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## 4. Promotion of Disaster Reduction Cooperation

### 4-1. Cooperation with the United Nations

#### 4-1-1. Opening of the UN OCHA Relief Web

##### 1) Provided Information

The ReliefWeb of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) has been promoted with fund aid from member countries since 1996. Its mission defined by the UN General Conference resolution is “to contribute humanitarian aid applied by an international society by means of providing prompt and reliable information”. The ReliefWeb is currently providing information related to humanitarian aid and disaster via the Internet.

##### 2) Opening of the Relief Web Kobe

The ReliefWeb provides information on international humanitarian aid applied by the UN OCHA for regions damaged by natural disasters and local conflicts including local condition, need, actual situation of aid activities, dispersal of financial aid, etc, which are collected from more than 600 relevant organizations.

##### 3) Opening of Relief Web Kobe

With the funds donated by “the UN Fund for Human Security” established by the Japanese government and support from the Japanese government, the ADRC and Hyogo prefecture, OCHA established the Kobe office within the ADRC and dispatched personnel in charge of information. The opening ceremony for the Kobe office was held on August 16, 2001. Together with the offices in New York and Geneva, the Kobe office became the third base for ReliefWeb, which made it possible to provide the latest information covering a 24-hour period.

Together with the OCHA Asian Unit established within the ADRC in February 2000, the ADRC now have a wide range of human networks with the Asian region as a core. By utilizing these human networks, it can be expected that the ADRC will make great contributions to a more active and efficient sharing of information on disaster reduction and emergency aid in the Asian regions.



Opening ceremony for the UN OCHA ReliefWeb