Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) conducted the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program course entitled “Comprehensive Disaster Risk Reduction for Central and South American Countries” from 24 May to 8 July 2022, with the cooperation of JICA Kansai. It was attended by 18 participants from 10 countries: Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, and Peru.

During the 7-week program, the participants attended lectures on disaster countermeasures and exercises around local DRR plans, and drafted plans for their target municipalities. They are expected to actively engage in DRR measures to reduce humanitarian and economic losses due to disasters. ADRC would like to express its sincerest gratitude to all the organizations and universities that contributed to the success of this course.

In partnership with Kobe University’s KOBE Global Challenge Program (KGCP), ADRC conducted a training program for 13 KGCP students on Tuesday, 26 July 2022. The KGCP is a program that aims to motivate participating students to learn and recognize the necessity of issue-identification and problem-solving skills, which are essential for people working in global arenas, by building on their own experiences in multicultural environments.

By attending lectures and participating in practical exercises on disaster management in Asia, the students and ADRC researchers had many opportunities to actively exchange ideas and opinions. Mr SASAHARA Akio, Executive Director of ADRC encouraged them to take advantage of this program to become global leaders in their fields.
Announcement

Upcoming Partner Event in the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (APMCDRR)

ADRC will organize a Partner Event at the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (APMCDRR) entitled Building Resilient Communities by Investing in DRR Literacy for Proactive Actions that “Leave No One Behind.”

Recognizing the importance of community empowerment for reducing disaster damage, this event will showcase innovative practices in building community resilience, including investing in DRR literacy as a way to ensure no one is left behind. Although the event will be an in-person only event, we are looking forward to having APMCDRR attendees participate.

For more information, please see the website and flyer below.

Date: 21 September 2022 (Wednesday)
Time: 13:30 - 14:30 (Australia Time UTC+9)
Venue: Mezzanine Room M2, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (BCEC)
Website: https://bit.ly/APMCDRR_PE558w

Recent Disasters in Asia

Monsoon flood disasters in Pakistan

Pakistan has been experiencing flood damage since mid-June due to seasonal monsoon rainfall.

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URL: https://glidenumber.net/glide/public/search/details.jsp?glide=22617&record=45&last=7615

In particular, rainfall since mid-late August exceeding the normal rainfall for the time of year has caused significant damage due to flooding. According to the situation report of Pakistan’s National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), dated 28 August 2022, the total number of deaths since 14 June 2022 has exceeded 1,000 and the total number of affected people has exceeded approximately 33 million. There has also been an increase in damage to infrastructure and livestock, and the cumulative number of totally and partially damaged houses has reached nearly one million, causing a significant impact on people’s lives.

For more information, see the latest disaster information on the ADRC website at https://www.adrc.asia/view_disaster_en.php?NationCode=586&Lang=en&Key=2543.