

Update on ADRC's DRR Development

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What is ADRC?

Asian Disaster Reduction Center

- established in 1998 in Kobe, Hyogo prefecture, Japan,
with 22 member countries in Asia

-our objectives

- 1) to enhance disaster resilience of member countries
- 2) to build safe communities
- 3) to create a society where sustainable development
is possible

- 28 member countries and 5 observer organizations
and 5 observer organizations



15th Anniversary of Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake -17 January 2010-

Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction (ACDR)

-annual meeting with participation of member countries and relevant organizations

-one of the regional platforms in Asia to facilitate the implementation of HFA

ACDR 2010: 17-19 January, in Kobe, Japan

+ International Recovery Platform (IRP) Forum,

Regional meetings (ASEAN , SAARC and Central Asia)



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What is ADRC doing?

- 1) Information sharing on disaster reduction
- 2) Human resources development
- 3) Building communities capabilities



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Recent Developments (1)

Visiting Researchers Program

Visiting Researchers from member countries spend doing researches for 6 months at ADRC every year (Annually 4 VRs → 8 VRs from 2009; 32 VRs in the past)

Aug-Dec 2009

VRs from Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines and Sri Lanka

Jan-Jun 2010

Armenia, Malaysia, Thailand and Yemen



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Recent Developments (2)

Regional Programs

Collaboration with:

- ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund)
- SAARC Disaster Management Center, SAARC Secretariat, UNDP (Japan-SAARC Special Fund)
- Regional Coordination Center for DRR in Kazakhstan with UN agencies

Fields:

- Disaster education
- Capacity enhancement
- Development of disaster database



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Recent Developments (3)

Gateway between space-based technology and disaster management

-Sentinel Asia

Emergency observation, capacity development

-UNOOSA Regional Support Office

UN Platform for space-based information for disaster management and emergency response

