

Mission Report  
**Country Activity of ERRP Program in Nepal**  
**15-25 July 2009 (Pokhara, Nepal)**

- 1) Meetings with focal point persons in Katmandu who are responsible for “Pull down Test of an existing house in Katmandu, Nepal” that has been planned as a part of Regional Technical Assistance of ERRP (Earthquake Risk Reduction Preparedness in the South Asia Region)
  - An existing building for the experimental use was finally selected such that a detailed plan for the experiment, scheduled on 15<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> in October, will be worked out accordingly.
  - Since 14<sup>th</sup> October is National Disaster Reduction Day in Nepal, the Pull-down Test will become an important part of a series of events for National Disaster Reduction Day.
- 2) 4-day Training of Vulnerability Assessment of Buildings/Retrofitting and Recovery Preparedness for Municipal Engineers in Nepal” as a part of the country activity of ERRP Nepal (in Pokhara)



- Many specialists from across Nepal managed to deliver lectures while three participants from ADRC made such presentations as;
  - Mr. Ohori, Senior Researcher of ADRC on the importance of the Quality management at the construction stage/ Video on Kobe Earthquake, Recovery of Kobe City;
  - Mr. Imai (Building Research Institute, Japan, on Safe Construction Design and Retrofitting Technique; and,
  - Dr. Qaisar Ali, Professor at Peshawar University, Pakistan, on Case Studies on Retrofitting of Reinforced Concrete Masonry Structures.
- The participants were the engineers and designers from different municipalities across Nepal, who exchanged ideas and opinions on relevant issues in such an enthusiastic manner.
- In his closing speech, Mr. Ohori underscored the importance of quality management not only for the completion of the building but also throughout various construction stages because it is too late to see whether the building is safely constructed or not from the outside after its completion.