>

Jul. 30, 1998	Opening ceremony of ADRC at IHD Center Bldg. Attended by approx. 150 individuals.
Sep. 1, 1998	Launched worldwide disaster information bulletin.
Oct. 1998- Mar. 1999	Visit to Member Countries. (Korea, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Thailand, Russia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and China)
Nov. 7, 1998	Visited by Bangladeshi Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Abdus Samad Azad.
Nov. 9-13, 1998	Participated in a WHO international workshop for intensified emergency response, in the Western Pacific Region (Manila, Philippines).
Dec. 1, 1998	Launched a database of disaster reduction and human resources. <Approx. 1,400 experts from 51 countries were registered.>
Feb. 15, 1999	ADRC International Symposium at Hyogo House. <Attended by approx. 250 representatives, from 21 countries. >
Feb. 16-18, 1999	Held the ADRC International Meeting at IHD Center Bldg, Kobe, Japan. <Attended by approx. 30 representatives from 21 countries and 1 organization.>
Feb. 23-26, 1999	Attended the ESCAP-IDNDR Regional Meeting for Asia (Bangkok, Thailand).
Mar. 18, 1999	Visited by the Director of the IDNDR Secretariat, Mr. Philippe L. Boulle.
May-Jul. 1999	Databases of Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, and comprehensive information on disaster reduction by countries (including trainings, disaster management systems) were made available on the Internet.

Jul. 5-9, 1999	Participated in the IDNDR Programme Forum (Geneva, Switzerland). <Introductory presentation on ADRC's establishment and activities as Success Stories, and coordination of a session on "Information Technology for Assessment and Simulation Capacities.">
Jul. 12-16, 1999	Visit to Advisor Countries (Switzerland and France), UN/OCHA, IDNDR Secretariat (Geneva, Switzerland), Center for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED).
Jul. 23, 1999	Launched a visiting researcher invitation program from member countries. <Korea, Vietnam, Nepal and Indonesia.>
Sep. 23, 1999	Launched a joint project with the government of Papua New Guinea . <To raise Tsunami risk awareness.>
Sep. 29-Oct. 4, 1999	Participation in a relief team sent to Taiwan after the Sep. 1999 earthquake.
Nov. 5, 1999	Exchanged a Memorandum of Understanding on disaster information collection with CRED.
Dec. 6-8, 1999	2nd ADRC International Meeting at IHD Center Bldg Kobe, Japan. <Attended by approx. 36 representatives from 24 countries and 4 organizations. >
Jan. 13, 2000	Participated in the World Bank meeting (Paris, France).
Feb. 7, 2000	Inaugural ceremony for the Asian Disaster Response Unit of the UN/OCHA.
Apr. 26-29, 2000	Participated in the 3rd International GDIN Conference (Ankara). <Introductory presentation on ADRC activities, and the VENTEN system.>
May. 3-4, 2000	Visit to the NSSP of the Republic of Armenia. <Received the request for ADRC membership. >
Aug. 31-Sep. 4, 2000	Participated in Disaster Prevention Fair 2000 in Kobe
Oct. 24-27, 2000	Participated in SAGIP 2000 (Manila, Philippines). <Report on disaster reduction information sharing amongst ADRC member countries.>
Dec. 5-7, 2000	3rd ADRC International Meeting at IHD Center Bldg Kobe, Japan. <Attended by approx. 40 representatives from 26 countries and 6 organizations. >
Dec. 8, 2000	Co-hosted the Asian Regional Forum on Disaster Reduction in Tokyo with the Cabinet Office, Japan.
Jan. 2001	Participated in Disaster Prevention Technology Exhibition in Kobe.
Feb. 5-6, 2001	Co-hosted World Disaster Reduction Conference 2001 at Awaji Yume Butai International Hall with the Cabinet Office of Japan.
Mar. 20-23, 2001	Participated in GDIN 2001 (Canberra, Australia). <Report on VENTEN, and proposal of the Unique ID Project, which was agreed by the participants.>
Apr. 14-27, 2001	Participated in a Japanese government mission to survey earthquake damage. <In Gujarat, India>
Jun. 4-8, 2001	Co-organized a multinational mission (composed of ADRC member countries) with Indian government to assess earthquake damage in Gujarat, India.
