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Since 2001, I have been working, as a chief computer operator, for the Ministry of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (MESCD) of the Republic of Tajikistan. Among my responsibilities is to collect information and organize database on disaster situation. Established in 1998, the MESCD is the state authority which can make decision in the field of protection of the nation's population and territory from emergency situations. The MESCD is also authorized to conduct a state policy and carry out



prevention and response during emergency situations. The MESCD can also handle the civil defense army, equipped with necessary gears and techniques.

93% of Tajikistan's territory is mountainous, and the mountains glaciers are the source of its rivers. Tajikistan is prone to earthquakes and floods. Notably Sarez Earthquake in 1911 was a serious one. Rock fall wiped out the village of Usoi, having created a lake and affected 5 million people in Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Afghanistan.

As an ADRC visiting researcher, I have participated in the JICA seminar (disaster management course) and visited many important institutions, facilities and exhibition related disaster management. Having collected much important information on disaster management in Japan, I would like to organize seminars on disaster management (earthquake, floods, landslide and first aid) and publish some instructional booklets for disaster reduction in Tajikistan.