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Vietnam is located in the tropical monsoon area, one of the five storm-prone areas of the Asia Pacific region. Therefore the country often faces natural disasters of various types. In

recent years, disasters have continually occurred all over the country, causing vast losses in human life, property, socio-economic and cultural infrastructure as well as environmental degradation. In the recent decade (1997-2006), Natural disasters such as typhoons, floods and drought have caused significant losses, including 7500 missing and dead people, asset damage equivalent to 1.5% of GDP.

Under the guidance of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnam have been Integrate in international organizations for natural disaster mitigation, for example Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC), Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM), World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Typhoon Committee (TC), Natural Disaster Mitigation Partnership (NDM-P), International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR), etc. Cooperate with international organizations such as UNDP, UNESCAP, WB, ADB, etc., foreign agencies and NGOs in disaster mitigation.

During six-month stay, I will learn about Japan's disaster management practices, especially in the areas of flood, cyclone management, disaster education systems and sharing experiences with my partner from Nepal. I am confident that Vietnam will receive benefit greatly from the ADRC's visiting researcher program.