Jun. 18-23, 2001	Participated in an international conference on disaster reduction sponsored by the WHO Western Pacific Regional Office. <Launched a joint project on the WHO's Health Mapper and the ADRC's "VENTEN".>
Jun. 28-29, 2001	Participated in the APDIN Working Group Meeting (Bangkok, Thailand).
Jun. 28, 2001	Exchanged a Memorandum of Understanding with the ADPC (Bangkok, Thailand) .
Jul. 4-6, 2001	Co-organized the Consultative Meeting on Regional Cooperation in Natural Disasters with the UN/OCHA Kobe in Katmandu, Nepal.
Aug. 16, 2001	Opening of the UN/OCHA ReliefWeb office in Kobe.
Aug. 16, 2001	Visited by the UN Under-secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Relief Coordinator, Mr. Kenzo Oshima.
Aug. 28, 2001	Visited by the Philippine Chairman of the National Disaster Coordinating Council and Secretary of National Defense, Mr. Angelo T. Reyes.

Aug. 27, 2001	Organized a GIS International Symposium in Kobe, Japan.
Oct. 4-5, 2001	Participated in an expert meeting for the development of ISDR global review of disaster reduction initiatives (Geneva, Switzerland).
Oct. 6-20, 2001	Co-organized an urban search and rescue training in cooperation with the Singapore Civil Defence Force (Singapore).
Nov. 6, 2001	Participated in the 1st International Seminar on Disaster Prevention (Seoul, Korea). <Keynote address delivered by the Deputy Executive Director, Mr. Satoru Nishikawa.>
Nov. 13-15, 2001	Attended the meeting of Japan-US Space, Technology and Space Applications Program (JUSTSAP) (Hawaii, USA).
Nov. 27-29, 2001	Participated in the Asia Pacific High Level Regional Meeting for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Phnom Penh, Cambodia). <Inclusion of disaster reduction as a key element of sustainable development into the Statement.>
Nov. 29-30, 2001	Participated in the ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee meeting (Hawaii, USA). <Proposal for the use of the ADRC website to provide typhoon information. Motion adopted.>
Dec. 1-17, 2001	Co-organized a disaster reduction training program for educational officials with the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), UNESCO and the UNU. (Manila, Phillipines).
Jan. 9, 2002	Visited by the Indian Vice Chairman of the National Committee on Disaster Management, Mr. Sharad Pawar.
Jan. 17, 2002	Visited by the Japanese Minister of State for Disaster Management, Mr. Jin Murai.
Jan. 22-23, 2002	Organized the 4th ADRC International Meeting (Delhi, India), attended by 80 representatives from 22 countries and 10 organizations.
Jan. 24, 2002	Co-organized the ISDR Asian Meeting (Delhi, India), attended by 80 representatives from 22 countries and 10 organizations.
Jan. 21-Feb. 22, 2002	JICA seminar on Disaster Management. <Approx. 5-week training course attended by 14 representatives from 12 countries.>
Feb. 5-7, 2002	Attended the OCHA Symposium on Best Practices in Humanitarian Information Management and Exchange (Geneva, Switzerland). <Report on ADRC's activities and Unique ID GLIDE Project.>
Feb. 14-15, 2002	Participation in the 6th Earthquake Technology Expo in Kobe, Japan.
Feb. 20-22, 2002	Co-organized the Regional Workshop on Networking and Collaboration among NGOs of Asian Countries in Disaster Reduction and Response with OCHA Kobe, Japan. <Attended by approx. 80 representatives from NGOs in 16 countries, UN organizations, Japanese Cabinet office and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hyogo Prefecture.> (Kobe, Japan)
Feb. 21, 2002	Visited by the Director of the ISDR Secretariat, Mr. Salvano Briceno.
Feb. 24-28, 2002	Participated in a Japanese government mission to WTC in New York, USA.
Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 2002	Participated in the International Expo in Kazakhstan. <Introduction of ADRC's activities and internet disaster reduction gallery.>
Mar. 12-13, 2002	Attendance at the meeting of the Panel on Tropical Cyclones co-organized by the WMO and the ESCAP. (Yangon, Myanmar).
