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## ●Promoting Cooperation with Affiliated Institutions

### JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program: Raising Awareness of Disaster Reduction

From 23 June to 24 July 2015, the Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) conducted a program for eight disaster management officials from Vietnam in cooperation with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Kansai International Center. The program was designed to develop and implement an action plan for raising awareness of disaster reduction initiatives among the citizens of Vietnam. The ultimate goal is to ensure that the general public will be able to acquire the knowledge needed for disaster reduction, conduct preparedness and emergency response activities, and minimize damage in the event of a disaster.

Participants attended lectures and visited central and municipal government agencies, disaster management bases, educational institutes, a meteorological organization, a broadcasting company, and NPOs in order to enhance their understanding of Japan's disaster management system and techniques. During a study tour to Kyoto, they learned a great deal about Japan's disaster reduction culture. They learned about traditional wooden houses called "Kiomachiya" and their cultural significance, and also learned a great deal about disaster reduction in very densely populated urban areas. In Tokushima, they mastered basic knowledge and skills that can be used to combat flooding. These are of great practical use to the people of Vietnam, where floods frequently cause major natural disasters. They practiced rope work, which is useful in reducing disasters, including techniques for making lifelines. They also learned a method of sandbag stacking that can be used to temporarily stop a levee leak through the creation of an emergency reservoir.

The participants were very interested in the disaster risk reduction efforts taken in Japan and were eager participants in every lecture and site visit. At the end of the program, they developed an action plan for their own country and gave a presentation on their conclusions.

ADRC would like to express its sincerest gratitude to all of those who contributed to the success of this program.



Rope Work Lecture

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