

3-2. Human Resource Development and Information Networking on Visiting Researcher

3-2-1. Activities of Visiting Researchers in 2007

In line with the agreements arrived at the 1st International Meeting, the ADRC has been receiving visiting researchers from member countries. To date, 36 officials from member countries have taken part in this program.

In the fiscal year 2007, the following four researchers have joined the program.

(1) Myanmar

- Ms. Nwet Yin Aye
- Job title at the time of visit: Head of International Division, Department of Relief and Resettlement
- Period: July-December 2007
- Reported on the disasters in Myanmar, especially the damage by urban fire and disaster management system in Myanmar.

She participated in several seminars, and she researched Total Disaster Reduction Management in Japan to reflect her study for her country.



Fig.3-2-1 Presentation of her Research

(2) Republic of Kyrgyzstan

- Mr. Karybai uulu Kanatbek
- Job title at the time of visit: Chief specialist, External Relations and Investment Department
- Period: July-December 2007
- Reported on the so many kind of disasters in Kyrgyzstan and disaster management system in Kyrgyzstan.

Participated in the 2007 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) China

- Ms. Zhang Yunxia
- Job title at the time of visit: Researcher, National Disaster Reduction Center of China
- Period: January - June 2008 (scheduled)
- Reported on the recent status of the disaster and disaster management system in China. Her research is to acquire the disaster management system in Japan and Asia. Especially regarding flood.

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 Tachikawa Wide-area Disaster Management Base 2

(4)Pakistan

- Mr.Zafar Waqar Taj
- Job title at the time of visit: Assistant Commissioner, Northan Areas Administration, Kashhmir & Northan Areas Division, Government of Pakistan
- Period: February - June 2007 (scheduled)
- Reported on the recent status of the disaster and disaster management system in Pakistan.

His research is to focus on the study of Japanese Building Standard and the implementation, pre and pro disaster prevention in Japan.

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



Fig.3-2-4 At the Town Watching

In the 6th ADRC International Meeting held in Januay 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.

Chart 3-2-1 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
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 - 2007/06/30
32	Arun Pinta	Thailand	2007/01/14 - 2007/06/30
33	Nwet Yin Aye	Myanmar	2007/07/04 - 2007/12/25
34	Karybai uulu Kanat	Kyrgyzstan	2007/07/06 - 2007/12/26
35	Zhang Yunxia	China	2008/01/10 - 2008/05/28
36	Zafar Waqar Taj	Pakistan	2008/02/23 - 2008/06/24

3-2-2 Promotion of Networking of Past Visiting Researchers

3-2-2-1 Background

In line with the agreements at the 1st International Meeting in 1998, the ADRC has received visiting researchers from the member countries. To date, 34 officials from the member countries have taken part in the program.

Every visiting researcher (VR) has learnt about the Japan's advanced knowledge and technology on disaster risk reduction and international cooperation of Japan in his/her 6-month stay in ADRC.

The visiting researchers are expected not only to contribute to strengthen the capacity on Disaster Risk Reduction (hereafter, named DRR) in their countries, but also to further promote cooperation between their countries and ADRC. After finishing the program, they have contributed to develop and improve the capacity on DRR in their country.

Since the former visiting researchers have the sufficient knowledge on DRR of Japan and the experience of DRR in their own countries, ADRC with the mandate for enhance the capacity on DRR in Asia offers the opportunity for returned visiting researchers and the organizations that are in charge of DRR in the national government to make draft National Action Plans on DRR.

3-2-2-2 Objectives

The objectives are as follows.

- (1) To evaluate the capacity on DRR of the ADRC member countries based on the Hyogo Framework for Action by accumulating the latest data on the organizations, the national budget, the national plans, disaster event database and the relevant laws, acts, and regulations for DRR.
- (2) To point out what needs to be improved and/or strengthened regarding to the DRR system based on the evaluation.
- (3) To select ADRC member countries which have sufficient background and the motivation to make the National Action Plans.
- (4) To enhance the network of former visiting researchers and improve the visiting researcher program based on their advice.

