

4-4. Promotion of Disaster Education in Schools in ASEAN

ADRC and Ministry of Education and Training of Vietnam hold the Training of Pilot Teachers (TOT) for "Promotion of Disaster Education in Schools" project in Hoa Binh Province, Vietnam on 19th and 20th October 2013.

This project is one of the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund Projects, and aims to promote disaster education in ASEAN countries through training of school teachers.

10 teachers of Primary School and Lower Secondary School in Luong Sua District, Hoa Binh Province attended two-day training. Participants took lectures about natural disasters and disaster management in Vietnam by Hanoi Teacher Training College. Then, Dr. Goto, Senior researcher of National Institute for Educational Policy Research of Japan, gave a lecture on "Latest Situation of Disaster Education in Japan" introducing various education materials. After the lectures, participants made a discussion how to integrate disaster topics into the school curriculum.

Following the TOT, the Pilot Classes by the participants of TOT in primary and lower secondary school were held.

In Nhuan Trach Primary School in Luong Sua District, Hoa Binh Province, the pilot teacher pointed out the positive and negative points from natural environment such as the forests and rivers. In the Secondary School, they referred about the relation with development and natural disasters including climate change. Students discussed how to prevent disasters by reducing bad effect on nature.

After the Pilot Class, the seminar was held with 60 teachers to share the lessons of Pilot Class. There were lots of feedback from the teachers that they would like to have more knowledge on natural disasters and opportunities to learn it about disaster risk reduction.



Fig. 4-4-1 Training of Pilot Teachers (Vietnam)



Fig. 4-4-2 Pilot Class (Vietnam)

In Lao PDR, the Pilot Classes were held in November 2013 with cooperation the Ministry of Education and Sports. This project also aims to promote disaster education in ASEAN countries through training of school teachers, and is one of the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund Projects.

The teachers gave lectures aimed at conveying basic disaster management knowledge to students. Lectures focused on floods, landslides, and fires, which are the most common natural disasters in Lao PDR. The students seemed very interested in learning about the topics of natural disasters.

In February 2014, the Seminar was held with teachers and the Ministry of Education and Sports in Lao PDR, inviting the expert of the Ministry of Education in Singapore for developing disaster education materials.



Fig. 4-4-3 Pilot Class of Teachers (LaoPDR)



Fig. 4-4-4 Lecture by Singapore Expert