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I am Asghar Ali Jamali from Pakistan. For the past seven years, I have been working as Deputy Director (Planning & Coordination), with additional duties as Deputy Director (Rescue), for the Provincial Disaster Management Authority, Ministry of Board of Revenue for the government of Balochistan. The Provincial Disaster Management Authority is responsible for tackling all kinds of disasters within Balochistan province.

I earned my master's degree in Geography from the University of Balochistan in 2014-2015. In my current position, I am responsible for ensuring the full range of disaster preparedness activities, including mitigation, the formulation of contingency plans, PC-I (development budgets based on project plans), awareness raising, conducting disaster training activities, and coordinating with relevant stakeholders on disaster mitigation across the province.

I have been nominated to participate in the Visiting Researcher Program from the Provincial/National Disaster Management Authority of Pakistan to be held in Kobe, Japan for two months to learn about latest techniques and methods for rapidly responding to emergencies and minimizing the loss of human life and damage. Because Japan is well known worldwide to be highly developed in terms of dealing with disasters, this program is expected to enhance my knowledge and capacity in the field of disaster risk management/ disaster reduction.

Furthermore, I look forward to reviewing Japanese policies and learning how to make them applicable efforts in my country to reduce risk before and after disasters. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the ADRC, the Government of Pakistan, and the Provincial Disaster Management Authority of Balochistan for their support in this work.