3-2. Database on Disaster Risk Reduction

3-2-1. Latest Disaster Information

When a natural disaster occurs, information on the extent of the damage, the situation of the affected area and emergency response and relief is collected and disseminated by media, local and central governments, international organizations, research institutions, civil societies, NGOs, etc in affected countries and throughout the world. Once most of such information was usually provided individually and it took time and labor to get all the necessary information, which prevented from agile data collection activities in case of emergency.

Under these circumstances, organizations such as the Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters, Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED) and the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) have been gathering global disaster information to make disaster information.

The ADRC has developed a database and published the latest disaster information on its website in order to contribute as a clearinghouse of disaster information from various sources since September 1998. Summarized information with direct links to the original information sources provided on its website enables rapid search and retrieval of information. In particular, the database provides a brief summary of disasters (dates, locations, and overviews), brief outlines of damage situations, link information categorized by reports/articles, geographic data, emergency relief information, urgent reports from the ADRC member countries and graphic information. Such information is continually updated in accordance with further information release.

Figure 3-2-1-1 to Figure 3-2-1-4 shows information flow of ADRC's website from top page to related organizational information. The landslide in Indonesia, December 2014 was taken as example. In the top page, the disaster appears as latest disaster, linked to detailed information (Figure 3-2-1-1). The detailed information has links to GLIDE number, and national disaster management organization of the country when it is ADRC's member country (Figure 3-2-1-2, 3-2-1-3). Information sources for the reports come from situation reports and satellite imageries as mentioned below (Figure 3-2-1-4).

The information originates mainly from announcements of disaster relevant organizations including the ADRC's member countries, situation reports from the UNOCHA ReliefWeb, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and media reports. The latest disaster information site also links to the home page of the disaster management organization and the disaster management information within ADRC's website, which works as a portal to various kinds of information.

In addition, the database connected to the link to the other site "JAXA DMSS" to enhance the value to ADRC's web site using the satellite image data taken at the affected site after the natural disasters when the emergency satellite observation was conducted. The database provides information of more than 1,944 disasters in the world as of 16 January 2015.

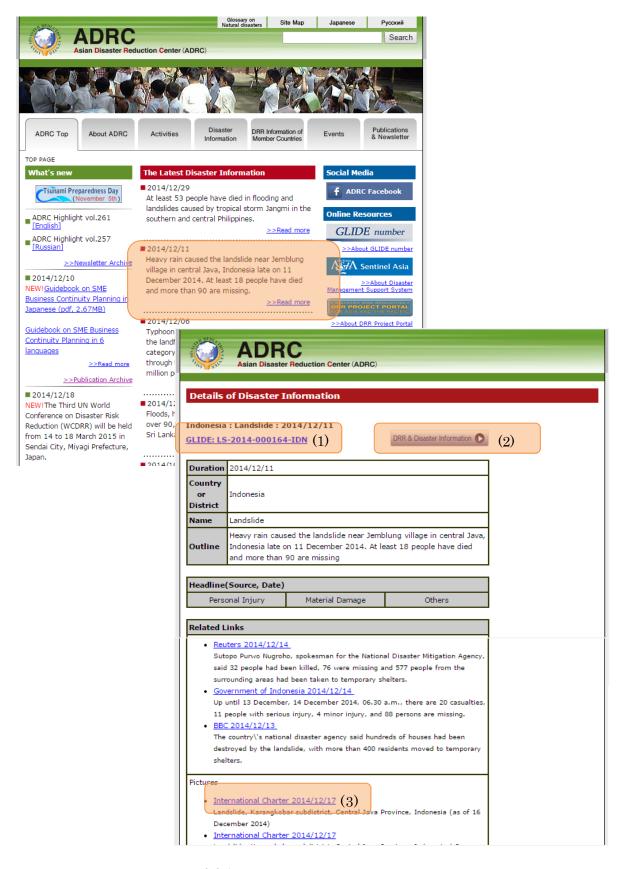


Figure 3-2-1 ADRC Website top page (above)

Details of Disaster Information (below)



Figure 3-2-1-2 GLIDE Number of the disaster (1)

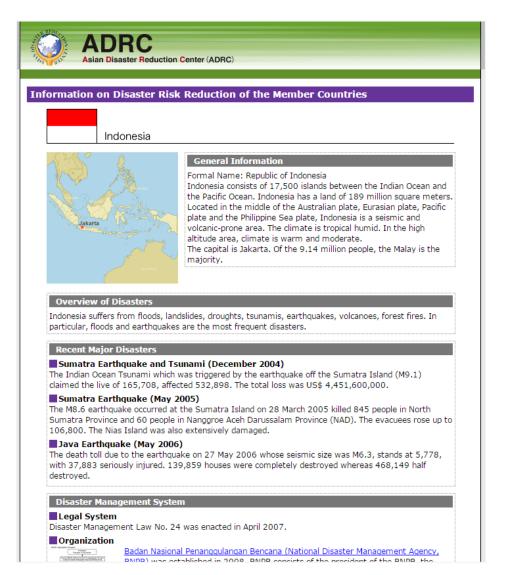


Figure 3-2-1-3 Information on Disaster Risk Reduction of the Member Countries (2)

3-2-2. Multilanguage Glossary on Disaster Reduction

(1) Provision of Multi-language Glossary on Natural Disasters

The Multi-language Glossary on Natural Disasters was compiled through the activities of the United Nation's IDNDR launched in 1990. It can be easily searched in six languages such as Chinese, English, French, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish by choosing an input language and a target language. To make the glossary available to a broader audience, ADRC has been providing online translation services. Thus, the six-language glossary is now available on the ADRC website.

