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## 3-2. Visiting Researchers from Member Countries

In line with the agreements arrived at the 1st International Meeting, the ADRC has been receiving visiting researchers from member countries. To date, 29 officials from member countries have taken part in this program.

In the fiscal year 2005, the following four researchers have joined the program.

### (1) Sri Lanka

- Mr. Garu Muni Janaka Kithsiri  
Gunawardena
- Job title at the time of visit: Assistant Director, National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC), Ministry of Disaster Relief Services
- Period: March - June 2006
- Reported on the recent status of tsunami and flood & landslide disasters and disaster management system in Sri Lanka. He participated in several seminars, and he researched Total Disaster Reduction Management in Japan to reflect his study for his country.



Fig.3-2-1 Presentation of his Research

### (2) Republic of Korea

- Mr. Sang-Hyeok Kang
- Job title at the time of visit: Lecturer, Samcheok National University, Republic of Korea
- Period: July - December 2006
- Reported on the recent status of the disaster, especially regarding flood in Korea. Participated in the 2006 Disaster Management Training Course for Central Asia and the Caucasus, which was co-hosted by JICA and ADRC, for a comprehensive research on disaster management practices in Japan.



Fig.3-2-2 Presentation of his Research

### (3) Mongolia

- Ms. Shaazan Altanchimeg
- Job title at the time of visit: Senior Officer, Strategic Planning and Foreign Relation, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)
- Period: January - June 2007 (scheduled)
- Reported on the recent status of the disaster and disaster management system in Mongolia. Her research is to acquire the advanced theoretical and practical knowledge that Japan has developed in this field, especially on risk and vulnerability assessments.

Participated in the Seminar on Disaster Management, which was co-hosted by JICA and the ADRC, for a comprehensive research on disaster management practices in Japan.



Fig.3-2-3 At the Lecture on Town Watching

**(4) Thailand**

- Mr. Arun Pinta
- Job title at the time of visit: Foreign Relation Officer, Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDRM)
- Period: January - June 2007 (scheduled)
- Reported on the recent status of the disaster and disaster management system in Thailand. His research is to focus on two main topics: (1) the past disaster in Thailand and (2) a comparative study of earthquake disaster management at a provincial/prefectural level in Thailand and in Japan.



Fig.3-2-4 At the Lecture on Town Watching

Participated in the Seminar on Disaster Management, which was co-hosted by JICA and the ADRC, for a comprehensive research on disaster management practices in Japan.

In the 6th ADRC International Meeting held in January 2004, “Networking of ADRC Visiting Researchers” was proposed by Mr. V. P. Pasrija, former visiting researcher from India. This network is expected to strengthen the disaster management capacities of their countries by promoting further information sharing among the network members and ADRC.

The list of the visiting researchers in the network is attached below.

Table 3-2 List of ADRC Visiting Reseachres (VR)

	Name	Country	Terms of the VR in ADRC
1	Shim Kee-Oh	Republic of Korea	1999/07/23 - 1999/10/11
2	Ngo Van Sinh	Vietnam	1999/12/10 - 2000/03/17
3	Lek Nath Pokharel	Nepal	2000/01/12 - 2000/05/07
4	Nimal D. Hettiarachchi	Sri Lanka	2000/04/13 - 2000/10/12
5	M. Babul Aknter	Bangladesh	2000/05/12 - 2000/11/16
6	W. A. Chulananda Perera	Sri Lanka	2000/11/13 - 2001/04/05
7	Hiripsime Vardanyan	Armenia	2001/03/09 - 2001/06/04
8	Philomena Miria	Papua New Guinea	2001/06/04 - 2001/12/03
9	So Ban Heang	Cambodia	2001/06/04 - 2001/12/04
10	Md. Atikuzzaman	Bangladesh	2002/01/09 - 2002/06/30
11	Tigran Sayiyan	Armenia	2002/02/23 - 2002/08/22
12	Khun Sokha	Cambodia	2002/07/29 - 2002/12/25
13	V. P. Pasrija	India	2002/10/05 - 2002/12/25
14	Dilli Pd. Shiwakoti	Nepal	2003/01/08 - 2003/07/02
15	Bolormaa Borkhuu	Mongolia	2003/01/08 - 2003/07/05
16	Vilayphong Sisomvang	Lao PDR	2003/07/08 - 2003/12/25
17	Rachman Sobarna	Indonesia	2003/07/09 - 2003/09/30
18	Om Prakash	India	2003/10/08 - 2003/12/24
19	Rahmonov Suhrobsho	Tajikistan	2004/01/14 - 2004/06/10

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20	Nguyen Thanh Phuong	Vietnam	2004/01/27 - 2004/06/29
21	Yuan Yi	China	2004/07/19 - 2004/10/15
22	Bouasy Thammasack	Lao PDR	2004/07/21 - 2004/12/24
23	Shyam Sunder	India	2005/10/02 - 2005/12/25
24	Ross Sovann	Cambodia	2005/01/23 - 2006/06/30
25	Bal Bahadur Malla	Nepal	2005/01/30 - 2006/06/29
26	Maria Matilde Limpahan Go	Philippines	2005/07/13 - 2005/12/27
27	Diloro Mirzovatanovna Mirova	Tajikistan	2005/07/15 - 2005/12/21
28	Lyudmila Harutyunyan	Armenia	2006/01/11 - 2006/04/10
29	G.M.J.K. Gunawardana	Sri Lanka	2006/03/01 - 2006/06/30
30	Sang-Hyeok Kang	Republic of Korea	2006/07/18 - 2006/12/17
31	Shaazan Altanchimeg	Mongolia	2007/01/09 -
32	Arun Pinta	Thailand	2007/01/14 -