

3-3. Information on the ADRC Website and Online Information Sharing

3-3-1. Latest Disaster Information Database

With the increasing number of disaster occurrences and as many or more reports released, it is critical to gather necessary information from reliable sources in one place.

Since September 1998, the Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) has compiled a database of information on recent natural disasters of the world, especially Asia on its website in English and Japanese, serving as a clearinghouse for disaster information.

The database provides a summary of each disaster (date, location, and overview, GLIDE number), a brief outline of the damage sustained, links to information categorized by reports/articles, geographic data, emergency relief information, urgent reports from ADRC members, and graphic information. Such information is continually updated as additional information is released.

The posted information originates mainly from the reports and announcements provided by disaster organizations in ADRC member countries, UNOCHA ReliefWeb, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and the media.

The Latest Disaster Information page also includes links to relevant disaster management organizations and country profiles contained within the ADRC website, allowing it to serve as a portal to various kinds of information.

The database has had links to "JAXA DMSS" since 2007 to enhance the value of the site by providing access to satellite images of disaster affected sites in cases where emergency satellite observations were conducted. As of the end of March 2010, the database provides information of about 1,400 disasters in total.

The screenshot displays the ADRC website interface. At the top, there is a header with the ADRC logo and navigation options like 'History of Natural Disasters', 'Site Map', 'Japanese', and 'Русский'. Below the header is a main navigation menu with categories such as 'ADRC Top', 'About ADRC', 'Activities', 'Disaster Information', 'DRR Information of Member Countries', 'Events', and 'Publications & Newsletter'. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'TOP PAGE', 'What's new' (listing recent highlights in English, Russian, and Chinese), 'The Latest Disaster Information' (highlighting a flood in Myanmar on 2010/06/16), and 'Online Resources' (including GLIDE number, Sentinel Asia, and Reports on ADRC Projects). The detailed view of the Myanmar flood includes a table for 'Headline (Source, Date)' and 'Related Links'.

Headline (Source, Date)		
Personal Injury	Material Damage	Others

Related Links	
Report/Articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> QCHA ReliefWeb 2010/06/28 The total number of people killed is 68 according to the Minister of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement. Over 28,865 families have been affected by the floods. QCHA 2010/06/23 The number of people killed has increased from 56 to at least 62, according to

Fig. 3-3-1 Latest Disaster Information

3-3-2. Multilanguage Glossary on Disaster Reduction

(1) Provision of Multi-language Glossary on Natural Disasters

The Multi-language Glossary on Natural Disasters was compiled through the activities of the United Nation's IDNDR launched in 1990. It can be easily searched in six languages such as Chinese, English, French, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish by choosing an input language and a target language. To make the glossary available to a broader audience, ADRC has been providing online translation services. Thus, the six-language glossary is now available on the ADRC website.

The glossary contains technical terms which are hard to find in ordinary dictionaries, and can be utilized by personnel in the disaster field to decipher technical documents related to Disaster Reduction.

(2) Native Language Activities by Visiting Researchers

ADRC accepts eight visiting researchers from member countries during the year to improve capabilities in disaster reduction administration. Since 2008, ADRC has been making "Multilanguage Dictionaries" with side by side entries into the mother language of the visiting researcher about 1,130 basic "disaster reduction terms" based on English terms.

Side by side translation lists have already been completed by researchers from Kyrgyz (Russian), Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam by March 2010, and been offered in the format of "Multilingual Dictionaries (Tentative)" on the ADRC website separate from the "Multi-language Glossary,". They were intended to serve as reference materials for disaster reduction activities in member countries.

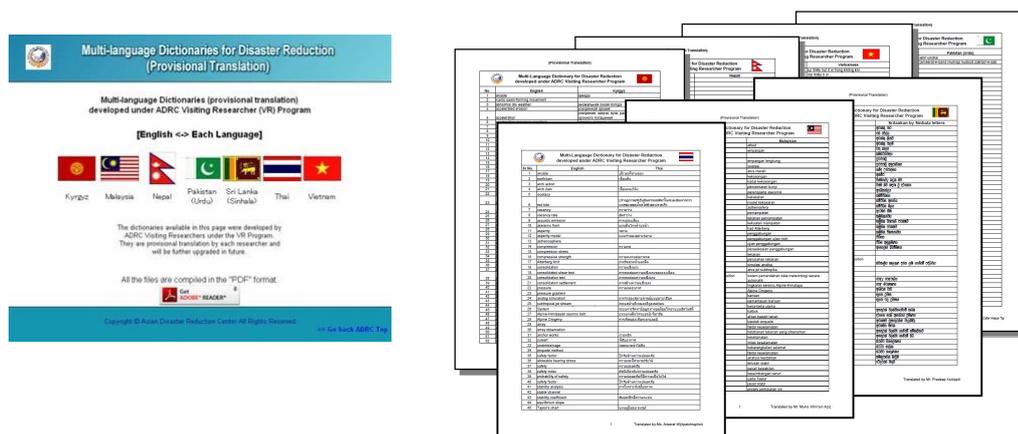


Fig. 3-3-2-2 Multi-language Dictionaries for Disaster Reduction (Provisional Translation)

3-3-3. ADRC Newsletter: ADRC Highlights

The ADRC has been using the Internet and e-mail to share information with its counterparts in member countries, and to strengthen relations with other interested parties. As one of its mainstay tools for information dissemination, the ADRC has been issuing the newsletter "ADRC Highlights" since 1 June 1999. It had been issued twice a month until FY 2007, and has been issued once a month since FY 2008 renewing its design.

