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I am Mi Mi Tun from Myanmar and currently working as a Deputy Director, Department of Disaster Management (DDM), Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

I started working in 2011 at No (1) Heavy Industries Enterprise under the Ministry of Industry. And then in 2016, I was selected by the Union Civil Service Board for Department of Disaster Management (DDM) as a staff officer. I have been working for DDM since 19 February 2016. At that time, I was assigned to Sagaing Region Office and carried out disaster risk reduction activities, especially strong wind prevention with CSO in Monywa Township and Pale Township and CBDRM activities with Regional Integrate Multi-hazard Early warning System (RIMES) in the villages of Shwe Bo Township. After 2 years of working in the Sagaing Region, I was transferred to Kalay District Office, DDM, and then promoted to Assistant Director and transferred to the Shan State Office. I was responsible for managing the office work, including financial, relief, training and awareness sections and the field of disaster management activities.

After working in Shan State for three years, I was again promoted to Deputy Director and transferred to East Yangon District, Yangon Region. As the district leader, I am responsible for office administrative work and the disaster management activities in coordination with the District Disaster Management Body. My department conducts public awareness and capacity building programmes such as distributing posters and leaflets, organizing training of trainers for disaster management course (township level), workshops (both state and township level), CBDRM trainings, and trainings of Disaster Reduction Youth Volunteers (TOT). I have participated in these training programmes and provided immediate relief to disaster affected people.

I'm really interested in participating in the ADRC Visiting Researcher Program to learn advanced techniques for disaster risk management in Japan because Myanmar is prone to almost all kinds of hazards and needs to enhance community capacity for DRM. After this programme, I will be able to assist my department and my home country, Myanmar in capacity development and public awareness programmes for disaster risk management, especially in relation to the four pillars of the Myanmar Action Plan on Disaster Risk Reduction (MAPDRR - 2017). These pillars are in line with the four priority actions of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. And then, as a field officer, I will be able to work more confidently in the field of disaster management.

Finally, I would like to thank the Government of Japan and ADRC for providing me such a great opportunity. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to all the staff of ADRC for their sincere support during my stay in Japan including Visiting Researchers from various other countries who can understand and support each other.