Advanced Technologies Facilitating DRR and Climate Change Adaptation (Session 3)

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## What is a UAV?

**UAV** is a relatively small size remote controlled or automatic pilotless aircraft.

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### Our Own Custom Built UAVs





**Fixed-Wing** 

Testing

## Applications of UAVs in Disaster Management

#### Area

### Applications

### **Disaster Management**

### Pre-disaster

• Risk assessment

### During a disaster

- Providing relief materials
- Damage mapping

## **Risk Assessment**



### Landuse Map and Elevations (for Hazard Analysis)





### Elements-at Risk Mapping (for Exposure Assessment)



### Quantitative (Absolute) Risk Assessment

What is the cost for risk zoning and relocation? What is the insurance premium in different risk zones?



Risk = Hazard	x Vulnerability	x Amount (Asset)	
Risk <sub>Lt</sub> = 0.1	x 0.5	x 100,000	= 5,000 US\$
Risk <sub>Mid</sub> = 0.1	x 1.0	x 100,000	= 10,000 US\$
Risk <sub>Rt</sub> = 0.1	x 0.2	x 100,000	= 2,000 US\$
Risk <sub>Total</sub>			= 17,000 US\$

### Disaster Risk Maps (City Level)



### An Edible and Disposable UAV for Relief called Pouncer (During a Disaster)

#### Challenges

- Relief aids dropped over disaster or war zones from planes using parachutes **lack precisions** in delivery;
- A plane can para-drop food packet only fro 5-6 km above;

#### Solution

- A plane will be able to drop the Pouncer 35 km away from its targets with an accuracy up to 7 m;
- Wing span will be approx. 3 m and the self-flying and fast, and carry up to **50 kg** of food, fuel and water to cook;
- A fully loaded version could feed up to **50 people** for a day at a cost approx. 300 USD each;
- 70 drones could be stored and released in a C-130 aircraft at once bringing aid to up to **3,500 people**.



http://www.zdnet.com/article/this-edible-food-drone-could-offer-aid-in-disaster-zones/

### Mapping the Extent of Disasters (Post-disaster)



# **Other New Technologies**

### Floating Houses in the Netherlands



























### A Floating House in a Developing Country



### A Floating Car

- An electric car which can **float and move** on water in case of flooding;
- Unveiled in February this year, is capable of floating like a boat and can operate for about **24 hours**;
- World's smallest four-seat electric car, measures 2.5 meters in length and weighs only 460 kilograms;
- Production and sales of the vehicle will start in **Thailand** in October next year.





http://fomm.co.jp/wordpress/index\_en.html

# Crowdsourcing Information for Disaster Response

## Web-GIS Platform for Sri Lanka Flood (May 2017)



### Flood Image Acquired by Satellites



### Flood Photo Around Colombo City



### Affected, Dead, Missing People and Damage

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgK4qcnMQ3k&t=7m20s&authuser=0https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cf7Gafe\_jpw&t=7m&authuse



# **Drought Monitoring**



Meteorological droughts (everyday in 4km)
GSMaP1

MTSAT KBDI (rainfall + land surface temperature)

Agricultural droughts (16days in 250m)

MODIS NDVI (vegetation index)

MODIS LAI (leaf area index)

Hydrological droughts (everyday in 10km)

AMSR-E LSWC (land surface water coverage)

If we have a prediction of the above indices based on weather forecasting, it is called a potential drought.



### Monthly drought index map from 2007 to 2012 (Jan-Dec from left to right)



Courtesy: Takeuchi W. (Univ. of Tokyo)



dry

# Thank you for your kind attention