
4-4. Promotion of Disaster Education in Schools in ASEAN

ADRC has been training the teachers and developing disaster education materials including student's textbook and teacher's manual for better disaster education in schools. It aims to promote disaster education through the training of school teachers in elementary and junior high schools.

In Thailand, ADRC and the Primary Educational Service Area Office of Lampang Province of the Ministry of Education of Thailand conducted the seminar on disaster education on 21 February 2015.

70 elementary and junior high school teachers and the educational area officers attended the seminar from all over Lampang Province.

It includes the lecture on "Disaster Management in Schools" from Mr. Sombat Suthipornmaneevat, Director of Primary Educational Area Service Office Lampang, focusing on importance of activities of prevention, mitigation and preparedness by raising awareness and increasing capacities of teachers and schools to reduce their vulnerabilities and risks.

Also, Dr. Smith Thamasarot, Chairman of Natural Warning Foundation gave his lecture on "Natural disasters and the trend of natural disasters in Thailand". He demonstrated the earth history, processes of construction and destruction, and the top five most frequent of natural disasters in Thailand such as Earthquake and Tsunami, Windstorms, Landslides, Flood and Droughts. He also presented some worst case scenarios of natural disasters in Thailand and some areas which are highly prone to both seismic and the effects of climate change in recent year.

The participants from all Lampang Province realized the importance of Disaster Education, and they recommended various activities in school curriculum. Many of the teachers indicated a desire to expand their knowledge of natural disasters and to have more training opportunities in the future.



Fig. 4-4-1-1 Seminar on Disaster Education (Thailand)



Fig. 4-4-1-2 Seminar on Disaster Education (Thailand)