3-2-2-3 Activities

< Year 1 >

- (1) ADRC makes a comprehensive survey for the member countries through the returned VRs on the organizations, the national budget, the national plans, disaster event database and the relevant laws, acts, and regulations for DRR. (3 months)
- (2) Based on the survey document ADRC and the former VRs jointly point out what needs to be improved and/or strengthened regarding to the DRR system. (3 months)
- (3) ADRC evaluates the motivation and the capacity of the countries to make the National Action Plan. (2 months)

< Year2 >

- (1) ADRC and the returned VRs of the selected countries in Year1 jointly make draft proposal for National Action Plans and require the national government for the approval. (5 months)
 - (2) ADRC organizes the conference in Kobe to assess the draft National Action Plans and invites the advice and suggestion to revise them. (1 month)
 - (3) Based on the advice and suggestion, ADRC and the returned VRs revise the drafts. (3 months)
- The national governments require the parliaments to adopt the draft National Action Plans.

3-2-2-4 The returned ADRC trainees

The returned ADRC trainees working with their Government are 34 at the end of March, 2008.

The numbers of the returned ADRC trainees by their country is shown at Table 3-2-2-4-1. & 3-2-2-4-2.

The numbers of countries by each region in Asia is shown at Table 3-2-2-4-3.

The outlines on activities of past visiting researchers are shown next to 3-2-2-5.

Table 3-2-2-4-1 VR numbers by country

Republic of Korea	2
Vietnam	2
Nepal	3
Sri Lanka	3
Bangladesh	2
Armenia	3
Papua New Guinea	1
Cambodia	3
India	3
Mongolia	2
Pakistan	1
Lao PDR	2
Indonesia	1
China	1
Tajikistan	2
Philippines	1
Thailand	1
Kyrgyz	1
Myanmar	1

19 countries, 34VRs

Table 3-2-2-4-2 Country of Zero VR

Uzbekistan
Kazakhstan
Bhutan
Singapore
Malaysia
Russian Federation
Yemen

7 countries

Table 3-2-2-4-3 Numbers of countries by each region in Asia
 * marking country: Sending VR before, others: Zero VR

East Asia	Republic of Korea
	China
	Mongolia
	Russian Federation
Southeast Asia	Vietnam
	Cambodia
	Indonesia
	Lao PDR
	Philippines
	Thailand
	Papua New Guinea
	Singapore
	Malaysia
	Myanmar
	South Asia
Bangladesh	
India	
Nepal	
Pakistan	
Bhutan	
Central Asia	Armenia
	Tajikistan
	Uzbekistan
	kazakhstan
	Kyrgyz
Middle East	Yemen

3-2-2-5 The outlines on activities of past visiting researchers

(1) Korea

- Name: Mr. Shim Kee-Oh
- Title at the time of visit: Project Manager, Nation's Institute for Disaster Reduction (Drought Control), Ministry of Government Administration and Home Affairs.
- Duration: August - October, 1999
- Researched drought control in Japan and reported on drought control in Korea. Additionally, researched and reported on recent drought disasters in Vietnam and Papua New Guinea.

(2) Vietnam

- Name: Mr. Ngo Van Sinh
- Title at the time of visit: Water-related Disaster Management Specialist, Disaster Management Center, Committee for Flood and Storm Control, Department of Flood Management, Flood and Storm Control, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of S.R. Vietnam
- Duration: December 1999 - March 2000
- Reported on the legal system surrounding disaster reduction as well as flooding in Vietnam, studied flood reduction measures in Japan and visited related facilities. Conducted research under Professor Takara and Assistant Professor Toda, Disaster Reduction Institute, Kyoto University, in the area of water-related disasters.

