

2-4-5. ADRC Highlights

As one of the tools of information sharing, ADRC provides information over the Internet. However, amongst some developing nations of Asia, even the governmental organizations have not yet had an environment that enables their staff to regularly access the Internet. On the other hand, utilization of e-mail becomes common in those countries.

In view of the circumstances described above, ADRC started publishing a biweekly newsletter, "ADRC Highlights," on June 1, 1999, to provide the information primarily made available through the website, in detail and in a timely fashion. Though the newsletter can be read on the ADRC website, it is also sent by e-mail in Japanese and English, amongst which some are our counterparts, participants to international meetings and symposiums, associates, visitors to our offices, and others. As of the end of March 2003, addresses of 380 individuals in Japan and 1,050 individuals overseas are registered on the mailing list for ADRC Highlights subscription.

ADRC Highlights has provided a variety of information about ADRC, including the introduction of ADRC's information services and the latest activities, reports of international meetings that ADRC staff participated, introduction of ADRC staff and counterpart organizations of member countries. ADRC staff is frequently asked questions about articles in the newsletters from subscribers at every occasion such as international meetings. Many responses from the dedicated readers are also received immediately after publishing the newsletters via emails, which shows the effectiveness of the newsletter for information sharing.

Taking into account the advantageous effect of the newsletter and the fact that the Russian Federation and many CIS countries are included in the member countries, Russian version of the newsletter has been issued on the website from April 2002, in addition to conventional Japanese and English versions. Based on the successful results during the 3 month pilot phase, the publishing of Russian newsletters on a monthly basis officially started on the website from September, and started circulating via email in December. Although the number of email addresses registered on the mailing list is still around 50 as of the end of March 2003, ADRC will continue to make efforts to increase the recipients taking every opportunity such as the disaster management training sessions in the Russian language planned for the near future.