Mar. 15, 2002	Joint testing of the use of satellite information for disaster management with the NASDA and the Cabinet Office of Japan.
Apr. 25-26, 2002	Participated in the 5th Inter-Agency Task Force meeting of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) as a Task Force member.
May. 20-23, 2002	Participated in "International Emergency Response Workshop" organized by Kyrgyz Republic. <Reported cases of emergency response in Asia.>
May. 27-Jun. 8, 2002	Participated in "Disaster and Sustainable Development" (coordinated by the ISDR) of the final Prep-Com for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Bali, Indonesia).
Jun. 12-14, 2002	Co-organized the "Second Consultative Meeting on Total Disaster Risk Management in Asia" (with the ADPC (Bangkok, Thailand)).

Jun. 19-21, 2002	Participated in GDIN ROMA 2002 (Rome, Italy). <Introductory presentation on the GLIDE project.>
Jun. 24-25, 2002	Participated in the workshop of the ISDR Working Group 2 on Early Warning (Potsdam, Germany).
Aug. 7-9, 2002	Coorganized the “Regional Workshop on Total Disaster Risk Management (TDRM)” with OCHA Kobe (Kobe, Japan).
Aug. 9, 2002	Published “Living With Risk- a global review of disaster reduction initiatives” jointly with the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR).
Aug. 29-Sep. 2, 2002	Participated in Disaster Prevention Fair 2002 (organized by the Cabinet Office of Japan and Fukuoka City in Fukuoka, Japan).
Aug. 2002	Published the “Data Book on Asian Natural Disasters in the 20th Century”.
Sep. 25-27, 2002	Participated in the “Expert Group Meeting on the Role of Regional Organizations and Networks in Strengthening Disaster Reduction Capabilities” (organized by the UNDP, Geneva).
Sep. 15-17, 2002	Participated in the ASEAN Expert Group Meeting on Disaster Management (organized by ASEAN and Vietnam) as an observer. <Introductory presentation on an approach to TDRM>
Sep. 13-14, 2002	Attended the “Second Humanitarian Relief Conference in Singapore” (held by the Singapore International Foundation) to deliver a keynote speech.
Oct. 24-25, 2002	Participated in the 6th Inter-Agency Task Force meeting of the International strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) as a Task Force member.
Oct. 28, 2002	Participated in the “International Symposium on New Technologies for Urban Safety in Asian Mega Cities” (organized by the Asian Institute of Technology, supported by the Government of Thailand and the Cabinet Office of the Government of Japan) (Bangkok, Thailand).
Oct. 29, 2002	Participated in the “Symposium on the Indian National Day for Disaster Reduction” and in the meeting of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) on Disaster Management as an observer. (Delhi, India).
Nov. 7, 2002	Participated in the “Second International Disaster Mitigation Cooperation Seminar”, organized by the National Institute for Disaster Prevention (NIDP) of the Ministry of Government Administration and Home Affairs (MOGAHA) of the Republic of Korea. (Seoul, Korea).
Nov. 15, 2002	Participated in the “ESCAP/OOSA Workshop on the Use of Space Technology for Disaster Management”. <Introductory presentation on the ADRC-NASDA joint experiment on satellite-based disaster management>
Nov. 11-15, 2002	Participated in the “JUSTSAP (Japan-US Science, Technology and Space Applications Program) Workshop”. <At the request for cooperation to a project of satellite-based disaster information sharing in relation to a large oil spill> (Hawaii, USA)
Nov. 11-13, 2002	Participated in the “Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting of the International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG)” held in Shanghai.
Nov. 11-22, 2002	Co-organized an urban search and rescue training with the Singapore Civil Defence Force. (Singapore).
Nov. 18-25, 2002	Attended the “ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee Meeting”. <Proposal on Internet network among committee member countries for information sharing> (Chiang Mai, Thailand)
Nov. 21-23, 2002	The International Seminar on Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation 2002” co-hosted by the Government of India and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India. <Delivery of presentation on the "Risk, Vulnerability, and Hazard Analysis and Information Systems">
Nov. 24-28, 2002	Delivered a keynote speech at the “Asia & Pacific Conference of International Federations of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)” held in Manila, Phillipines.