(3) Nepal

- Name: Mr. Lek Nath Pokharel
- Title at the time of visit: Section Officer, Disaster Relief Section, Ministry of Home Affairs
- Duration: January - May 2000
- Reported on the legal system surrounding disaster reduction as well as natural disasters in Nepal, studied landslide reduction measures in Japan and visited related facilities. Conducted research under Assistant Professor Nakagawa, Disaster Reduction Institute, Kyoto University.
- Reported on flood management and the possible collapse of Tsho Rolpa glacial lake in the Himalayas and conducted research under Professor Ueda (cryospheric variation) at the Atmosphere-Hydrosphere Science Institute, Nagoya University.

(4) Sri Lanka

- Name: Mr. Nimal Dharmasiri Hettiarachchi
- Title at the time of visit: Deputy Director for Disaster Relief, Department of Social Services, Ministry of Home Affairs
- Duration: April - October 2000
- Reported on a basic disaster reduction bill in Parliament and natural disasters in Sri Lanka. Exchanged opinions with researchers from the UN Regional Development Center at Nagoya University and ADRC about sustainable development and its relations to disaster reduction.

(5) Bangladesh

- Name: Mr. M. Babul Akhter
- Title at the time of visit: Assistant Manager, Palli Karma Shayak Foundation, Treasury Department
- Duration: May - November 2000
- Reported on disaster reduction systems, natural disasters and the significance that a small business support program for women has with regards to disaster reduction in Bangladesh. Studied flood reduction and river management in Japan at the Ministry of Construction (now Ministry of Land Infrastructure and Transportation) and River Information Center because of the many flood disasters in his country.

(6) Sri Lanka

- Name: Mr. Chulananda Perera
- Title at the time of visit: Deputy Director, Sri Lanka Ministry of Social Welfare, National Disaster Management Center
- Duration: November 2000 - April 2001
- Reported on natural disasters, the legal system surrounding disaster reduction, and organizations such as the National Disaster Management Center in Sri Lanka. Prepared a training manual for disaster reduction that is needed in his country.

(7) Armenia

- Name: Ms. Hripsime Vardanyan
- Title at the time of visit: Secretary to Director, Armenia National Earthquake Center (NSSP)
- Duration: March - June 2001
- Reported on disasters in Armenia including the Spitak Earthquake and disaster reduction organizations such as NSSP. Visited the Cabinet Office and disaster reduction organizations in Hyogo and Shizuoka, to research disaster reduction in Japan.

(8) Papua New Guinea

- Name: Ms. Philomena Miria
- Title at the time of visit: Director Education & Training, National Disaster Management Organization (NDMO)
- Duration: June-December 2001
- Reported on recent disasters in Papua New Guinea including tidal waves and the eruption of Mt. Rapowl, as well as disaster reduction organizations such as the NDMO. Visited Sanriku and other locations to research Tsunami reduction measures in Japan. Prepared a training manual for disaster reduction in his country.

(9) Cambodia

- Name: Mr. So Ban Heang
- Title at the time of visit: Secretary-General, National Council on Disaster Management Organization (NDMO)
- Duration: June-December 2001
- Reported on flood disasters and measures in Cambodia, as well as the activity of NCDM. Visited Kotani Dam and the Kisosansen River Basin, as well as the Cabinet Office, NHK and the Japan Red Cross, to study flood reduction measures in Japan.

(10) Bangladesh

- Name: Mr. Mohamed Atikuzzaman
- Title at the time of visit: Deputy Director, Bangladesh Provincial Administration Training Center (BPATC)
- Duration: January - July 2002
- Reported on recent cyclones and flood disasters in Bangladesh, as well as BPATC training. Attended JICA Seminar on Disaster Management organized by the ADRC and JICA. Researched all types of disaster reduction in Japan. Also gave a lecture on disaster situation of Bangladesh in Fuji Tokoha University.

(11) Armenia

- Name: Mr. Tigran Sayiyan
- Title at the time of visit: Head, Southern Department Task Force, National Survey for Seismic Protection
- Duration: February - August 2002
- Reported on antiseismic construction after the Spitak Earthquake and other earthquake measures, and activities of the NSSP. Also gave a lecture on disaster situation of Armenia in Fuji Tokoha University. Visited the Phoenix Plaza, seismic test lab and other disaster reduction organizations in Hyogo, to study disaster reduction measures in Japan.

