

Mission Travel Report:

Regional Workshop in Islamabad, Pakistan of Earthquake Risk Reduction and Recovery Preparedness Program (ERRP) for South Asia region

2009/4/28-29;

Regional Workshop of Earthquake Risk Reduction and Recovery Preparedness Program (ERRP) for South Asia was held at Margallah Hotel in Islamabad, Pakistan.

At the opening ceremony, the guests of honor from Mr. Akira Mizutani, Minister, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan in Pakistan and the representatives of UNDP-Pakistan, SAARC-India and the Pakistan-NDMA made the remarks.

After the opening ceremony, the project progress was reported by each member country of ERRP (Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and India) which was followed by the session of "Learning/Knowledge". In the Session, the experts from Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan and Japan made their presentations which were focused on their specific issues.

Name of the specialist from Japan and the titles of their presentations are as follows:

- Dr. Hiroshi Imai (Researcher of Building Research Institute)
  - “Safe construction design and retrofitting techniques”
  - “Common topics of proposed experiment for pull down test”
- Dr. Yuji Ishiyama (Hokkaido University, Professors Emeritus)
  - “Earthquake damage and importance of seismic codes”
  - “Common topics of T.A. proposal for Pakistan”
- Dr. Tatsuo Narafu (Building Research Institute; Senior Coordinator for International Corporation)
  - “Dissemination of technical information and enforcement of building code in Indonesia”
  - “Overview for earthquake risk reduction approach”
- Dr. Masato Ohori (Asian Disaster Reduction Center; Senior Researcher)
  - “Importance of Quality Management for Construction”

4/30; The member countries of ERRP team (Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh), UNDP RPC and ADRC discussed the contents of technical assistance from ADRC.

5/1-2; They made a field survey on the stricken area by Pakistani Muzaffarabad Earthquake in 2005, and exchanged their views and opinions of the method of the recovery and the seismic retrofitting with the officers of a local municipality.

