

## 2. Collection and Distribution of Disaster Information

### 2-1. Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction 2008

The Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction (ACDR) 2008 was held on 12-14 November 2008 in Bali, Republic of Indonesia. It was organized by the government of the Republic of Indonesia (State Ministry of Research and Technology (RISTEK)/National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB)), the government of Japan (Cabinet Office), the United Nations Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR), and the Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC), in cooperation with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN/OCHA) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

A total of 106 participants attended the conference from 24 countries, mainly ADRC member countries, and 14 organizations, including the UN, other international organizations, NGOs, and academic institutions.

#### 2-1-1. Outline of the Conference

The outline of the Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction (ACDR) 2008 is as follows:

- (1) Date: 12 (Wed) – 14 (Fri) November 2008
- (2) Organizers: Government of the Republic of Indonesia / State Ministry of Research and Technology (RISTEK) and the National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB), the Cabinet Office of Japan, the United Nations Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR) and ADRC.
- (3) In cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme, Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (UNDP/BCPR), the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN/OCHA) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- (4) Participants: 106 (high-level government officials from 24 countries, representatives of 14 organizations including the UN and other international organizations and NGOs, and experts, practitioners, and scholars from various fields of discipline)
- (5) Venue: Hotel Grand Hyatt Bali, Republic of Indonesia

#### 2-1-2. Brief Conference Summary

At the opening ceremony on the first day of the conference, opening remarks were delivered by the conference co-chairs, H.E. Dr. Kusmayanto Kadiman, State Minister of Research and Technology for the Republic of Indonesia, and H.E. Mr. Masayoshi Namiki, Vice Minister of the Cabinet Office of Japan.

A message by UN/ISDR Director Mr. Salvano Briceño, who was unavoidably prevented from attending, was read by Mr. Jerry Velasquez, Regional Coordinator of UN/ISDR for Asia and the Pacific. ADRC Chairman Prof. Shigeru Ito also gave remarks expressing his high expectations for ACDR 2008.

For the keynote speech, Mr. Koji Suzuki, Executive Director of ADRC, gave a presentation entitled "Progress on Regional Cooperation in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia: ADRC in the First Decade" and reported on ADRC's efforts in terms of each HFA Priority for Action.

During the breakout sessions, reports were given on each country's progress with regard to the HFA, and participants discussed the issues that need to be examined and the direction that future efforts need to take.

Also, in light of ADRC's 10th anniversary, participants gave reports on the activities ADRC has undertaken thus far and discussed the direction for its future activities. They also discussed public-private partnerships for disaster risk reduction (PPP), disaster management tools, and collaborative activities in anticipation of the Third



Fig. 2-1-1 Chair of ACDR 2008,  
H.E. Dr. Kusmayanto Kadiman

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Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Mr. Shambhu Prasad Marasini from Nepal and Mr. Vu Thanh Liem from Vietnam reported on ADRC's Visiting Researcher Program, as well as the activities they engaged in during their time in Japan on this program.

At the closing ceremony, ADRC Executive Director Mr. Koji Suzuki read a summary of the conference, and Mr. Sugeng Triutomo, Deputy for Prevention and Preparedness, BNPB, gave closing remarks.

Mr. Triutomo concluded the conference by reiterating the importance of the HFA in the Asian region and emphasizing the need to respond to climate change.

We would like to express our sincerest gratitude for the outstanding efforts and kind cooperation provided by the government of the Republic of Indonesia, including RISTEK and the BNPB, in hosting ACDR 2008.

ADRC remains dedicated to promoting the HFA as part of its efforts to reduce the damage caused by disasters in the Asian region.



Fig. 2-1-2 Report from ADRC Visiting Researchers



Fig. 2-1-3 Group Discussions

### **2-1-3. Conference Summary**

The Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction (ACDR) 2008 has taken place in Bali, Indonesia, from 12 to 14 November 2008. Co-hosted by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the Government of Japan, the Conference was organized together with the United Nations Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) and the Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC), in cooperation with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

The Conference was presided by His Excellency Dr. Kusmayanto Kadiman, State Minister for Research and Technology, Government of the Republic of Indonesia, and His Excellency Mr. Masayoshi Namiki, Vice Minister, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan, and attended by 106 participants including high level government officials from 24 countries and representatives of 14 organizations, among others, UN and international organizations and civil society, and experts, practitioners, and academicians from various fields of discipline.

The Conference reviewed the progress made by Asian countries and UN agencies in the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015 (HFA) in the region and identified the gaps and challenges at the national and regional levels. Moreover, as the ADRC marks its 10th year anniversary this year, the forum provided an opportunity to discuss key activities of ADRC for the future and to promote stronger collaboration and renewed commitment among the member countries.

Overall, the participants of the Conference presented the following major concerns, challenges, and courses of action in advancing disaster risk reduction at all levels:

- (1) Integrating disaster risk reduction into sustainable development agenda and strategies
- (2) Translating political commitment into action for effective mainstreaming of disaster risk reduction

- (3) Promoting a more enabling policy environment for public-private partnership for disaster risk reduction
- (4) Making available and accessible effective disaster risk reduction tools using advanced science and technology and knowledge management resources

The Conference noted the opportunity to consider the above concerns and challenges in planning future activities of ADRC, the Asia Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (December 2008), and the second session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (June 2009).

The participants of the Conference cited the value of ACDR as a forum in building a network for sharing information, knowledge and lessons, and fostering multilateral and multistakeholder cooperation in disaster risk reduction in the region.

Finally, the participants also expressed their grateful appreciation to the hosts and organizers for the warm hospitality extended during the Conference.



Fig.2-1-3 Participants of ACDR 2008