(12) Cambodia

- Name: Mr. Khun Sokha
- Title at the time of visit: Assistant to the First Vice-President, National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM)
- Duration: July – December 2002
- Reported on the status of and control measures against the rise of water of Lake Tonle Sap (Cambodia) and flooding of the Mekong River. Visited Shiga Pref. to study the flood control measures of Lake Biwa including the improvements of forestry surrounding the Lake. Prepared the report on disaster management of Cambodia.

(13) India

- Name: Mr. V.P. Pasrija
- Title at the time of visit: Assistant Director, Disaster Management Division, Ministry of Home Affairs
- Duration: October – December 2002
- Reported on the damage from the Gujarat earthquake and disaster reduction system of India. Actively visited many disaster reduction facilities such as Hyogo Prefecture Disaster Management Center, Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution to collect information contributing to the future establishment of a disaster reduction center in India. Prepared the report on disaster management of India.

(14) Nepal

- Name: Mr. Dilli Shiwakoti
- Title at the time of visit: Director, Dept. of Narcotics and Disaster Management, Ministry of Home Affairs
- Duration: January – June 2003
- Reported on the flooding in the Katmandu area in recent years, the current situation of landslides and floods frequently occurring in various regions and Nepal's disaster reduction projects. Participated in the Seminar on Disaster Management, which is conducted by JICA and ADRC, for comprehensive research of disaster reduction in Japan. Prepared the report on disaster management of Nepal.

(15) Mongolia

- Name: Ms. Bolormaa Borkhuu
- Title at the time of visit: Officer, Strategic Planning and Management Department, Ministry of Nature and Environment of Mongolia
- Duration: January – June 2003
- Reported on the current status of damages due to drought, heavy snow and forest fires in Mongolia. Also reported on the government's disaster reduction organizations and the Ministry of Nature and Environment. Updated the database of ADRC website. Participated in the Seminar on Disaster Management, which is managed by JICA and ADRC, for comprehensive research of disaster reduction in Japan. Prepared the report on disaster management of Mongolia.

(16) Lao PDR

- Name: Mr. Vilayphong Sisomvang
- Title at the time of visit: Training Manager of National Disaster Management Office, Social Welfare Department, National Disaster Management Office, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare of Laos
- Duration: July – December 2003
- Reported on the damage situation of flash flad and wild fire in Lao PDR and disaster management system. Also gave a lecture on disaster situation of Lao PDR in Fuji Tokoha University. Actively visited many disaster reduction facilities such as Disaster Prevention Research Institute of Kyoto University, Public Works Research Institute, and National Insitute for Land and Infrustructure Management, Japan Meteorological Agency, JICA, Institute of Industrial Scinece of University of Tokyo and Life Safty Learning Center. Prepared the report on disaster management of Lao PDR.

(17) Indonesia

- Name: Mr. Rachman Sobarna
- Title at the time of visit: Researcher, Directorate of Volcanology and Geological Hazard Mitigation, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources of Indonesia
- Duration: July – September 2003
- Reported on the sediment related disasters in Indonesia and its monitoring system. Actively visited many disaster reduction facilities such as Hyogo Prefecture Disaster Management Center, Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution, Disaster Prevention Research Institute of Kyoto University, Public Works Research Institute, and National Insitute for Land and Infrustructure Management.

(18) India

- Name: Mr. Om Prakash
- Title at the time of visit: Technical Officer (Disaster Management), Ministry of Home Affairs of India
- Duration: October – December 2003
- Reported on recent disaster situation such as Orissa Super Cyclone in 1999 and Gujarat Earthquake in 2001. Also gave a lecture on disaster situation of India in Fuji Tokoha University. Actively visited many disaster reduction facilities such as Japan Meteorological Agency, JICA, Institute of Industrial Scinece of University of Tokyo and Life Safty Learning Center. Updated the report on disaster management of India.

