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My name is Sophita Thanyalakmetha, and my nickname is Bow (in reference to a bow hair tie). I am a Visiting Researcher at ADRC from Thailand. Since 2015, I have been working as a Plan and Policy Analyst for the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM), Ministry of Interior, which is the central government unit that conducts all activities related to national disaster prevention and mitigation in Thailand. I started working in the Research and International Cooperation Bureau to facilitate ASEAN cooperation on disaster risk management and to promote coordination between ASEAN stakeholders and relevant organizations in Thailand on the implementation of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster

Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) Work Programme, especially the Working Group on Prevention and Mitigation.

After four years in the Research and International Cooperation Bureau, I moved to the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Policy Division, which is another division in the DDPM. I am part of a team that is developing and implementing the National Risk Management Plan and driving the National Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Committee to reduce the risk of disasters in Thailand.

I am interested in participating in the ADRC Visiting Researcher Program because I would like to learn about disaster risk reduction in Japan including local level DRR plans that can be applied to the disaster risk management mechanism of Thailand for resilience and sustainability.

Finally, I would like to express my deep appreciation to all the staff of ADRC for supporting and helping me through the program.