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My name is Vigen Harutyunyan and I am from the Republic of Armenia. I work for the Western Survey for Seismic Protection of the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Emergency Situation of the Republic of Armenia (NSSP) whose activities are mainly focused on disaster risk reduction and management. I work as the head of the department of Data Acquisition Processing and Analysis.

This department has been working on the management and supervision of disaster information since the NSSP was established. In addition to performing data analysis, it also collects information obtained from geophysical, geochemical, and seismic network systems. It operates 24 hours a day.

Armenia is considered a developing country. We are trying to collect and maintain specialized scientific knowledge that is likely to contribute to our sustainable development from all over the world. All the theoretical and practical knowledge acquired during my time in the Visiting Researcher (VR) program at ADRC will be applied in relevant fields of practice, thereby serving as an asset to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The opportunity to participate in the VR program at ADRC is of great value to me, as it will allow me to gain both theoretical knowledge and practical expertise in this field. Learning Japanese methodologies will give my work more practical applicability and will enable me to focus more on problem-solving based on data analysis. I am sure that upon completion of the program I will have a sound knowledge of the tools and techniques that I will use for disaster management in my own organization. I am confident that the information and practical experience offered by the VR program at ADRC will be of great importance both to the organization where I work and to my country as a whole.