(19) Tajikistan

- Name: Mr. Rahmonov Suhrobsho
- Title at the time of visit: Chief Computer Operating Specialist, Ministry of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense of Tajikistan
- Duration: January – June 2004
- Reported on the disaster situation in Tajikistan such as the risk of floods from Sarez Lake and sediment related disasters. Participated in the Seminar on Disaster Management, which is managed by JICA and ADRC, for comprehensive research of disaster reduction in Japan. Prepared a report on disaster management of Tajikistan.

(20) Vietnam

- Name: Mr. Nguyen Thanh Phuong
- Title at the time of visit: Specialist Department of Dike Management and Flood and Storm Control, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Vietnam
- Duration: January – June 2004
- Reported on the current status of damages due to flood, and flood management of Hong River. Updated the database of ADRC website. Participated in the Seminar on Disaster Management, which is managed by JICA and ADRC, for comprehensive research of disaster reduction in Japan. Prepared a report on disaster management of Vietnam.

(21) China

- Name: Ms. Yuan Yi
- Title at the time of visit: Researcher, Disaster Information Department, National Disaster reduction Center
- Duration: July – October 2004
- Reported on the current status of disaster and disaster management system in China. Actively visited to the disaster related organizations such as the Cabinet Office, MLIT, Fire and Disaster Management Agency, Hyogo Prefecture to learn the holistic disaster management system in Japan. She specially researched the disaster information system and public awareness.

(22) Lao PDR

- Name: Ms. Bouasy Thammasack i
- Title at the time of visit: Information Officer, National Disaster Management Office, R Social Welfare Department, Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare
- Duration: July – October 2004
- Reported on the flood and drought in Lao PDR. Actively visited to the disaster related Hyogo Prefecture to learn the holistic disaster management system in Japan. She joined the field survey of flood in Toyooka city and earthquake in Niigata prefecture to see the disaster emergency response in Japan.

(23) India

- Name: Mr. Shyam Sunder
- Title at the time of visit: Senior Economic Investigator, National Disaster Management Division, Ministry of Home Affairs
- Duration: October – December 2004
- Reported on recent disaster situation such as Orissa Super Cyclone in 1999 and Gujarat Earthquake in 2001. Actively visited to the disaster related organizations such as the Cabinet Office, MLIT, Fire and Disaster Management Agency, Hyogo Prefecture to learn the holistic disaster management system in Japan. He also joined the field survey of flood in Toyooka city and earthquake in Niigata prefecture to see the disaster emergency response in Japan.

(24) Cambodia

- Name: Mr. Ross Sovann
- Title at the time of visit: Disaster Management Advisor, National Committee for Disaster Management, Council of Ministers
- Duration: January – June 2005
- Reported on the recent status of flood and disaster management system in Cambodia. Participated in the Seminar on Disaster Management, which was organized by JICA and ADRC, for comprehensive research of disaster reduction in Japan. He conducted research on institutional disaster management system in Japan.

(25) Nepal

- Name: Mr. Bal Bahadur Malla
- Title at the time of visit: section Officer, Disaster Management Section, Ministry of Home Affairs
- Duration: January – June 2005
- Reported on the recent status of landslide in Nepal. Participated in the Seminar on Disaster Management, which was organized by JICA and ADRC, for comprehensive research of disaster reduction in Japan. He conducted the disaster management in local Governments in Japan.

(26) Philippines

- Name: Ms. Maria Matilde Limpahan Go
- Title at the time of visit: Local Government Operations Officer V, Bureau of Local Government Development, Department of the Interior and Local Government
- Duration: July – December 2005
- Reported on the recent status of disaster management system in the Philippines. Participated in the Seminar on Disaster Management, which was organized by JICA and ADRC, for comprehensive research of disaster reduction in Japan. She conducted analytical comparison of the disaster management system in ADRC member countries.

