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➤ JICA-ADRC Seminar on Disaster Management

ADRC has implemented the training course to government officials from developing countries, from 21 January to 22 February, 2002 cosigned by JICA. The aim of the training is to contribute for both their capacity building and personnel development of disaster management. 13 participants from 11 countries joined the course.

Besides the lectures on disaster management of both central and local governments, we gave the opportunity of learning the role of autonomous fire brigades, non-profitable organizations, mass-media, and so on, because such private organizations has become acknowledged as importance for disaster reduction and response since the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake in Kobe, 1995. We also explained about international disaster reduction cooperation such as the relationship between "development" and "disaster management".



Meanwhile, we gave the trainees the opportunity of "Town Watching". That is, the trainees actually walked around some area of Kobe, identified vulnerable sites there and considered how to solve problems. They also visited

elementary and high schools and learned disaster management education on school basis. At Miyagawa elementary school in Kobe, students in the fourth grade separated into 10 groups and each of the group made a disaster preparedness map with vulnerability and solution on earthquake, floods prevention, and so on. These students of each group gave presentations in front of the trainees. The trainee also exchange of views with victims of the affected community by Kobe earthquake.

Through the training, the trainees got much impression for public awareness on residents' basis. Many of them especially emphasized on the importance of disaster management on school basis and the reflection of similar programmes in their countries, because public awareness can be extended from students to their families, because school area is equivalent to community area and because it would not cause huge expenses. Based on the outcome from this training course, ADRC will promote human resource development on disaster management. (Mr. Ryosuke Aota, Senior Researcher)

➤ The first Int'l Exhibition in Kazakhstan / The 6th Earthquake Tech. Expo in Japan

The First International Exhibition "Prevention, Rescue, Aid - EURASIA - 2002" was held in Almaty, Kazakhstan from 27 February to 2 March, 2002 co-hosted by Emergency Agency of Republic of Kazakhstan and EMERCOM of Russia.

Representative from CIS countries such as Russia, Tajikistan, Kyrgyz, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan and Int'l organization like ADRC

attended the opening ceremony of the exhibition. Not only disaster management experts but also a lot of citizen and students came to see the exhibition. We were impressed with height of interest to Disaster Prevention in Kazakhstan.



In Japan, the 6th Earthquake Technology Expo was held simultaneously in Kobe and Yokohama on 14 and 15 February. More than 7,000 people visited the exhibition. The disaster prevention seminar and symposium was held at the same time.

ADRC has opened [Internet Exhibition for disaster reduction](#) on our homepage since 2000. We also would like to introduce the efforts for disaster prevention in member countries in our website.

(Mr. Fumiaki Yoshimura, Senior Researcher)

➤ ADRC Visiting Researcher's Report

□ Mr. Md. Atikuzzaman



I joined ADRC on January 2002 from Bangladesh which is geographically prone to disaster like Japan. Cyclone, Flood, Tornado, Tidal wave are major natural disasters in Bangladesh. I work for Bangladesh Public Administration Training

Centre that organizes the training courses for Disaster Management, Environmental Development and Management, Poverty Alleviation, Local Government Management, etc. I obtained my Master Degree in Geography and Environmental Science. So, I am satisfied to do my research in disaster related field. In 1993, I worked in Dhaka Metropolitan Development Authority (RAJUK) as Land Management Officer in the Master Plan Project, that was joint collaboration project with Bangladesh Government, UNCHS and UNDP.

Just after arriving Japan, I had an opportunity to attend JICA-ADRC Disaster Management Seminar. I met there about 14 disaster related experts, whom I share my knowledge with. Also I visited many disaster related organizations and places in Japan. I learned a lot about the Great Hansin-Awaji Earthquake.

Now, My keen interests are in disaster and I would like to complete my higher studies in disaster related field. The capacity building by Visiting Research program is a unique and pragmatic program My time at ADRC is possibly the most eye-opening, memorable and above all enjoyable days of my life.

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