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➤ **ADRC received “Kalasag Award” from Government of the Philippines**

The Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) received the special citation named “Kalasag Award” in recognition of its efforts in enhancement of disaster reduction capacity in the Republic of the Philippines and other Asian countries.



National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC), Government of the Philippines gives “Kalasag Award” every year, to Local Disaster Coordinating Councils (LDCCs), humanitarian organizations, NGOs, volunteer groups, international and local organizations to recognize exemplary deeds and achievements in the field of disaster management.

“Kalasag” means “the shield” in Tagalog language, and it symbolizes protection, defense and security against any external threat or assault. The NDCC uses the kalasag design to capture excellence in disaster management and humanitarian assistance of institutions.

The awarding ceremony was held at the Armed Forces of the Philippines Commissioned Officers Country, Quezon City, the Philippines on 18 October, 2004, with over 500 participants. “Save the Children, USA” and “Philippine Airlines” were also given.

ADRC strongly believes that this award has been dedicated not only to us but also to the Philippines and other member countries, advisor countries and other partners. ADRC would like to take the opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to readers your continuous support and cooperation. We intend to further promote of international cooperation for disaster reduction in Asia.

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➤ **The Workshop of ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee was held in Seoul, Rep. of Korea**

The Workshop of ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee “Living with Risk dealing with Typhoon-related Disasters as part of Integrated Water Resources Management” was held on 20-24 September, 2004, in Seoul, Korea, hosted by the Government of Republic of Korea and relevant organizations. Concurrently held with the International Symposium, the workshop provided good opportunity for active and fruitful

discussion among meteorologists and hydrologists.

In the session on Japan's Hazard Map Project, ADRC, in close cooperation with IDI (Infrastructure Development Institute, Japan) and KOWACO (Korea Water Resources Corp.), conducted on-site training for trainers for



the purpose of sharing community-based flood hazard mapping method. The training was held in the An-seong river basin of Pyeongtaek city, 70km south of Seoul where the first inundation risk map was created in Korea.

It was the first experience for most participants to create a hazard map based on on-site inspection by their own. They were trained to comprehend the inundation risk map and the detailed explanation, and to solve problems provided by Japanese experts. Through this training process, those participants acquired skills to grasp concrete image of hazard mapping, and to realize effectiveness of increasing public awareness of flood risks.

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➤ **ADRC conducted a field survey on the Toyooka Flood, Hyogo in western Japan**

From 26 to 27 October, 2004, ADRC conducted a field survey of the flood affected area of Toyooka City, Hyogo Prefecture, western Japan. The flood was caused by the heavy rainfalls and strong winds by the effect of Typhoon “Tokage” in the evening of 20 October, 2004.

The member of the survey team consisted of 4 members of ADRC, Mr. Teranishi, Ms. Yoshida and two Visiting Researchers; Mr. Shyam Sunder from India and Ms. Bouasy Thammasack from Lao PDR. The team joined the voluntary works at the flood affected area of Toyooka, which the houses had been submerged with water as high as three meters at the night of 21 October.



Because Syozakai in Toyooka is located at low level, the area was damaged by sudden breach of embankment caused by heavy rainfalls and strong winds. We strongly hope for quick rehabilitation of the affected people with the efforts of local government and volunteers. For more information, please contact Mr. Teranishi ([teranishi@adrc.or.jp](mailto:teranishi@adrc.or.jp)).

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