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● Human Resource Development

JICA Training Course: Disaster Management Planning for China 2011

From 19 October to 8 November, the Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) conducted a training course for disaster management and urban design officials from the central and local governments in the People's Republic of China, with cooperation from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). A total of 19 people participated in the course.

This training course was designed to convey basic knowledge and experiences related to natural disaster management in Japan. During the course, participants were given an outline of the disaster management practices used in urban areas in Japan and were taught how to formulate plans for effective urban disaster management within their organizations. In addition to attending lectures, they visited central and municipal government agencies, a lifeline facility, a research institute, and a broadcasting company to enhance their understanding of Japan's disaster management system. In Iwate Prefecture, they also conducted a field survey in the area devastated by the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami. They learned about the current situation in the affected area and lessons gained during the recovery process. An official from the Iwate prefectural government gave a presentation on debris management, one of the largest recovery challenges being faced in the area.

After the completion of the training, the participants submitted reports indicating the following lessons learned: the importance of holding lectures to disseminate knowledge, the importance of making structures more resilient, and the need to focus on public education in disaster management. China, which has a vast land area and large population, has confronted various disasters such as earthquakes and floods. It is hoped that the participants will make good use of the knowledge, technologies, and methods they learned from the training course to implement various projects and help strengthen the disaster management systems in their home country.

This course also enabled participants to reinforce their relationships with one another, and is expected to strengthen disaster management information networks in China. ADRC would like to express its sincerest gratitude to all the organizations that contributed to the success of this course.



● Participation in International Conferences

Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR) 2011

ADRC participated in the Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR) 2011 conference which was held from 31 October to 2 November 2011 in Beijing, China and organized by the IRDR International Programme Office and the China

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Association for Science and Technology. The conference was attended by approximately 300 experts, political figures, and other stakeholders from around 40 countries and regions. IRDR is co-sponsored by the International Council for Science (ICSU), the International Social Science Council (ISSC), and UNISDR and promotes a global, multi-disciplinary approach to dealing with the challenges posed by natural disasters, including efforts to mitigate their impacts and improve related policy-making mechanisms.

The IRDR conference concluded with the announcement of the 2011 Beijing Declaration for Integrated Research on Disaster Risk, which covers key areas identified at the conference and in previous forums; namely, integration, research, collaboration, global standards, raising awareness, education, and fundraising.

Symposium on China-Japan-ROK Trilateral Cooperation on Disaster Prevention and Relief

This was a side event to the ministerial meeting. Approximately 30 experts from the three countries participated, discussing the current status of cooperation on disaster prevention and relief, and the challenges that lie ahead.

The symposium consisted of the following four sessions:

- 1) National disaster management systems in each country
- 2) Current status of and future plans for trilateral cooperation on disaster prevention and relief
- 3) Nuclear plant safety and trilateral cooperation
- 4) Mass media's contribution to trilateral cooperation on disaster prevention and relief

The ADRC gave a presentation at the second session. Mr. Arakida spoke about the history of international cooperation on disaster management around the world, previous instances of trilateral cooperation during past disasters, the ADRC's contributions to disaster management cooperation in Asia, current problems requiring immediate solutions, and future possibilities for more effective collaboration. The presentations and discussions, which highlighted the perspectives of universities, governments, the mass media, and other stakeholders, are sure to prove useful for promoting collaboration on disaster

Multi-disciplinary Hazard Reduction from Earthquakes and Volcanoes in Indonesia

ADRC has been involved in a project to promote the "Multi-disciplinary Hazard Reduction from Earthquakes and Volcanoes in Indonesia" since 2009. As part of the project, many universities and research institutions in Japan and Indonesia have conducted research on disaster mitigation. ADRC was responsible for exploring two topics: "Promoting disaster education and raising disaster awareness" and "Applying research results and establishing mechanisms for collaboration between researchers and government officials."

The international conference that served as the final meeting of this project was held on 27-29 Oct 2011 in Jakarta, Indonesia. At this meeting, participants reported on all their research and results. ADRC presented a "Guidebook for Teachers" as the outcome document of its exploration of ways to promote disaster education and raise disaster awareness, and to promote partnerships between Indonesian and Japanese government agencies and research institutions.

Building on the results of this project, ADRC is pleased to be able to provide ongoing support for those who are involved in disaster management in Indonesia.

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