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➤ ADRC Cooperative Project (Indonesia) □ Community based Flood Mitigation Project in Bandung



As we introduced in the Vol. 20 of ADRC Highlights (<http://www.adrc.or.jp/highlights/News/No020.pdf>), we have implemented this project since March 2001. The project is almost finished when I visited the project site at the late July. As the result from the community based training and discussion, the community proposed two kinds of project

proposals. One was a feasible proposal by themselves, and the other needed financial support from other resources such as central government or other donor organizations.

As the first mentioned project, the community is now building barriers to prevent flooding from the river. The implementation cost is about 24 million Rupiah (US\$ 2,670). Half of the cost is borne by themselves and the rest is at the expense of ADRC-ITB (Bandung Institute of Technology) project.

Besides, the staff of ADRC and ITB visited JICA office in Jakarta in order to recommend the latter proposal as one of the JICA projects. JICA staff will visit ITB and the project site to explore deeper about the possibility to give the support.

(Dr. Bambang Rudyanto, Senior Researcher)

➤ Opening Ceremony for the "ReliefWeb" Asia Antenna Project in Kobe, Japan

On August 16, 2001 OCHA (United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs) opened the Kobe Office of "the Relief Web Project" that is offering humanitarian information to the world through website. The office is set up in ADRC premises with the assistance of the Japanese Government which offers financial support using Trust Fund for Human Security and office accommodation.



The ReliefWeb (www.reliefweb.int) is one of the projects of the United Nations supported by voluntary contribution that started the activity in 1996. The ReliefWeb is collecting the information concerning the natural disasters and conflicts focused on by OCHA from more than 600 partners and providing them immediately in the website for the international humanitarian relief. The information in the website include: (1) latest damage situation, (2) emergency needs at the site, (3) relief activities in operation, and (4) tracking of the contributions from donor organizations, etc.

The Kobe Office will be the third office of the ReliefWeb in addition to the offices in New York and Geneva. Thereby the humanitarian related information in the ReliefWeb site would be renewed around the clock. It is also expected of the Kobe Office to contribute to strengthening the network of information exchange in the Asia-Pacific area. Thus, disaster prevention and emergency humanitarian assistance in the area can be improved.

➤ ADRC Staff Profiles □ Mr. Satoru NISHIKAWA, Deputy Executive Director

Mr. Satoru Nishikawa was born in 1957. He obtained his master's degree in city planning and regional science at Tokyo University in 1982. He joined the Japanese Government service in 1982, worked mainly in the field of regional planning. Then he became a visiting research scholar at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1988-89. In April 1989, he was appointed deputy director of Planning and Coordination Division of the Disaster Prevention Bureau, National Land Agency and was responsible for initiation and promotion of IDNDR activities. He was responsible for organizing the first IDNDR International Conference 1990 held in Yokohama and Kagoshima Japan.



In 1992, he was appointed Senior Relief Coordination Officer at Relief Coordination Branch of UN-DHA Geneva, where he handled international relief coordination for numerous disasters. He also organized the joint DHA/JICA/ADPC Training Seminar in 1993, '94 and '95 held at AIT campus in Bangkok and delivered lectures. He was the desk officer for the Great Hanshin-Awaji (Kobe) Earthquake in 1995 and wrote the UN report on the international response to this disaster.

He came back to Japan in 1995 and was engaged in reinforcement of the Disaster Prevention Bureau of National Land Agency. Then he was appointed Director for Planning at Tokyo Metropolitan Government then Senior Water Resources Manager at National Land Agency. Since Jan. 2000 he was engaged in reorganization of the Japanese Government, including the formation of the Director-General for Disaster Prevention in the newly established Cabinet Office. Mr. Nishikawa joined ADRC in July 2001.

Mr. Nishikawa says that he is fortunate to be back in the challenge for disaster reduction and is eager to promote ISDR.

➤ "Crowding the Rim" Summit at Stanford University

Dr. Bambang Rudyanto, ADRC Senior Researcher attended this invitation-based Summit with 150 participants which was held from 1 to 3 August, 2001. The Crowding the Rim (CTR) is a public-private initiative to address the growing consequences of natural hazards on the Pacific Rim community. The initiative aims to implant a sustainable awareness of the risks that are increasingly shared by all who reside within the Pacific Rim region. "Crowding the Rim" is partnered by the Circum-Pacific Council, American Red Cross, Stanford University and the United States Geological Survey. Support is also generated from a variety of supporting and endorsing organizations and corporate sponsors. The leading scientists, economists, business and industry leaders and emergency management experts participated the summit with government leaders from Pacific Rim nations. We assessed environmental and social risks, forecasted changes that will affect them in the future, and planned strategies for risk assessment and mitigation.

The three-day summit included plenary session with selected presentations by experts from an array of socio-economic sectors, a game simulation exercise to illustrate consequences of local hazards, and a final workshop devoted to assessing the status of risk for the Pacific region as a whole. Preliminary Agenda discussion on USGS's HAZPAC and ADRC's VENTEN, which are for the internet based GIS, was also done intensively.

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