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➤ ADRC Dispatched Research Team to Turkey

From June 16th to 25th, Executive Director Mr. Nishikawa and Dr. Kurita were invited by the Ministry of Interior of Turkey & JICA to participate in a research mission in Turkey. The mission objectives were:

- (1) To review the roles of disaster-related Gov't offices and organizations
- (2) To identify outstanding issues concerning the disaster management system of Turkey
- (3) To make recommendation on development of a training course curriculum for vice-governors and district governors.

The mission visited the Gov't Ministries, the governorships, municipalities and universities as well as Red Crescent Society at Ankara, Istanbul, Izmir and Corum.



Several issues to be addressed became evident in the mission. The role of the individual administrative offices are quite sectionalized both at national and local levels, and the disaster reduction cycle of "Prevention/Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and Recovery/Reconstruction" is not quite linked in the Turkish system. Large mass of vulnerable buildings in Turkey may turn to one of major factors of numerous human losses in the future. Some local politicians have allowed illegal occupation of dangerous buildings.

Wrap-up meeting was held at Ankara at the end of the mission. Followed by a presentation on disaster management system in Japan, Mr. Nishikawa reported the observations regarding Turkey's Earthquake Disaster Management System, and recommended Turkish government that they adapt the TDRM approach in Turkey with focus on promoting reinforcement of buildings and public awareness programs & disaster education in schools. Mr. Nishikawa also emphasized the importance of mobilizing senior Turkish administrators with long experience in disaster reduction/response and dissemination of good practices at governorship or municipal levels. For more information, please contact Mr. Nishikawa (nishikawa@adrc.or.jp) or Dr. Kurita (kurita@adrc.or.jp).



➤ "International Training Program on Total Disaster Risk Management" held at Kobe

In cooperation with UN-OCHA Kobe, ADRC organized "International Training Program on Total Disaster Risk Management (TDRM)" on 10 – 13 June 2003 at JICA Hyogo Center. In view of "Disaster Management Activity based on Reliable Information", the workshop curriculum was focused on "Development & Usage of Hazard Maps" and "Disaster Assessment Methodologies". The participants counted more

than 60 officials from 17 countries' national government focal points, UN and International organizations. Vigorous discussions were made at sessions (1) Best Practice of "Total Disaster Risk Management Approach", and (2) Hazard Mapping and Disaster Assessment. ADRC will continuously support conducting echo training in member countries. For more information, please contact Mr. Yoshimura (yoshimura@adrc.or.jp).



➤ 2003 Australian Disaster Conference will be held at Canberra, 10-12 September 2003

Emergency Management Australia (EMA) has announced to host the "Safer Sustainable Communities - 2003 Australian Disaster Conference" from Wednesday 10 September to Friday 12 September 2003 (with a number of workshops on Tuesday 9 September 2003) at the National Convention Centre in Canberra, Australia. The Conference, in keeping with its theme Community Safety is Everyone's Business, will present a very stimulating program comprising over 100 speakers, workshops and expert panel sessions across the breadth of community safety and sustainability. EMA is now distributing registration brochures to its counterparts, regional offices and all those interested in enhancing the safety and sustainability of communities. The Conference rates are as follows: concession-\$225, earlybird registration by 25 July -\$250, and full registration after 25 July-\$350. Workshops are \$25 each. For details, please go to www.ema.gov.au.

➤ Recent Natural Disasters in Asia : Severe Floods in India

From late June 2003, incessant rain in the upper reaches of the mighty Brahmaputra, a river that flows through the state of Assam in north-eastern India, has caused flooding along its banks, leaving more than 400,000 people homeless and displaced. For details, please go to <http://www.ndmindia.nic.in/flood2003/report1.htm>

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