The newsletter is made publicly available on the website. It is also e-mailed in English, Russian and Japanese to ADRC's counterparts and former visiting researchers, former GLIDE visiting researchers, participants in the past ADRC annual meetings, visitors to the ADRC, trainees in JICA's training courses which the ADRC were involved in, and participants in international conferences the ADRC took part in. Also we register email addresses of those who wish to subscribe the newsletter upon receipt of emails saying so.

This year the ADRC reorganized the mailing lists, deleting double registration and invalid email addresses. The numbers of subscribers in Japanese, English and Russian, are 909, 2,339 and 178 respectively as of 1 March 2010.

The contents include articles on the latest ADRC activities, reports on international conferences, and other events which ADRC staff attended and gave presentations in, as well as national reports by ADRC visiting researchers from member countries. In addition, the ADRC has been featuring former visiting researchers from member countries on the newsletter since FY 2008 and followed up their efforts for disaster risk reduction in their countries. This contributed to further enhancing the network of former visiting researchers from member countries.

In order to keep good ties and communication with relevant officials in Japan and overseas, this tool has been very effective.

Table 1-4-3-1 Headlines from ADRC Highlights (FY2009)

Vol.	Main Articles
193	¶ Promoting Cooperation with Affiliated Institutions -Disaster Reduction Project Using Satellite Imaging (1) ¶ ADRC Visiting Researcher Report -Ms. Areerat Wijitpatcharaphon from Thailand ¶ Announcements (1) ADRC Website Gets a Facelift! (2) Personnel Changes
194	¶ Promoting Cooperation with Affiliated Institutions -Disaster Reduction Project Using Satellite Imaging (2) ¶ Letter from a Former Visiting Researcher -Mr. Arun Pinta from Thailand ¶ ADRC Staff Profile No. 35 -Mr. Tetsuo Ibaraki, Senior Researcher ¶ Participation in the 2nd Consultative Meeting on Establishment of Regional Disaster Preparedness and Response Coordination Centre in Central Asia

195	<p>¶ ADRC Attends International Forum on Recovery and Reconstruction of Yingxiu, Sichuan Province</p> <p>¶ ADRC Participates in 4th Meeting of Working-Group on Disaster Prevention and Preparedness of UNESCAP/WMO</p> <p>¶ ASEAN Project: Capacity Building of Local Government Officials in Disaster Management</p> <p>¶ ADRC Staff Profile No. 36 -Mr. Akira Morimoto, Senior Researcher, IRP</p>
196	<p>¶ Announcements (1) ADRC Welcomes New Executive Director, (2) Personnel Change</p> <p>¶ The Second Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction Held 15-19 June 2009</p> <p>¶ Establishing an Asia-Pacific Regional Support Office of UN-SPIDER at ADRC</p> <p>¶ ADRC Staff Profile No. 37 -Mr. Gerald Potutan, Researcher, IRP</p>
197	<p>¶ Greetings from new ADRC Executive Director, Mr. Atsushi Koresawa</p> <p>¶ ADRC Welcomes a New Member: Azerbaijan</p> <p>¶ 2nd Joint Project Team Meeting for Sentinel Asia STEP2 (JPTM2009) Held in Indonesia</p> <p>¶ ADRC Staff Profile No. 38 -Mr. Makoto Fujieda, Senior Researcher</p>
198	<p>¶ JICA Training on Disaster Management for Central Asia and the Caucasus</p> <p>¶ ADRC Visiting Researcher Report (1) Ms. Josefina Tan Porcil from the Philippines (2) Mr. K.A.D.P.K. Kodippili from Sri Lanka</p> <p>¶ Recent Natural Disasters in Asia: West Java Earthquake in Indonesia</p> <p>¶ Announcements: Mr. Masaru Arakida, ADRC Senior Researcher</p>
199	<p>¶ Third Year of the JICA Grassroots Technical Cooperation Project Held in Kuala Lumpur</p> <p>¶ ADRC Visiting Researcher Report (1) Mr. Shahid Hussain Malik from Pakistan (2) Mr. Sagar Mishra from Nepal</p> <p>¶ Announcements -Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction 2010</p>
200	<p>¶ Assessment Mission to Padang and Pariaman, West Sumatra, Indonesia</p> <p>¶ JICA Training Course: "Dissemination and Establishment of Disaster Prevention Culture for Asian Countries"</p> <p>¶ Announcements -Visiting Researchers for the ASEAN GLIDE Project</p>
201	<p>¶ ERRP Pull-Down Experiment</p> <p>¶ DRR Policy Peer Review (Pilot Project)</p>
202	<p>¶ Happy New Year 2010</p> <p>¶ International Forum on Tornado Disaster Risk Reduction for Bangladesh</p> <p>¶ ASEAN Project: Capacity Building of Local Government Officials on Disaster Management</p>
203	<p>¶ Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction (ACDR) 2010 Draws to Successful Conclusion</p>
204	<p>¶ JICA Training Course: "Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management," January to February 2010</p> <p>¶ Letter from a Former Visiting Researcher -Ms. Lyudmila Albertovna Harutyunyan from Armenia</p> <p>¶ ADRC Visiting Researcher Report (1) Mr. Amirzudi Hashim from Malaysia (2) Mrs. Phurimon Puneam from Thailand</p>