Nov. 24-26, 2002	Participated in the “Asian Seismological Commission 2002”. <Delivered a presentation on “Seismic Risk Analysis on the Portfolio of Building in Japan”.> (Kathmandu, Nepal)
Dec. 4-6, 2002	Delivered a keynote speech at the “ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Seminar”. (Singapore).

Dec. 19-24, 2002	Co-organized the “Seminar on the Improvement of Early Warning Systems and Responses” with the Government of Bangladesh.
Jan. 15-17, 2003	Co-sponsored the “Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction 2003” with the Japanese Government, the UN/ISDR Secretariat, and Hyogo Prefecture, attended by 250 representatives from 24 countries and 26 organizations (Kobe, Japan).
Jan. 19-Mar. 1, 2003	Hosted the “JICA seminar for Disaster Management” (Kobe, Japan).
Jan. 30-31 and Feb. 6-7, 2003	Participated in the 7th Earthquake Technology Expo in Kobe and Yokohama, Japan. <e.g. Joint experiment with the NASDA>
Feb. 4-7, 2003	Co-organized the “Workshop on Disaster Management for the Media” with the Government of Lao PDR (Vientiane Province, Lao PDR).
Mar. 4-10, 2003	Attended the meeting of the “WMO/ESCAP panel on Tropical Cyclones” (Islamabad, Pakistan).
Mar. 16-23, 2003	Attended the “3rd World Water Forum” and delivered presentations at three sessions. Jointly held a session with the UN/ISDR under the theme of “Living with Risk - towards effective disaster reduction” within the theme “Water and Poverty” coordinated by the ADB.
Mar. 16-28, 2003	Co-organized the “United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) Asia Induction Course” with UN/OCHA Kobe (Kobe, Japan).
Apr. 10-11, 2003	Participated in the 7th Inter-Agency Task Force meeting of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) as a Task Force member (Geneva, Switzerland).
Apr. 22-24, 2003	Co-organized the “Workshop on Disaster Prevention for Local Governmental Staff” with the Cambodian Government (Kampong Cham, Cambodia).
Apr. 24, 2003	Visited by the Japanese Minister of State for Disaster Management, Mr. Yoshitada Konoike. Opening of Human Renovation Museum.
May 6-8, 2003	Co-organized the “Workshop on Disaster Prevention for Local Government Staff” with the Cambodian Government (Kratie, Cambodia).
June 2003	Published the “Natural Disaster Data Book 2002”.
June 10-13, 2003	Co-organized the “Workshop on Total Disaster Risk Management (TDRM) Policy” with UN/OCHA Kobe (Kobe, Japan).
June 16-25, 2003	Dispatched a survey mission to Turkey (visits to disaster response organizations).
July 14-15, 2003	Co-organized the “GLobal unique disaster IDentifier number (GLIDE)” technical meeting with the ISDR, and the OCHA Reliefweb (Geneva, Switzerland).
Aug. 4-11, 2003	Joined a survey mission to Sri Lanka.
Sept. 9-28, 2003	Participated in a mission to Central Asia and the Caucasus to identify the need for training in Russian. (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz and Azerbaijan)
Oct. 1-9, 2003	Held a training seminar on disaster management for disaster managers in Turkey (Ankara, Turkey).
Oct. 4, 2003	Co-organized the Public Forum under the theme of “Living with Risk - are we prepared for the next big one? - ” with the UNU, the Cabinet Office of Japan, the UN/ISDR, and the WSSI (Tokyo, Japan).
Oct. 16-18, 2003	Participated in the Second International Conference on Early Warning. Co-organized a session on the use of hazard maps. (Bonn, Germany)
Oct. 20-24, 2003	Co-organized the training programme on the Supply Management System (SUMA) with the Government of the Philippines (Manila, Philippines).
Nov. 4, 2003	Exchanged a Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations Inter-Agency Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR). (Geneva, Switzerland)
Nov. 5-6, 2003	Participated in the 8th Inter-Agency Task Force meeting of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) as a Task Force member. (Geneva, Switzerland)
Nov. 17-20, 2003	Co-organized the Flood Management Training Seminar in Vietnam with the Vietnamese Government (Hanoi, Vietnam).
