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➤ **ADRC/NCDM Training Workshop for Cambodia Provincial Committee for Disaster Management**

The Cambodia National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM) and ADRC organized a series of provincial disaster management training workshops with the support of the Cabinet Office of Japan and the ASEAN Foundation. The program aims to enhance participants' ability to assess disaster damage and needs, and their capacity to report information at the local level in the case of floods and droughts, which have heavily affected Cambodia in recent years. Training courses were organized from the last week of March to the first week of May in 5 provinces: PreyVeng, Kandal, KampngSpeu, KampongCham and Kratie.

The topics covered included clarification of the roles and responsibilities of individual organizations participating in the provincial committee for disaster management, rapid disaster damage and needs assessment, and quick reporting to NCDM based on a standard reporting format.

ADRC Executive Director Satoru Nishikawa served as a guest speaker at the Kampong Cham Province training on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April, where he introduced how Japan has overcome severe



typhoon damage over the past 40 years and the need to apply the Total Disaster Risk Management (TDRM) approach for disaster reduction and sustainable development in Asia. The presence of the first vice-president of NCDM, His Excellency Nhim Vanda, and the governor of KampongCham demonstrated the strong political will of the government to build disaster management capacity at the provincial level.

➤ **7th US-Japan Workshop on Urban Earthquake Hazard Reduction**

The 7<sup>th</sup> US-Japan Workshop on Urban Earthquake Hazard Reduction was held from March 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> in Maui, Hawaii and about 100 participants from Japan and the U.S. were actively involved in discussions.

The workshop consisted of plenary sessions under the themes of "Twenty-Three Years of Process and Progress: A Brief History of the United States-Japan Workshops on Urban Earthquake Hazards Reduction", "Lessons from Kobe and Los Angeles", "The Web-Based World Housing Encyclopedia: Housing Construction Types from Earthquake Prone Areas of the World", "Major Issues on Disaster Management in Japan", "New Countermeasures to Mitigate and Respond to the Tokai Earthquake and to the Tohankai and Nankai Earthquakes" and more. 10 topical group sessions, such as "Real Time Damage Assessment Tools", "Risk Communication", "Long Term Recovery", "Recovery Policy" and others, were also conducted.

ADRC was invited to the session entitled "Approaches to Earthquake Mitigation Programs that Integrate Land Use Planning, Building Construction, Civil Countermeasures, Education, and Public Awareness to Reduce Risk to Disaster Prone Communities" where he made a presentation on the "Effect of Diversifying Facilities on Seismic Risks of Enterprises". After the other presentations and discussions, all of the ideas were consolidated according to the seismic assessment flow model: Hazard Assessment – Vulnerability Evaluation – Inventory – Loss Estimation.

On the last day of the workshop, the outcomes from each session were compiled and Kobe City offered to host the next workshop in 2005.

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➤ **United Nations Award for Disaster Reduction**

The United Nations Inter-Agency Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR) has launched the selection process for the 2003 UN Sasakawa Award for Disaster Reduction. The award was established in 1986 by the initiative of the Nippon Foundation. As in previous years, the award presents \$50,000 US in recognition of outstanding experts and organizations that have contributed significantly to the development of innovative practices in disaster reduction. The deadline for the submission of nominations is the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, 2003. Nomination booklets and forms in English, French, Spanish, and Russian can be downloaded from the ISDR homepage (<http://www.unisdr.org>). For more information, please contact Ms. Christel Rose at the ISDR Secretariat (Tel: +41-22-917-2786, Fax: +41-22-917-0563, E-mail: [rosec@un.org](mailto:rosec@un.org)).

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