
4-3. Promoting Cooperation with Affiliated Institutions and Implementation of Short-term Training

ADRC has been conducting a short-term training for the disaster risk reduction. Target people of the training are mainly government officials and students overseas. The contents of the training are focused on the current state of disaster in Asia, the activities of the Asian Disaster Reduction Center, and the disaster prevention measures in Japan, and so on. The training activity is a good opportunity to deepen their understanding of the efforts and awareness about the significance of disaster prevention activities, to improve the disaster prevention capability in Asian countries.

Visiting from Ministry of Civil Affairs from China are reported here. Asian Disaster Reduction Center hosted a study team led by Mr. GuZhaoxi, Vice Minister in China's Ministry of Civil Affairs and gave presentation on regional disaster reduction initiatives in Hyogo. We held a discussion meeting with the Tachibana Town Planning Council and the Kobe Central Fire station to highlight the disaster reduction welfare community concept in Kobe, one of the major community-based disaster reduction initiatives in Japan. We also arranged an opportunity for the team to visit the Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution to learn about the region's experiences during the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake.

That study team participated in the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2017 held in Cancun, Mexico from 22-26 May. On the return trip home, they asked to stop in Japan to observe efforts in community-based disaster risk reduction. They were especially interested in having meetings with local stakeholders on the topic of disaster risk reduction by local residents and the assistance of local government, and we planned a series of study activities in response.

The group was led on a tour of the Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation institution by a Chinese speaking volunteer guide. ADRC will continue to share the experiences of reconstruction from the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake and Kobe's efforts in community-based disaster reduction, and to share information with the Asian region and countries all over the world for the development of better disaster reduction initiatives for the next generation.