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> Greeting from the Chairman, ADRC



Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) is going to have its second anniversary on 30th July, 2000. We have already disseminated <u>latest disaster information</u>, <u>disaster management information</u> in Asian countries and so on through our Internet WebSite.

Besides, we have started the cooperative project with UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) to strengthen the disaster response and preparedness capacity in Asia, and OCHA Asian Disaster Response Unit (ADRU) was set up on the premises of ADRC.

To inform widely, precisely and timely about disaster related information and our activities, we will publish 'ADRC Newsletter' twice a month from now on. In this Newsletter, we will introduce various kinds of disaster related information in Asian Countries sequentially, which, I hope, will be a good information resource for you.

Dr. Shigeru ITOH, Chairman, Asian Disaster Reduction Center

Introduction of ADRC



Asian Disaster Reduction Center(ADRC) was established in Kobe, Hyogo, Japan in July 30,1998, with the collaboration of 26 countries and one organization.

The main objectives of ADRC are as follows

- □ Accumulation and provision of information on natural disasters and disaster reduction
- □ Studies on promotion of disaster reduction cooperation
- □ Gathering of information on emergency relief during disaster
- □ Dissemination of knowledge and the raising of awareness of disaster reduction in the Asian region.

> The Organization of ADRC

The Asian Disaster Reduction Center consists of 22 member countries in the Asian region, 4 advisory countries and one observer organization.

Member Countries:

Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lao People's Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam

Advisory Countries :

Australia, France, New Zealand and Switzerland Observer : Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)

Schedule, Contents

"ADRC Highlights" will be published twice a month. In the following edition, we will introduce

- $\hfill\square$ ADRC's activities
- □ ADRC's database
- □ Human information about ADRC's counterparts
- □ ADRC's visiting researchers
- □ Latest Disasters in Asian Countries
- □ Training, Conference information.

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