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"Comprehensive Disaster Risk Reduction A" and "Comprehensive Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in the African Region" Management"

ADRC conducted knowledge co-creation courses entitled "Comprehensive Disaster Risk Reduction A" and "Comprehensive Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in the African Region" with sponsorship from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) from 7 January to 15 February 2019. These courses aimed to help participants formulate and further develop local disaster risk reduction (DRR) plans in their own countries based on the total DRR concept. They did this by teaching participants about the DRR systems adopted by the central and local governments of Japan.

The first course (Comprehensive Disaster Risk Reduction A) was attended by 10 central/local government officials involved in disaster management from Haiti, Indonesia,

Mexico, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, El Salvador, Sri Lanka, and Viet Nam. The second course (Comprehensive Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in the African Region) was attended by 10 central/local government officials involved in disaster management from Cape Verde, Congo, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Morocco, and Sudan. Participants attended a series of lectures on such topics as the Japanese DRR system at the central and local levels, Japanese measures against flooding, sediment disasters, and earthquakes, DRR education, community-based DRR, the role of the media for DRR, contributions to DRR at private sectors, and mental health care in case of disasters. The



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participants also participated a community-based DRR drill and a Kaeru Caravan, DRR education event with fun.

Furthermore, the participants of the first course went on a site visit to Mt. Hakone in Kanagawa Prefecture (a volcano that erupted in 2015). They also visited Kochi Prefecture to learn about advanced countermeasures against tsunamis and to exchange ideas with university students in a DRR group called “Bosai Suketto Tai”, DRR supporters, at Kochi University. The participants in the second course learned about countermeasures for handling infectious diseases, which can cause serious problems after a disaster event. They also went on a site visit to the Kinugawa River in Ibaraki Prefecture (which flooded in 2015).

These experiences provided an invaluable opportunity for the participants to see how governmental agencies in Japan, local community, NGOs, and the private sector engage in DRR in Japan. The trainees were excited to utilize what they learned in Japan to contribute to efforts aimed at promoting DRR in their respective countries. Finally, all trainees completed their draft local DRR plan and made presentations.

ADRC would like to express its sincerest gratitude to all of those who contributed to the success of these courses.

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