

Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (APMCDRR2022)

Partner Event 12

“Building Resilient Communities by Investing in DRR Literacy for Proactive Actions focusing on “Leave No One Behind”

13:30-14:30, 21 September 2021

Summary

The partner event was moderated by Mr. SASAHARA Akio, Executive Director of the Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) and Ms. KODAMA Miki, Deputy Director of Research Department. The event showcased innovative practices in building community resilience, including investing in DRR literacy as actions for ensuring “no one is left behind” from a wide range stakeholders, including of Prof. TATSUKI Shigeo (Inclusive-BOSAI Research Center, Doshisha University), Mr. Pham Doan Khanh (Dept. of Science Tech. and Int'l Coop., Vietnam Disaster Management Authority (VNDMA)), Ms. Vanda Lengkong (Plan International Asia Pacific Hub, Indonesia), Dr. Yanling Lee (APEC Emergency Preparedness Capacity Building Center), and Prof. NISHIKAWA Satoru (Nagoya University).



Through the discussion, we affirmed that 1) building a culture of DRR and having various people actively participate in DRR activities through formal and informal education are effective for increasing DRR literacy, which consists of a) understanding of hazards, b) awareness of self, mutual and public help, and c) confidence in immediate actions, 2) targeting the younger generation in particular will lead to the development of leaders in the next generation, and 3) it is important to sustainably link daily life, welfare and social protection during normal times with DRR during emergencies, especially at the local level. We also recognized that institutional and financial support for community disaster management activities is needed to ensure the sustainability of these activities.

We recommended DRR should not be treated as a special measure but mainstreamed as a critical component in community policy making and planning. We would promote policy led DRR actions toward self-motivated communities driven by local knowledge for planning. This reflects the statement included in the APMCDRR Co-chairs' Statement, that “our endeavours are most likely to succeed through whole-of-society approaches that support community priorities and local institutions”. For more details about this event, please visit: <https://www.adrc.asia/acdr/2022apmcdrr.php>.



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