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SATREPS Chile Project -Research Project on Enhancement of Technology to Develop Tsunami-Resilient Community-

The Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) has been participating in the SATREPS Chile Project since 2013. ADRC dispatched a project member to Talcahuano where a large-scale earthquake and tsunami occurred in 2010. More than 800 people were killed in this disaster. The purpose of this research was to conduct the Disaster Imagination Game (DIG) and to conduct a questionnaire survey among residents.

The local government of Talcahuano facilitated this DIG training and survey, which were conducted over the course of one week and involved the participation of about 100. The participants, who included residents and experts from a local university, exchanged opinions using a tsunami inundation map to facilitate improved disaster risk reduction (DRR).

Predictions suggest that a large-scale earthquake and tsunami will occur in Chile in the future. We therefore hope that disaster mitigation activities based on this training in Talcahuano will be developed for regions all across Chile.



DIG Training in Talcahuano

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My name is Kazuhito UEDA, 55 years old, and I was sent by the Hyogo prefectural government in April 2015 to succeed Mr. Junji MORIWAKI at ADRC.

I was hired by the Hyogo prefectural government in 1993, more than 20 years ago, in the field of industrial policy. Over my years with the prefecture, I have been responsible for various duties in a many fields, including agricultural policy and the environment, health and welfare, and civil affairs. My work in the field of disaster management has included visits to many disaster-stricken sites of commercial and industrial organizations immediately after the great Hanshin-Awaji earthquake, involvement in disaster waste processing in cities and towns affected by floods following typhoons No. 18 and No. 23 in 2004, and assistance with disaster recovery in the cities and towns affected by typhoon No. 9 in 2009. Even now, these remain unforgettable experiences for me. However, the knowledge and skills I acquired from these experiences are only loosely connected with the field of disaster reduction, and this is currently an issue of concern for me.



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I once participated in a JICA volunteer program, and what I learned there was that no matter in anything, and everywhere it is important to "learn by doing" and to "learn by going." I am an amateur when it comes to the field of disaster reduction, but I would like to improve my knowledge and skills through my job with ADRC so that I can provide relevant services to the public.

My main responsibilities at ADRC are related to supporting the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR), which was adopted at the 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in March of this year, and conducting JICA training courses. It is my great pleasure to be able to contribute to ADRC's mission of promoting international cooperation on disaster reduction. I look forward to your warm support and guidance during my time working at ADRC.

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