Dec. 2-4, 2003	Co-organized the “Intentional Conference on Total Disaster Risk Management (TDRM)” with UN/OCHA Kobe (Kobe, Japan).

Jan. 12-14, 2004	Co-organized an urban search and rescue training program in cooperation with the Singapore Civil Defence Force. (Singapore).
Jan. 17, 2004	Visited by the Japanese Minister of State for Disaster Management, Mr. Kiichi Inoue.
Jan. 18- Feb. 2, 2004	Hosted the “JICA Seminar on Disaster Management ”(Kobe, Japan).
Jan. 29-30 and Feb. 5-6, 2004	Participated in the 8th Earthquake Technology Expo in Kobe and Yokohama, Japan.
Feb. 4-6, 2004	Co-organized the “Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction 2004” with the Governments of Japan and Cambodia and the ISDR Secretariat, attracting an attendance of 138 representatives from 23 countries and 24 organizations (Siem Reap, Cambodia).
Feb. 24-25, 2004	Co-organized a regional consultative meeting with the WHO West Pacific Regional Office and the ADPC (Manila, Philippines).
Feb. 26-28, 2004	Co-organized a preparatory meeting for “Typhoon Committee Working Group on Hydrology” with the ESCAP (Seoul, Republic of Korea).
Mar. 9-17, 2004	Organized a disaster management seminar in Turkey (Ankara, Turkey).
Mar. 20-23, 2004	Co-organized the “Earthquake Disaster Management Seminar” with the Government of Mongolia (Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia).
Mar. 23, 2004	Co-organized a public forum “Flood risk reduction” with the UNU, the Cabinet Office of Japan, and the UN/ISDR (Tokyo, Japan).
Apr. 9-23, 2004	Dispatched a team to survey the current situation of the disaster management in Bangladesh.
May 3, 2004	Co-organized a technical meeting on GLIDE with the UN/ISDR, the UN/OCHA, the CRED, and the WMO (Geneva, Switzerland).
May 4-5, 2004	Participated in the 9th ISDR Inter-Agency Task Force meeting as a Task Force member (Geneva, Switzerland).
May 6-7, 2004	Participated in the First Meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the WCDR as a Task Force member (Geneva, Switzerland).
May 31-June 11, 2004	Organized a disaster management seminar in Turkey (Ankara, Turkey).
June 17-18, 2004	Co-organized the Consultative Meeting of Asian NGOs for Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network (ADRRN) with UN/OCHA Kobe (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia).
June 28-July 8, 2004	Dispatched a lecturer to “Training Course on Flood Hazard Mapping ”(Vietnam).
Aug. 2-6, 2004	Co-organized the “National Workshop on Disaster Risk Management” with the Government of Tajikistan in cooperation with the UN and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (Dushanbe, Tajikistan).
Aug. 23-Sep. 27, 2004	Dispatched an expert as “Short Term Expert on Disaster Information Management” co-organized by JICA and the CDERA (Barbados, etc.).
Aug. 24, 2004	Co-organized a public forum under the theme of “Recovery from Catastrophic Disasters” with the Government of Japan, the UN/ISDR, the UNU, and the UNDP (Tokyo, Japan).
Aug. 30-Sep. 17, 2004	Hosted the “JICA Disaster Management Training Course for Central Asia and the Caucasus in Russian” (Kobe, Japan).
Sep. 20-Oct. 1, 2004	Hosted a disaster management seminar in Turkey (Ankara, Turkey).
Sep. 20-24, 2004	Participated in “The Workshop of the ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee” (Seoul, Republic of Korea).
Sep. 26-28, 2004	Co-hosted a workshop entitled “Exchange of Experience for a Safer Life and Decrease of Vulnerability to Earthquake” with Kobe University, the Iranian Government and the PWIT (Power and Water Institute of Technology, Iran), (Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran).
Oct. 7-8, 2004	Participated in the 10th ISDR Inter-Agency Task Force meeting as a Task Force member (Geneva, Switzerland).
Oct. 11, 2004	Co-organized the technical meeting on GLIDE with the UN/ISDR, the UN/OCHA, ReliefWeb, the WMO and the DRI (Geneva, Switzerland).

