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ADRC Steering Committee meeting was held back to back Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction, ACDR. In fiscal year 2015, the meeting took place at the occasion of ACDR in Phuket, Thailand in February. In the fiscal year 2016, an SC meeting took place in the morning on the first day of the ADRC study visit to the affected areas by the Kumamoto earthquakes on December 19th and 20th in Kumamoto City, Japan.



Group photo, ADRC study visit to the affected areas by the Kumamoto Earthquakes in April, 2016

The Steering Committee meeting on 19th in the morning, attended by 23 ADRC member countries, and chaired by Ms. Setsuko Saya, Director for Disaster Preparedness, Public Relations and International Cooperation, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan, focused on future of ADRC and its member countries and actively exchanged views.

First, ADRC secretariat reported about its activities. Executive Director of ADRC briefed about major activities in the year 2016 and plans for the future on the three pillars of ADRC activities including DRR information collection and sharing, human resource development, and international cooperation among member countries and international organizations.



ADRC steering committee meeting in Kumamoto

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### Towards the 20th anniversary of ADRC

The SC meeting raised various issues on possibilities of ADRC activities in the future. Amongst all, regarding its annual meeting, Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction, ACDR, Azerbaijan proposed to host the meeting in 2017, which was welcomed and agreed by the member countries. Many member countries hosted ACDR in the past including Cambodia, Korea, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and Thailand, as well as Japan. ACDR in a Caucasus country will however be the first case.

The SC members expressed their high expectation for Azerbaijan's hosting an ACDR, while Japan proposed to host ACDR in 2018 for the 20th anniversary in Hyogo prefecture where the headquarters of ADRC is located, which was also agreed by the member countries.

The SC meeting in Kumamoto discussed also priorities for another two decades after the 20th anniversary of ADRC in 2018. Facing the miraculous economic growth of Asian countries, which kinds of DRR themes should ADRC focus on so as to meet rising DRR demands in its member countries? This will be discussed throughout its activities in 2017 among member countries by taking various opportunities of international conferences.

It is important for ADRC to continue international contribution in DRR in a way more directly facilitating Asian countries' solution-finding by learning the emerging needs from Asia and exploring the key activities of ADRC in the future.



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