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➤ ADRC Dispatched Lecturers to Disaster Management Seminar in Turkey

ADRC dispatched lecturers to the seminar organized in the context of the Disaster Management Training Project for Turkey by the request of JICA Turkey Office and Ministry of Interior of Turkey (Please refer to ADRC Highlights Vol.96). The 7th and 8th courses of the seminar were held in Ankara from 20 September to 1 October, 2004. This seminar was targeted at the provincial vice-governors and district governors who are responsible for disaster management in each location of Turkey. Mr. Kitamoto, Executive Director of ADRC and Dr. Kurita, Senior Researcher served as the lectures together with Mr. Nishikawa, Director for Disaster Preparedness of the Cabinet Office.

As one of the main features of these courses, a journalist of CNN Turkey was invited to give a lecture on roles and responsibilities of media in disaster, at the request of the participants of the previous courses.



Regarding this topic, Mr. Kitamoto, based on Japan's experience of Kobe Earthquake in 1995, suggested to build close relationship between the media and disaster managers.

The method of the "Town-watching" approach (community based hazard mapping) was introduced in the 7th and 8th courses

by Prof. Alper of Istanbul Technical Univ. He was trained in the method of "Town-watching"



instructed by ADRC in Kobe, led the exercise. It can be regarded that the trainees, who participated in the seminars in Japan, play a great role in transferring the Japanese disaster reduction methods to be utilized in Turkey. For more information, please contact Mr. Kitamoto (kitamoto@adrc.or.jp) or Dr. Kurita (kurita@adrc.or.jp).

➤ Disaster Management Training Course for Central Asia and the Caucasus

ADRC conducted the first training course on disaster management for Central Asia and the Caucasus from 30 August to 17 September, with support from the Japan

International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The training course was designed to share the Japanese knowledge and experiences on disasters and disaster risk reduction to contribute to enhancing resilience to disasters of the region. The course was conducted in the Russian language to facilitate the participation of representatives from the Newly Independent States where Russian remains the common language. Seven officials responsible for disaster management in the central or local government from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan participated in the training course.

After making presentations on the trends and impacts of disasters of the participants' countries, they studied the Japanese disaster management system and efforts by various stakeholders to reduce disaster risks through visits and lectures on a range of subjects. These included roles of the central and local governments, private sector, mass media, civil society, international organizations, academia and schools in disaster reduction as well as effective measures against specific hazards. In the region there is a pressing need to introduce a holistic, comprehensive and integrated approach to disaster reduction, involving all sectors and disciplines and promoting cooperation among all stakeholders.

It should also be noted that earthquake, landslide and mud-flow appear to be the major natural hazards which cause negative effect on the economy and livelihood in Central Asia and the Caucasus.

Therefore, the program of this year's training course focused on the measures to deal with these specific types of hazards that Japan has developed and implemented.



Active and constructive discussion took place among the trainees to further improve the program, based on the needs of the region. What has been discussed will be taken into consideration in developing the program of the upcoming years. The training course was concluded by the presentations on "action plans" consisting of concrete proposals developed by the trainees to promote and enforce effective disaster reduction activities in their own countries, applying what they have learned in Japan.

ADRC wishes to extend sincere appreciation to all of those who contributed generously to make the training course successful. For further information, please contact Ms. Tsunozaki (tsunozaki@adrc.or.jp) or Ms. Nakamura (nakamura@adrc.or.jp).

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