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My name is Sodnom BAZARRAGCHAA, and I am a researcher and engineer for the Disaster Research Institute (DRI) under the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) of Mongolia. I earned my undergraduate degree in 2000 and my master's degree in 2009, both from the University of Science and Technology of Mongolia.

I have been with the DRI for the past seven years, and I am currently serving as a researcher and engineer. Mongolia is a landlocked country located in the center of the Asian continent, between China and Russia, and shares a western border with Kazakhstan. It has an area of more than 1.6 million square kilometers and a population of 2.7 million. Mongolia is classified as one of the world's developing countries. Its capital is Ulaanbaatar and its political system is a parliamentary democracy.

With the increase in disasters in Mongolia, the government took steps to strengthen its disaster management system so as to minimize the damage to lives and property that would be caused by future natural and manmade disasters. As a result, the parliament passed the Disaster Management Act on 20 May 2003. NEMA is intended to be an institution staffed by highly qualified personnel and modern techniques and equipment, and to provide disaster management functions at the international level. The mission of NEMA is to reduce risk and vulnerability through disaster management activities. The minister in charge of emergency management directs disaster management activities at the national level. The heads of NEMA organize and manage disaster management activities in their respective units and organizations.

The national administrative organization in charge of emergency management (NEMA) is responsible for the implementation of the national disaster management policy, legislation related to disaster management and the organization of nation-wide disaster management activities, and provides professional management of those activities.

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