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7th ECO International Conference on Disaster Risk Management

The Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) participated in the 7th Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) International Conference on Disaster Risk Management held in Gabala, Azerbaijan on 4-5 June 2014. This conference was organized by the Ministry of Emergency Situations of Azerbaijan in cooperation with the ECO Secretariat. It provided an opportunity for delegates of ECO member states as well as experts from UN agencies, international organizations, and academic and scientific institutions to discuss and share experiences on disaster risk reduction to promote better cooperation in the ECO region. The ECO member states that are also ADRC member countries are Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.



Following presentations and speeches by the heads of the various delegations, organizations including UNOCHA, UNESCAP, GIZ, the Central Asian Institute for Applied Geosciences (CAIAG), and ADPC introduced their disaster risk reduction efforts in the region. ADRC gave a presentation explaining its role in Asia and highlighting the programs that might benefit member countries in Central Asia and Caucasus, namely, the Visiting Researcher Program, the JICA training for Central Asia and Caucasus, and the Peer Review Project.

At the end of the conference, the participants agreed that an integrated approach combining policy, operational, and scientific elements would facilitate more effective and efficient disaster risk management in the region. ADRC believes that this is crucial not only in this region, but also in other parts of Asia.

9th Meeting of the Typhoon Committee Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction

ADRC participated in the 9th Meeting of the Typhoon Committee Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction held in Seoul on 26-27 May 2014. This event was jointly organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Typhoon Committee Secretariat, and the National Emergency Management Agency of the Republic of Korea. It was attended by 25 people, including representatives from Malaysia, the Republic of Korea, Thailand, the US, Viet Nam, Hong Kong, and the Macao Special Administrative Regions, as well as representatives of the organizing institutions. During the



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meeting, reports were given on the typhoon damage sustained in each country, as well as on the current year's activities. These included the project on Synergized Standard Operating Procedures for Coastal Multi-hazards Early Warning System (SSOP), in which ADRC is involved. Reports also highlighted good practices in international cooperation and DRR information dissemination using social media.

The Typhoon Committee has two other working groups on meteorology and hydrology, in addition to the working group on disaster risk reduction. The 9th Integrated Workshop and 47th Typhoon Committee Session are scheduled to be held within the current fiscal year.

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Senior Researcher Mr. Masami Sugiura retired from the ADRC at the end of May. All of us at the ADRC offer our best wishes for his continued success.

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