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**Happy New Year 2007**



I would like to wish all our "ADRC Highlights" readers a very Happy New Year!

The ADRC will organize the Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction 2007 in Astana, Kazakhstan from 25 to 27 June 2007. This will be the first time for the annual meeting to be held in Central Asia, although it has been held in India, Cambodia, and the Republic of Korea in the past.

Two years have passed since the 2005 World Conference on Disaster Reduction adopted the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA). This year's conference is expected to provide an invaluable opportunity to learn all about the progress that has been made toward the implementation of the HFA across Asia.

At the beginning of this new year, we, the ADRC staff members, look forward to continuing our close collaboration with member and advisory countries on promoting the culture of disaster prevention in Asia.

*Koji Suzuki, Executive Director of ADRC*

➤ **ADRC's Cooperative Project with the Philippines**  
□ **Seminar for the Development of the GLIDE-Associated Disaster Database**

The Office of Civil Defense (OCD), Department of National Defense of the Philippines and the Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) co-organized a seminar on 17 October 2006 in Quezon City, the Philippines. The seminar was conducted as part of ADRC's co-operative project on the "development of a web-based GLIDE-associated CALAMIDAT.PH national disaster event database" being carried out by the above two organizations.



The purposes of the project are to: (1) develop the database and a website of disaster events in the Philippines over the past 35 years, (2) adopt GLIDE (Global Unique Disaster Identifier) numbers into this database so that information

can be shared internationally, (3) achieve quick and efficient natural disaster response through the use of the database, and

(4) contribute to and facilitate the promotion of GLIDE around the world, an effort being undertaken by the ADRC and supported by UN agencies including UNDP and other relevant international organizations.

Forty officials from the OCD participated in the seminar. Mr. Hajime Nakano, ADRC Senior Researcher, and Ms. Miki Kodama, ADRC Researcher, participated in the seminar and gave lectures on GLIDE including general information about the system, its applications, and how to use GLIDE and GLIDEnumber.net. Active discussions were held following the lectures, allowing the participants to gain a thorough understanding of the GLIDE system and its applications.

After this seminar, OCD began compiling past disaster data and applying GLIDE numbering. After the ADRC reviews these efforts, the disaster data website (CALAMIDAT.PH) will be open to the public. A second seminar is planned to be held in February 2007 for National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) members, which will demonstrate and explain the GLIDE-compliant database, CALAMIDAT.PH.

For more information on this project, please contact Mr. Nakano, ADRC Senior Researcher ([nakano@adrc.or.jp](mailto:nakano@adrc.or.jp)).

If you have comments or questions regarding this newsletter, please contact the ADRC.

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