The glossary contains technical terms which are hard to find in ordinary dictionaries, and can be utilized by personnel in the disaster field to decipher technical documents related to Disaster Reduction.

(2) Native Language Activities by Visiting Researchers

ADRC accepts eight visiting researchers from member countries during the year to improve capabilities in disaster reduction administration. Since 2008, ADRC has been making "Multilanguage Dictionaries" with side by side entries into the mother language of the visiting researcher about 1,130 basic "disaster reduction terms" based on English terms.

Side by side translation lists have already been completed by researchers from Bhutan, Kyrgyz (Kyrgyz and Russian), Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, and Yemen (Arabic) by March 2015, and been offered in the format of "Multilingual Dictionaries (Tentative)" on the ADRC website separate from the "Multi-language Glossary." They were intended to serve as reference materials for disaster reduction activities in member countries.





Fig.3-2-2-1 Multi-language Dictionaries for Disaster Reduction (Provisional Translation)

3-2-3. Asian Disaster Reduction Center Newsletter: ADRC Highlights

ADRC has been using the Internet and e-mail to share information with its counterparts in the member countries, and other applicants. As one of its mainstay tools for information dissemination, ADRC has been issuing the newsletter "ADRC Highlights" since 1 June 1999. It had been issued twice a month until FY 2007, and has been issued once a month since the renewal of its design in FY 2008.



Fig. 3-2-3-1 ADRC Highlights

(January 2014: Japanese edition, English edition, Russian edition)

The newsletter is made publicly available on the website. It is also e-mailed in English, Russian and Japanese to the ADRC counterparts and former visiting researchers, participants in the past ADRC annual meetings, visitors to ADRC, trainees in JICA's training courses which ADRC were involved in, and participants in international conferences ADRC took part in to strengthen relations with. Also we register e-mail addresses of those who wish to subscribe the newsletter upon the receipt of request e-mail. The numbers of subscribers in English, Russian and Japanese, are 2,388, 191 and 909 respectively as of January 2015.

The contents include articles on the latest ADRC activities, reports on international conferences, and other events which ADRC staff attended and gave presentations in, as well as national reports by the ADRC visiting researchers from member countries. In FY2014, there were several manuscripts regarding international conference toward the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction which will be held in March 2015.

This tool has been very effective in order to keep good ties and communication with relevant officials in Japan and overseas.

Table 3-2-3-1 Headlines from ADRC Highlights (FY2014)

Vol.	Main Articles
253	Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction 2014 ADRC DRR Policy Peer Review FY2013
254	 IRP/ADRC Attends International Seminar on Crisis Response in Australia UNISDR Asia Partnership (IAP) Meeting ASEAN Workshop on the Development of Mechanisms for the Acquisition and Utilization of Space-Based Information During Emergency Response
255	 7th ECO International Conference on Disaster Risk Management 9th Meeting of the Typhoon Committee Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction Personnel Change
256	6th Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction Held in Bangkok (ADRC) 6th Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction Held in Bangkok (IRP/ADRC) Toulouse Space Show
257	 New ADRC Chairman, Dr. Masanori Hamada IRP/ADRC Attends ASEM Manila Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management "Post-Haiyan? A Way Forward" in the Philippines ADRC Staff Profile -Mr. Yuji SASAKI, Senior Administrative Manager ADRC Staff Profile -Mr. Takeshi NAKAO, Senior Researcher
258	 JICA Training Course: Raising Awareness of Disaster Reduction JICA Training Course: Comprehensive Disaster Management for Central Asia and the Caucasus ADRC Visiting Researcher Report -Ms. Nyo Aye (Myammar) ADRC Visiting Researcher Report -Mr. Pradip Kumar Koirala (Nepal) ADRC/IRP Attends ASEAN High-Level Conference on Assistance for the Recovery of Yolanda-Affected Areas (ARYA) in the Philippines
259	 Second Regional Ministerial Conference of Disaster Management Authorities in Central Asia under the "Central Asia plus Japan" Dialogue UNESCAP/JAXA Policy Makers' Dialog and Capacity Development for Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management in the Asia-Pacific: Harnessing Information and Space Technology and Geographic Information Systems ADRC Visiting Researcher Report -Ms. Hazar Fadhl Dammag (Yemen) ADRC Visiting Researcher Report -Mr. Nuwan Prasantha Madawan Arachchi (Sri lanka) ADRC Internship, Ms. Misato Nishizawa ADRC Internship, Mr. Guillaume BERNARD

260	ADRC's Collaboration with the World Bank - ADRC and IRP Participated in "the 2nd World Reconstruction Conference" – ADRC DRR Policy Peer Review FY2014 Research on Tsunami Disaster Awareness Among Residents of Indonesia
261	JAXA/Myanmar Earthquake Committee 2nd Joint Project Meeting Team for Sentinel Asia STEP3 (JPTM2014) Asian Conference on Urban Disaster Reduction
262	 Happy New Year 2015 -Masanori HAMADA, Chairman, ADRC ADRC DRR Policy Peer Review FY2014 IRP Workshop for Central America and Intergovernmental Dialogue on Recovery Processes
263	 7th APEC Emergency Preparedness Working Group (EPWG) Meeting ADRC Visiting Researcher Report -Ms. Ameerha P. Ortega (Philippines) ADRC Visiting Researcher Report -Ms. Fathmath Saushan Moosa (Maldives)
264	 6th UN-SPIDER Regional Support Offices (RSO) Meeting Seminar and reception in 52th Session of UN-COPUOS hosted by Japan ADRC Visiting Researcher Report -Mr. Yeshey Lotay (Bhutan) ADRC Visiting Researcher Report -Mr. Rustam Safaraliyev (Azerbaijan) Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction (ACDR) 2015 Draws to Successful Conclusion (FLASH)