

An Overview of Visiting Researcher Program

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Background

- ADRC was established in 1998 AD.
- To enhance disaster resilience of the member countries
- To build safe communities
- To create a society where sustainable development is possible

Members

Member countries: 27

Advisor countries: 5

Observer: 1



VR Program

- Started in 1999 AD
- To share information between Japan and member countries
- To expansion human networking among member countries
- To enhance capacity

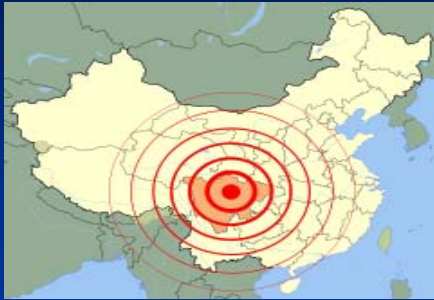
Expectations of Member Countries

- To Capacity building both organization and individual
- To Contribution for policy formulation
- To increase the level of understanding of DRM
- To share knowledge and experiences
- To expansion human networking

Activities of VR

- Preparation of country report
- Presentation of country report

Study on disaster situation of member countries



Sichuan earthquake, China
May 12, 2008

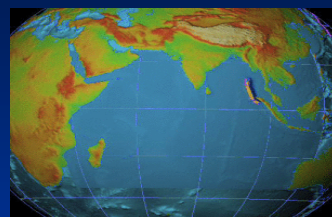


Flood in Nepal, 2008

Study about Various disasters



Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, 1995



Tsunami, 2004



Flood in Nepal



Active Volcano Crater, Kumamoto,
Japan

Involve in ADRC activities

Such as, ERRP Project, Multi-Language Dictionary etc.



Participates on conference, seminars etc.



Visits Disaster Related historical and cultural places



Stone Irrigation Bridge Against Famine,
built in 1854
Kumamoto, Japan



Tsunami memorial Temple, Sendai
(Jogan Tsunami, 869) Japan

Visits Universities, Research Institutes etc.



Kyoto University



NIED, Miki



DRI Kobe

- Makes Project Proposal for Own Country
- Prepare Research Report
- Presentation of Final Report



The Metropolitan Area Outer Underground Discharge Channel, flood control facility, the Edogawa River, Saitama, Japan



Water discharge Tunnel for landslides protection, Shikoku, Japan

Achievements

- Up to now VR: 38
- Countries: 20
- Expansion of human networking
- Alliance with professionals
- Capacity building of member countries
- Feeling of ownership

Gaps and Challenges

- Impact evaluation
- Follow-up program
- Funding
- Sustainability

Suggestion

- Involve both: VR & member country
- Develop Indicator for evaluation
- Use of human networking
- Continuation of Program

Thank You Very Much

For Your Kind

Attention !!!