Oct. 11-12, 2004	Participated in the Second Meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the WCDR as a Task Force member (Geneva, Switzerland).
Oct. 17-22, 2004	Participated in the “UNOOSA: United Nations International Workshop on the Use of Space Technology for Disaster Management (Munich, Germany)”. <Delivered a presentation on “Realtime Image Sharing System with Ultrahigh Speed Communication Satellites.>
Oct. 18, 2004	Received a special citation named “Kalasag Award” in recognition of ADRC's efforts in enhancement of the Philippines' disaster reduction capacity from the Government of the Philippines.
Oct. 18-21, 2004	Delivered a keynote speech at the “5th Asian Seismological Commission (ASC) General Assembly 2004” (Yerevan, Armenia).
Nov. 16-18, 2004	Dispatched a lecturer to the “International Seminar on Policies and Practices for the Earthquake Management in Urban Areas” organized by the UN/OCHA, the UNDP, the UN/ISDR and the Iranian Governemnt (Tehran, Iran). <Delivered a presentation on “Japan's experience of the 1995 Kobe earthquake and advancement of design standard”.>
Dec. 6, 2004	Visited of by the Japanese Minister of State for Disaster Management, Mr. Yoshitaka Murata.
Dec. 28, 2004 – Jan. 5, 2005	Field survey of tsunami disaster in Sri Lanka
Dec. 30, 2004 – Jan. 2, 2005	Field survey of tsunami disaster in Thailand
Jan. 7-11, 2005	Field survey of tsunami disaster in Indonesia
Jan. 11- Feb. 18, 2005	Held the “JICA Seminar on Disaster Management” (Kobe, Japan).
Jan. 17, 2005	Co-organized the International Symposium “Living with Risk - disaster reduction for future generations -” with the Government of Japan, the UN/ISDR, the UNU, Hyogo Prefecture and UN/OCHA Kobe (Kobe, Japan).
Jan. 18- Jan. 22, 2005	“The United Nations World Conference on Disaster Reduction” was held in Kobe, Japan. The ADRC contributed to the WCDR by holding the International Symposium, the Public Forum, several parallel sessions and Exhibition (the 9th Earthquake Technology Expo).
Jan. 19, 2005	Co-organized the Public Forum: Sharing of Experiences for Safer Asia “TDRMand its Good Practices” with Hyogo Prefectural Government and UN/OCHA Kobe (Kobe, Japan).
Jan. 19, 2005	Exchanged a Signed Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).
Jan. 22, 2005	Participated in the “Scoping Meeting on the Development of Tsunami Early Warning Systems” organized by the UN/ISDR (Kobe, Japan).
Jan. 26-31, 2005	Field survey of tsunami disaster in Maldives
Feb. 3-4, 2005	Participated in the 9th Earthquake Technology Expo in Yokohama, Japan.
Feb. 21-26, 2005	Participated in the “32nd session of the WMO/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyclones” (New Delhi, India).
Feb. 21-Mar. 4, 2005	Co-organized an urban search and rescue training program with the Singaporean Civil Defence Force, and trained the personnel of the member states.
Feb. 22-24, 2005	Co-organized the “Mission on Policy Dialogue with High Level Administrative Policy Makers on Establishing a Tsunami Early Warning Mechanism in the Indian Ocean” with UN/ISDR and Government of Japan (Tokyo, Shizuoka, Japan).
Mar. 1-5, 2005	Field survey of tsunami disaster in India
Mar. 3-8, 2005	Participated in the “International Coordination Meeting for the development of Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System for the Indian Ocean within a Global Framework” (Paris, France). <Delivered a presentation on “Awareness building and public Information”.>
Mar. 7-18, 2005	Conducted the “JICA Tsunami Warning System Training Course” (Tokyo, Wakayama, Kobe, Japan).
Mar. 18, 2005	Participated in the “High-level Coordination Meeting on Rehabilitation and

	Reconstruction Assistance to Tsunami-Affected Countries” organized by the Asian Development Bank (ADB). (Manila, Philippines).
Mar. 28, 2005	Participated in the “Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2005” co-organized by the ESCAP and the Government of Republic of Korea. (Seoul, Republic of Korea).