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My name is Che Siti Noor binti Che Mamat, and I am currently serving as the Principal Assistant Director at the National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA) Malaysia. In this role, my primary focus is on strategic planning and operational coordination during disaster events. My key responsibilities include developing comprehensive disaster coordination and response plans aligned with national, regional, and international mechanisms, formulating standard operating procedures for various types of disasters, facilitating coordination among responders during disaster events, and ensuring the efficient allocation of resources.

Additionally, I conduct post-disaster assessments to evaluate effectiveness and identify areas for improvement. I also manage regional and international emergency operation plans in collaboration with organisations such as the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) and UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) for Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR), and coordinate regional and international tools like Civil-Military Coordination, ASEAN Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ASEAN-ERAT), UN Disaster Assessment and Coordination Team (UNDAC), and bilateral disaster response programs.

I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Geology and a Master's Degree in Disaster Risk Management and Policy, with a specialisation in Landslide Risk Management. I began my career in the government sector in 2006 as an Assistant Secretary at the Minerals and Geosciences Division of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, focusing on policy and planning in geosciences, including geohazards. In 2014, I was promoted to the Ministry of Energy, Green Technology, and Water as the Principal Assistant Secretary at the Renewable Energy Division, and later joined NADMA in 2016. Throughout my public service career, I have been actively involved in special taskforces responsible for drafting and revisiting national Acts and Regulations related to hazards and disasters. These include the Land Conservation Act 1960, the Geological Survey Act 1974, the Geologists Act 2008, the Hill and Highland Development Guidelines 2009, and, most recently, the drafting of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Policy 2030, which was completed in October 2024.

I have been a member of the ASEAN-ERAT since 2018 and a member of the UNDAC team since 2019. In my role as the disaster operation coordinator for HADR, I have contributed to several missions, including COVID-19 repatriation efforts, managing home support during the deployment of the Malaysia SMART Search and Rescue Team for the 2023 Türkiye earthquake, and the deployment of military assets for Tropical Cyclone Kristine in the Philippines in October 2024.

It has always been my wish to visit Japan and learn about its disaster-resilient culture and preparedness, particularly for large-scale disasters such as earthquakes and tsunamis. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Japanese Government and ADRC for providing this opportunity. I am eager to make the most of this experience to learn, share knowledge, expand my network, and contribute valuable insights back to my organisation and my country.