(27) Tajikistan

- Name: Ms. Mirova Dilor Mirzovatanovna
- Title at the time of visit: Chief specialist, Management Unit, Minister's Office, Ministry of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense
- Duration: July – December 2005
- Reported on the recent status of landslide in Tajikistan. Participated in the Seminar on Disaster Management, which was organized by JICA and ADRC, for comprehensive research of disaster reduction in Japan. Prepared a report on disaster management of Tajikistan.

(28) Armenia

- Name: Ms. Lyudmila Harutyunyan
- Title at the time of visit: Head of Seismic Station, National Survey for Seismic Protection (NSSP)
- Duration: January – April 2006
- Reported on the recent status of disasters in Armenia. Participated in the Seminar on Disaster Management, which was organized by JICA and ADRC, for comprehensive research of disaster reduction in Japan. Prepared a report on disaster management of Armenia.

(29) Sri Lanka

- Name: Mr. GMJK Gunawardena
- Title at the time of visit: Assistant Director, National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC), Ministry of Disaster Relief Services
- Duration: March – June 2006
- Reported on the recent status of disasters in Sri Lanka. Participated in the Seminar on Disaster Management, which was organized by JICA and ADRC, for comprehensive research of disaster reduction in Japan. Prepared a report on disaster management of Sri Lanka.

(30) Republic of Korea

- Name: Mr. Sang-Hyeok Kang
- Title at the time of visit: Lecturer, Samcheok National University
- Duration: July – December 2006
- Reported on the recent status of floods in South Korea. Participated in the Seminar on Disaster Management, which was organized by JICA and ADRC, for comprehensive research of disaster reduction in Japan. He conducted the study on disaster management for floods.

(31) Mongolia

- Name: Ms. Shaazan Altanchimeg
- Title at the time of visit: Senior Officer, Strategic Planning and Foreign Relation, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)
- Duration: January – June 2007
- 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.

(32) Thailand

- Name: Mr. Arun Pinta
- Title at the time of visit: Foreign Relation officer, Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDRM)
- Duration: January – June 2007
- 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. 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.

(33) Myanmar

- Name: Ms. New Yin Aye
- Title at the time of visit: Head of Training and Research Division, Department of Relief and Resettlement
- Duration: July – December 2007
- Reported on Disaster Management System of Myanmar and Visiting Researcher Program. Participated in the Seminar on Disaster Management, which was organized by JICA and ADRC, for comprehensive research of disaster reduction in Japan. She conducted the comparative study on disaster management, especially in the areas of flood and cyclone management and disaster education systems in Japan.

(34) Kyrgyz Republic

- Name: Mr. karybai uulu Kanatbek
- Title at the time of visit: Chief Specialist, External Relations and Investment Department of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic
- Duration: July – December 2007
- Reported on Research Findings as Visiting Researcher from Kyrgyzstan. Participated in the Seminar on Disaster Management, which was organized by JICA and ADRC, for comprehensive research of disaster reduction in Japan. He conducted the comparative study on disaster prevention and preparedness, disaster emergency measures, disaster recovery and construction, earthquake countermeasures, and community based early warning systems in Japan.

(35) China

- Name: Ms. Zhang Yunxia
- Title at the time of visit: Researcher
- Duration: Jan. – May 2008
- Reported on Research Findings as Visiting Researcher from China. Participated in the seminars on Disaster Management, which were organized by JICA and ADRC, for comprehensive research of disaster reduction in Japan. She conducted to learn the disaster management systems of Japan and to introduce these experiences and the knowledge in her practice work for improvement.

(36) Pakistan

- Name: Mr. Taj Zafar Waoar
- Title at the time of visit: Assistant Commissioner/ Chief Officer Municipal Committee, Gilgit
- Duration: Feb. – June 2008
- Reported on Research Findings as Visiting Researcher from Pakistan. Participated in the seminars on Disaster Management, which were organized by JICA and ADRC, for comprehensive research of disaster reduction in Japan. He conducted the study how to implement and manage the building codes in Japan to apply the same for improving the present situation of his Committee Area.