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My name is Aziz Ali, and I am from Yemen. I am a director of the maritime unit in the Yemen Coast Guard and a specialist in search and rescue.

The Republic of Yemen is located in the Middle East, bordering the Arabian Sea and the Gulf of Aden to the south, and the Red Sea to the west, Oman to the east, and Saudi Arabia to the north. The country faces the Bab el-Mandeb strait linking the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, one of world's most active shipping lanes. It consists of 21 governorates that cover a total landmass of 529,800 square kilometers. The capital is Sana'a and the population stands at over 23 million. The Republic of Yemen was established on 22 May 1990, when pro-Western Yemen and the Marxist Yemen Arab Republic merged after 300 years.

Yemen is located in a tropical area, where the most common disasters are floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and drought. Yemen is also prone to disasters like landslides and flash floods. Having faced many flood disasters over the past several decades, the government has begun giving greater attention to the issue of establishing and strengthening disaster management policies and organizations.

I've been selected to be a visiting researcher at ADRC from January to June 2010. The Visiting Researcher Program will give me the opportunity to share information and experiences with fellow ADRC members and to develop information networks related to disaster risk reduction. I would like to express my appreciation to ADRC as well as to the government of Japan for offering me this valuable opportunity, as it surely will enhance my knowledge and understanding of disasters, thereby helping me and my organization to cooperate with other agencies in promoting better disaster management.