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Since 1998, I have been working for the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare (MLSW) in Laos, National Disaster Management Office. My job title is Training Manager and I am in charge of training activities on disaster management in Laos. Established in 1993, the MLSW has been devoting to vigorous activities on relief and mitigation. My department is responsible for running project on relief and mitigation with NGOs partners in areas vulnerable to disasters. National Disaster Management Office was established in 1999 as a secretariat to National Disaster Management Committee, and its main responsibility is to promote public awareness and education activities for disaster preparedness, mitigation, response, and prevention at local (especially community) level.



My previous assignment was to conduct training courses on disaster management for government officials at central, provincial, district and community levels. Cooperating with Lao other organizations, I also conducted another training program for school teachers, policemen, army in central and provincial levels. I have joined ADRC as one of two visiting researchers and will stay in Japan until December 2003. I would also like to take this chance to share my views and exchange information on Laos with ADRC.