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## ● Participation in International Conferences

### ISDR Asian Partnership Meeting

The Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) participated in the ISDR Asia Partnership (IAP) meeting held on 9-11 April in Bali, Indonesia. The meeting was attended by approximately 60 participants, including representatives from many countries in Asia as well as from international and inter-governmental organizations.

The key components of the meeting were as follows:

1) Update on preparations for the 5th AMCDRR

Reports were given on the preparations for the 5th Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction scheduled to be held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia on 22-25 October this year.

2) Discussion of the AMCDRR structure

Group discussions were held on the AMCDRR structure and outcomes.

3) HFA monitoring and review

Thailand, Mongolia, UNOPS, ASEAN, and UNICEF reported on the activities they have undertaken based on the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA).

4) Post-HFA framework

Participants discussed a post-HFA framework based on the challenges that have been faced under the HFA.

ADRC gave a presentation on "Business Continuity Management in the Private Sector for Regional Resiliency," a topic of interest among many participants.



### Workshop on the Use of Multi-Global Navigation Satellite Systems for Sustainable Development

The Workshop on the Use of Multi-Global Navigation Satellite Systems for Sustainable Development organized by UNESCAP and supported by JAXA, was held in Bangkok, Thailand on 21-22 March 2012.

Officials and experts representing government agencies and intergovernmental organizations from 13 different countries participated in the workshop and discussed the potential utilization of Multi-Global Navigation Satellite Systems (Multi-GNSS) in the fields of transportation, disaster risk

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reduction, and agriculture. Representatives of ADRC together with representatives from the Typhoon Committee and Panel on Tropical Cyclones participated in the panel discussion and proposed ideas regarding applications in the field of disaster risk reduction.

<http://www.unescap.org/idd/events/2012-Workshop-Multi-GNSS-21-22-Mar-2012/index.asp>

**Seminar on Disaster Risk Management in Asia: Lessons and Challenges**

The Seminar on Disaster Risk Management in Asia: Lessons and Challenges was held by the Asian Developing Bank Institute on 8-9 March 2012 in Tokyo, Japan. ADRC representatives explained the importance of business continuity planning (BCP) in the private sector for improving regional resilience, and outlined the current status of private sector readiness in the APEC region based on the ADRC's own research. The seminar was attended by about 100 officials and experts from public and private organizations who actively discussed such topics as the roles of local governments, NGOs, and private companies in disaster situations, and the need for disaster preparedness activities, thus demonstrating their strong interest in the topic of disaster risk management.

<http://www.adbi.org/event/5012.disaster.risk.management.asia/>

<http://www.adbi.org/event/5013.disaster.risk.management.brainstorming.meeting/>

**International Seminar on Disaster and Environmental Management**

The International Seminar on Disaster and Environmental Management was held by the Institute of Management Studies at Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith University from 19-20 March 2012 in Varanasi, India. ADRC gave a presentation on the current status of recovery and reconstruction following the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami during the technical session on Institutional and Policy Framework for Disaster Management. About 100 researchers, experts, and students participated in the seminar and actively exchanged views and opinions on the issues of disaster and environmental management.

**● ADRC Staff Profile No. 43****Mr. Junji Moriwaki, Researcher**

My name is Junji Moriwaki, and I was sent by the Hyogo prefectural government in April 2012 to succeed Mr. Tetsuo Ibaraki at ADRC. My career with the prefectural government has included work in youth affairs and in medical legal cases and accidents at a hospital agency. I therefore have limited experience and knowledge related to disaster reduction. However, I was dispatched to the Miyagi prefectural government just after the Great East Japan Earthquake, and the importance of disaster reduction and recovery support were etched deeply into my mind during my time on duty there, as well as during my time as a volunteer following the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake. I also became keenly aware of the need for international cooperation in the promotion of peace and safety as a result of my experience as a JICA volunteer in Jordan. My main responsibilities at ADRC are related to supporting HFA implementation and conducting JICA training courses, and it is my great pleasure to be able to contribute to ADRC's mission of promoting international cooperation in disaster reduction. I look forward to your warm support and guidance during my time working at ADRC.

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