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➤ **ADRC Participated Exhibition and Workshop for Earthquake Disaster Reduction at Marikina City, Philippines**

From July 28th to 29th, 2003, ADRC was invited by the Earthquake Disaster Mitigation Research Center (EDM) to the Exhibition and Workshop for Earthquake Disaster Reduction at Marikina City, Philippines. The title of the exhibition was "Preserving Marikina's Future through Earthquake Disaster Reduction". The objectives were to disseminate information about risk of the possible West Valley Fault Earthquake to the citizens and to demonstrate the countermeasures to the Marikina City Government Officials.

ADRC made a presentation with posters entitled "Strengthening Preparedness through Risk Communications among Residents" and introduced "Town Watching Method" and "Community Based Evacuation Map" for risk awareness. More than 300 citizens, including high school students, visited the exhibition and eagerly listened to the explanation about lesson learned in Japan. Regarded as effective and costless method, "Town Watching Method" attracted much attention.



Consecutively, a workshop was held for the Marikina City Government officials to develop concrete strategies for disaster management. For more information, please ask Ms. Nakamura ([nakamura@adrc.or.jp](mailto:nakamura@adrc.or.jp)).

➤ **Visitors to ADRC**

□ **Military Officers from 13 Asia-Pacific countries**

On August 30, 2003, 17 Military officers from 13 Asian-Pacific countries paid a visit to ADRC as a part of Japan Self-Defense Agency's multinational cooperation program. Headed by the Colonel of Ground Staff Office at Japan Self-Defense Agency, Mr. Katsushi Okazaki, the participants came to Hyogo, Japan in order to study advanced response of disaster-relief activities.

Executive Director of ADRC, Mr. Nishikawa provided a presentation about ADRC activities. In the following, Sri Lankan Researcher Dr. Sanker showed an example of

ADRC's effort for response to the 2003 deluge in Sri Lanka. The visitors including Liutenant Colonel Mr. Barnes at US Army Pacific, showed strong interest in ADRC's disaster reduction activities and an intention to exchange further opinions with ADRC.



➤ **ADRC dispatched a survey team to Sri Lanka**

From August 4th to 11th, 2003, a survey team was dispatched to Sri Lanka by ADRC, on a request made by the National Disaster Management Centre, Sri Lanka. The team conducted a thorough survey and also met Social Welfare Minister Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera and Secretary Ms. Vijeyalakshmy Jegarasasingam at their Ministry and discussed how to develop a Disaster Management System in Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka was hit by heavy flood in May 2003, which killed more than 200 people.

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➤ **Recent Natural Disasters in Asia :**

□ **South Korea -Typhoon Maemi**

On September 13, 2003, Typhoon Maemi battered southern areas of South Korea with record winds (135mph) overnight caused \$1.3 billion in damage, leaving 121 people dead or missing and 8,938 people homeless. The typhoon damaged 774 roads, 27 bridges, and submerged 43,027 acres of farmland, the government said in a statement. A total of 465 vessels were destroyed or marooned.

On September 11, two days earlier, the typhoon swept across the Japan's Yaeyama islands, causing 22,000 households without electricity. For more information, please check the ADRC website at [http://www.adrc.or.jp/latestinfo/View\\_E.asp?lang=en&KEY=646](http://www.adrc.or.jp/latestinfo/View_E.asp?lang=en&KEY=646)

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