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## ● Promoting Cooperation with Affiliated Institutions

### Sentinel Asia Joint Project Team Meeting

A Sentinel Asia Joint Project Meeting (JPTM) was held on 5-8 July 2010 in Manila, Philippines. It was organized jointly by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), and the Department of Science Technology (DOST) of the Philippines. Seventy-one people from 22 countries (36 organizations) and five international organizations participated in the meeting.

Under the Sentinel Asia framework, ADRC functions as a single gateway for processing emergency observation requests, screening and then forwarding approved requests to the relevant space agencies. At the meeting, ADRC reported on the status of the emergency observations that were implemented, the results of a survey on how the satellite data provided was utilized in each country, and the current situation of the ADRC Glacier Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) project. The topics discussed at this meeting were as follows:

- Progress of Sentinel Asia Step 2
- Current situation of each JPT member
- Activities of the Forest fire Working Group
- Activities of the Flood Working Group
- Activities of the Glacier Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) Working Group
- Collaboration with Sentinel Asia and the International Disaster Charter

ADRC will continue to promote the use of satellite data for disaster reduction in Asia in cooperation with the Sentinel Asia secretariat. For more details about this meeting, please visit the Sentinel Asia web site.

(<http://sentinel.tksj.jaxa.jp/announce/2010/08/03/SECRisis0001201008030001/SA2JPTM3.html>)

## ● Promoting Cooperation with Member Countries

### Capacity Building Project for Local Government Officials Involved in Disaster Management in Indonesia

ADRC and Badan Nasional Penanggulangan Bencana (BNPB, Indonesia's National Disaster Management Agency) have launched the Capacity Building Project for Local Government Officials Involved in Disaster Management. This is one of four capacity development projects that ADRC has been conducting since 2008 for ASEAN member countries. Indonesia belongs to the 3rd-year group, which also includes Singapore and Myanmar.

Geographically, Indonesia is an archipelago situated at a juncture of

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four tectonic plates that produce constant seismic and volcanic activities. This makes the country highly prone to disasters, including earthquakes, tsunamis, and volcanic eruptions. Because of its topographical and hydro-meteorological conditions, Indonesia is also subject to other disasters such as floods, landslides, forest fires, and droughts. There is thus an urgent need to further strengthen the capacity of local government officials in charge of disaster management, as they play a critical role in every phase of the disaster management cycle.

On 13-16 July 2010, ADRC and BNPB held a kick-off meeting for the project, which targets local government officials. ADRC and BNPB will work together on the implementation of the 20-month project from 2010 to 2011, starting with the creation of an expert team tasked with the development of training materials.



[The first floor collapsed in the Padang Earthquake of October 2009.]

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### **Mr. Takahiro Ono, Senior Researcher**

My name is Takahiro Ono, and I was sent to ADRC in July this year. Until now, I have mainly been involved in risk management and risk finance activities. In recent years, I have conducted research on measures to improve the crisis management capabilities of organizations, such as the formulation of business continuity plans (BCPs) and the performance of emergency management drills. BCPs shorten recovery time and minimize periods of suspended activity due to a disaster or accident. BCPs are effective management tools that have attracted worldwide attention, and may be considered for ISO standardization

I have had the experience of saving a person's life, and it taught me the importance of human life and the marvelous power of nature. At ADRC, I would like to study effective methods of disaster reduction at the organizational, regional, and national levels through the utilization of BCPs and the adoption of a risk management approach.



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