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## ➤ ADRC develops Disaster Administrator Seminars for Turkey

Following the research mission to Turkey in June 2003, ADRC, at the request of JICA Turkey Office and the Ministry of Interior of Turkey, developed a one-week disaster administration seminar program. The most recent 2 courses were held in Ankara on the week of 31 May and 7 June. This seminar is targeted at the provincial vice-governors and district governors who are responsible for disaster preparedness and response in each localities of Turkey but have not had the chance to be trained in disaster administration.

After the 1999 Marmara Earthquake, the Turkish Government is stepping up various measures against sudden on-set disasters.

This seminar is one of the major components of their efforts. The course is designed to address the entire disaster reduction cycle, prevention/mitigation, preparedness, response and rehabilitation/reconstruction, and covers both structural and non-structural measures as well as organizational aspects of disaster administration. To meet the needs of the participants, this course has various features, including lectures from Turkish Governors who have personally experienced earthquake response and lectures from media professionals. Prior to the seminar, the Turkish lecturers were invited to JICA Hyogo in August 2003 for a training of trainers to master the Japanese efforts for earthquake risk management.



The courses were held twice each in October 2003, March 2003 and June 2004 where 30 participants were trained at the training facility in Ankara. ADRC Executive Director Satoru Nishikawa served as lecturer together with Professors Meguro of Tokyo Univ. and Nakabayashi of Tokyo Metropolitan Univ. The next two courses will be held this autumn and the total number of the participants is expected to be 240 which is approximately one-fourth of the core local administrators of Turkey.

After the completion of the course, JICA Turkey together with the Ministry of Interior will provide a set of training materials to the participants so that they will easily organize echo-training at their localities.

## ➤ ADRC Staff Profiles No. 18

### □ Mr. Akihiro Teranishi, Senior Researcher

Dispatched from Hyogo Prefecture Government, I joined ADRC as a Senior Researcher on April, 2004. Among my main assignment were to water supply management and

wastewater treatment.

Immediately after Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake hit Kobe in 1995, I was engaged in emergency water management including supervising logistics of water supply trucks, and repairing water pipes. Supported by other prefectural and municipal governments' help, we could make water supply available in all households.



Water is essential not only for drinking but also for medical services and firefighting. Based on the experience during the Hanshin-Awaji Great Earthquake, I would like to contribute to reduce negative impact of natural disasters that occurs in ADRC Member countries.

## ➤ The third Regional Consultative Meeting was held at Makati, Philippines

On 24-25 February, 2004, WHO WPRO (Manila) and ADPC (Bangkok) hosted the third Regional Consultative Meeting inviting UN agencies and Regional agencies on disaster reduction in Asia.

Mr. Satoru Nishikawa, Executive Director and Mr. Fumiaki Yoshimura, Senior Researcher participated in it from ADRC.

Mr. Nishikawa emphasized the importance of ensuring the coordination mechanism, increasing awareness of non-traditional players, and mainstreaming disaster reduction into National Policy and Development Process.

The participants had agreement on each strong commitment to the UN Conference on Disaster Reduction to be held at Kobe in Jan 2005.

## ➤ United Nations Award for Disaster Reduction

The United Nations Inter-Agency Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR) has launched the nomination process for the 2004 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 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 August, 2004. Nomination booklets and forms in English, French, Spanish, and Russian can be downloaded from the ISDR homepage (<http://www.unisdr.org>). For more information on the UN Sasakawa Award for Disaster Reduction, please refer to <http://www.unisdr.org/eng/sasakawa/sk-about-eng.htm>.

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