

## **Introduction**

The Asian Conference Disaster Reduction 2003 was held at the International Conference Center in Kobe, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan on 15-17 January 2003. The Conference was organized by the United Nations Inter-Agency Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR), the Cabinet Office of Japan, the Hyogo Prefecture, the Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC), and the Disaster Reduction Alliance (DRA). The Conference gathered policy representatives, experts in disaster and disaster risk management from 24 countries in Asia and other parts of the world, and representatives of 26 international and regional organizations.

The report of the Conference can also be found on the ISDR and ADRC websites at:  
<http://www.unisdr.org/> and <http://www.adrc.or.jp/>