

2-4-3. ADRC Highlights

In addition to providing information over the Internet, ADRC shares information with member countries and others by publishing an annual report and staging meetings, etc. However, amongst the developing nations of Asia, there are many without internet access and even governmental organizations haven't had yet an environment that enable staff to regularly access the internet. The situation is, however, improving through e-mail as more and more individuals in developing nations are acquiring personal addresses.

Because of the situation, ADRC started publishing a biweekly newsletter -- *ADRC Highlights* -- on June 1, 1999, to circulate the information we had primarily made available since our inception through our website, in detail and in a timely fashion. Though *ADRC Highlights* can be read on our website, we also send it by e-mail to some 300 persons in Japan and some 600 persons around the world, amongst which some are our counterparts, participants to international meetings and symposiums, associates, visitors to our offices, and others whom we have met through our participation in international conferences. Also, visitors to our offices can get back issues upon request.

Content-wise, *ADRC Highlights* carried in the first year of print information made available by ADRC, but as of this year, we've added articles on recent activities, topics and reports on international conferences that staff attends, as well as profiles of ADRC staff (Table 2-4-3). By introducing staff that has been for all practical purposes unknown to counterparts in member countries, we've seen a positive reaction from our members, which is helping to strengthen our system of cooperation. From the latter half of this year, we'd like to start publishing profiles of counterparts in member countries so as to make us more familiar with one another and further boost cooperation between us.

Another interesting point is that, because information we provide is often sent to persons involved with disaster reduction outside of counterpart organizations, many people attending the same international conferences have told us that they know about *ADRC Highlights* and many have said favorable things about it even though we have never met these people before. The impression this gives us is that the newsletter has made our organization better known.

ADRC will be looking to upgrade the content of *ADRC Highlights* both quantitatively and qualitatively, broaden circulation and provide accurate information in a more timely fashion.

Table 2-4-3 2001 ADRC Highlight Articles

	Issue Date	Main Articles	Other Articles	Asia Disaster Information
Vol. 21	Apr. 2	Promotion of disaster information sharing by standardized codes.	ADRC Visiting Researcher Program	Geiyo Earthquake
Vol. 22	Apr. 16	Disaster information sharing using standardized codes...	1. ADRC Regional Cooperation Project Situation (Sri Lanka) 2. Visiting Geiyo Earthquake site	
Vol. 23	May 1	2000 Disaster Data Analysis	ADRC Mission for Seibu Earthquake in India Visitor to ADRC	PNG Oil Explosion
Vol. 24	May 16	ADRC Visiting Researcher Report Ms. Hripsime Vardanyan (Armenia)	Report on ADRC Visit to the Seibu Earthquake site in India	
Vol. 25	Jun. 1	Research and development for "Asia Regional Disaster Information Network System" - "JST Sendai Meeting"-	1. Introduction of ADRC staff assignment by country 2. International symposium on the Internet based disaster information (ISIDI) 3. Introduction of ADRC staff Yujiro Ogawa	1. Flood in Far East Russian Region 2. Draught in India

Vol. 26	Jun. 18	ADRC multiple-country survey mission for Seibu Earthquake in India	Introduction of ADRC staff Taichi Kushakabe	1. Draught in the Central Asia 2. Flood in China
Vol. 27	Jul. 2	ADRC Visiting Researcher Report Ms. Philomena Miria (Papua New Guinea)	1. WHO Consultation on Developing EHA Regional Information System 2. Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake Memorial Center 3. Visitor to ADRC	
Vol. 28	Jul. 18	ADRC Visiting Researcher Report Mr. So Ban Heang (Cambodia)	1. Promotion of cooperation with ADPC 2. Symposium on Best Practices in Humanitarian Information Exchange	1. Flood in Korea 2. Typhoon in the Philippines and China 3. Flood in India
Vol. 29	Aug. 1	Disaster in the first half of the year in 2001	1. 2001 Earthquake Volcano/World Children's Summit 2. Regional Cooperation Conference on Natural Disaster	
Vol. 30	Aug. 17	Visit on ADRC Cooperative Project (Indonesia)	1. Opening of OCHA ReliefWeb Kobe Office 2. Introduction of ADRC staff Vice Chairman, Satoru Nishikawa 3. Participated in Crowding Summit	
Vol. 31	Sep. 3	Promotion of Unique ID Project	Introduction of ADRC staff Ryosuke Aota	1. Flood in the northern part of Thailand 2. Torrential rain in the northern part of Iran 3. Damage all over Japan due to typhoon 4. Flood in Cambodia
Vol. 32	Sep. 17	International symposium on the Internet based disaster information (ISIDI)	Introduction of ADRC staff Bambang Rudiant 2. Minister of Defense of Philippine, Thomas Ledias visit the center 3. Accept university interns	
Vol. 33	Oct. 1	ADRC Visiting Researcher Report Mr. So Ban Heang (Cambodia)	1. Presentation Ceremony Hyogo Gujarat Benefit Society Fund 2. Introduction of ADRC staff Harumi Yashiro	1. Flood in Vietnam 2. Damage due to typhoon in Taiwan 3. Flood damage in India
Vol. 34	Oct. 16	Participated in United Nations ISDR World Disaster Reduction White Paper Planning Committee	1. ADRC Visiting Researcher Report (Iwate Prefecture, Tsunami Countermeasure Observation) 2. Introduction of ADRC staff Masaru Arakida	
Vol. 35	Nov. 1	ADRC Cooperation Project (ADRC members participated in the International Urban Search Rescue Training in Singapore)	1. Introduction of ADRC staff Masatoku Araki 2. Notice of Conference 3. Visitor at ADRC	Earthquake in Yunnan, China
Vol. 36	Nov. 16	International Disaster Cooperation Seminar sponsored by the Korean	1. ADRC Visiting Researcher Report 2. Introduction of ADRC	Damage by typhoon in Philippine and Vietnam

		government (ADRC assisted the seminar)	staff Bunsho Yoshimura	
Vol. 37	Dec. 3	ADRC Visiting Researcher Report	Introduction of ADRC staff Sonoko Tanaka	
Vol. 38	Dec. 17	Report on "Johannesburg Summit Asia Pacific Regional Preparation Meeting" in Cambodia	1. Report on JUSTSAP 2. Posting by Ms. Pokarel in Nepal	
Vol. 39	Jan. 16	New Year's greeting and notice of change of a chairman	1. Introduction of ADRC member country counterpart No.1, Japanese Cabinet Office 2. 34 th ESCAP-WMO Typhoon Committee Meeting 3. Notice of updated ADRC website 4. Notice of conference	1. Earthquake in Tajikistan 2. Flood damage in the southern part of Russia
Vol. 40	Feb. 1	Held the 4 th Asia Disaster Reduction Center International Meeting	Introduction of ADRC staff Noriko Osono	Extended damage of flood in Indonesia
Vol. 41	Feb. 18	ADRC Analysis Report on Disaster Impact and Sustainable Development	Introduction of ADRC member country counterpart No.2, Armenia NSSP RA	Further extended damage of flood in Indonesia
Vol. 42	Mar. 1	Held Asia Regional Disaster NGO Symposium	1. Introduction of ADRC staff Tomohiko Hatori 2. ADRC Member Country Report (Nepal)	
Vol. 43	Mar. 18	Held the JICA-ADRC Disaster Reduction Administrative Managers' Seminar	Held the International Disaster Reduction Expo for the first time in Republic of Kazakhstan. Held the 6 th Earthquake Countermeasure Technology Expo in Kobe. 2. ADRC Visiting Researcher Report (Md. Atikuzzaman)	