Fig. 2-4-5-1 Articles on ADRC Highlights published in 2002

	Date	Main Topics	Sub Topics	Recent Natural Disaster in Asia
Vol. 44	Apr. 01	ADRC Visiting Researcher's Report (Mr. Tigran Sayiyan, Armenia)	Toward more substantial disaster info. database	1. A series of earthquakes hit Afghanistan 2. A powerful earthquake caused damage in Taiwan
Vol. 45	Apr. 16	ADRC participates in WMO/ESCAP Panel on the Tropical Cyclones held in Myanmar	1. The Opening of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake Memorial Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution 2. ADRC Staff Profiles No.13 (Mr. Yoshinaga)	1. Landslides caused a heavy damage in PNG 2. Forest Fires destroyed virgin forests in Vietnam
Vol. 46	May. 01	We are ADRC Member Countries No.3 (Korea)	ADRC Staff Profiles No.14 (Ms. Nakamura)	1. An Earthquake rocked the capital of Georgia 2. Storms swept Bangladesh
Vol. 47	May. 16	5th ISDR Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting	Opening memorial symposium by DRI	1. Storm caused serious damages in Bangladesh 2. Kyrgyzstan suffered damage from landslides
Vol. 48	Jun. 03	International Workshop for Emergency Response in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	1. The opening of the JICA Hyogo Int'l Center (HIC) 2. New Publication: "World Disasters Report 2002"	Heatwave in southern India
Vol. 49	Jun. 17	Survey Report on Damage and the Reconstruction Plan Following the Sept.11th Attack	1. PrepCom for the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Bali 2. ESCAP Regional Workshop on Cooperative Mechanism in Space Technology Applications	
Vol. 50	Jul. 01	2nd Consultative Meeting on TDRM in Asia was held in Thailand, 12-14 June 2002	ADRC presents GLIDENumber.net at GDIN conference	1. Quazvin Earthquake brought serious damage in Iran 2. Floods in Russia
Vol. 51	Jul. 16	ADRC participates in ISDR-IATF Working Group 2 Early Warning	We are WDRM Member Countries No.4 (Thailand)	1. Flood Disaster in India 2. Bangladesh is on alert for flood disaster 3. Typhoon Chata'an hit Asia-Pacific Countries
Vol. 52	Aug. 01	We are ADRC Member Countries No.5 (Lao PDR)	1. New publication: "ADRC Annual Report No.4(2001)" 2. ADRC Staff Profiles No.15 (Ms. Tsunozaki)	Nepal is seriously affected by floods and landslides
Vol. 53	Aug. 19	A New ADRC Member: Republic of Kyrgyz	1. ADRC held a Regional Workshop Total Disaster Risk Management (TDRM) 2. New Publication: "Living with Risk - a Global Review on Disaster Reduction Initiatives"	Torrential rains in South Asia have killed over 900
Vol. 54	Sep. 02	Field Survey Report - the Northwest Iran Earthquake -	ADRC Visiting Researcher's Report (Mr. Sokha)	Sequential Floods in China
Vol. 55	Sep. 17	Experiment of Satellite Communications System for Disaster Damage Assessment	1. Disaster Prevention Fair 2002, Fukuoka, Kyushu 2. ADRC Human Resource Development Program Singapore: Int'l Urban Search and Rescue Training 3. New Publication: 20th Century Asian Natural Disasters Data Book	1. A strong Earthquake Rocked Papua New Guinea 2. Typhoon Rusa caused serious damage in South Korea
Vol. 56	Oct. 01	Expert Group Meeting on the Role of Regional Organizations and Networks in Strengthening Capacities for Disaster Reduction	12th Meeting of the ASEAN Experts Group on Disaster Management (AEGDM) was held in Viet Nam	1. Avalanche caused serious damage in Russia 2. Flash Flood in Central Vietnam
Vol. 57	Oct. 16	Singapore International Foundation's 2nd Humanitarian Relief Conference	1. Report from ADRC member country (South Korea) 2. Visitors to ADRC Risk Reduction Program Manager 3. Risk Reduction Program	1. Landslide hits Yunnan Province, China 2. Floods caused heavy damage in Thailand
Vol. 58	Nov. 01	ADRC Visiting Researcher's Report (Mr. Pasrija V.P., India)	1. The 6th International Conference on Corporate Earthquake Programs 2. Visitors to ADRC (The delegation of Shanghai's Seismological Bureau)	
Vol. 59	Nov. 18	ADRC Cooperative Project 2002 (Singapore) - International Urban Search and Rescue Course	1. Int'l Symposium on New Technologies for Urban Safety in Asian Mega Cities 2. Symposium on Indian National Day for Disaster Reduction	1. Pakistan had a series of tremors 2. A Strong Earthquake Rocked Sumatra, Indonesia
Vol. 60	Dec. 02	UN Regional Workshop on the Use of Space Technology for Disaster Management	1. The 2002 Japan-U.S. Science, Technology & Space Applications Program (JUSTSAP) Workshop 2. Second International Disaster Mitigation Cooperation Seminar in Seoul, Korea	
Vol. 61	Dec. 16	ADRC provides Keynote Speech at the 6th Asia & Pacific Conference of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies	1. The Int'l Seminar on Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation 2002 (Delhi, India) 2. INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting	
Vol. 62	Jan. 1 & 16	ADRC Cooperative Project 2002 -Seminar on Improvement of Early Warning System and Response in Bangladesh	1. ADRC On-line Glossary on Natural Disasters is now available in Korean & Chinese 2. The 35th session of WMO/ESCAP Typhoon Committee 3. ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Seminar 4. Asian Seismological Commission 2000	
Vol. 63	Feb. 03	Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction 2003 - Living with Risk: Towards Disaster Resilient Societies -	1. ADRC Cooperative Project 2002 - Launched projects with Cambodia and Lao PDR 2. New Regional Advisor of ADRC/UN-OCHA Kobe -Mr. Terie Skavdal-	
Vol. 64	Feb. 17	ADRC Cooperative Project 2002 - Workshop on Disaster Management for Media in Lao PDR	1. The 7th Earthquake Technology Expo in Kobe and Yokohama, Japan 2. Conference Information - ISDR and ADRC joint session at the 3rd World Water Forum (WWF3) in Japan-	1. Floods caused severe damage in Indonesia 2. Heavy rain triggered heavy damage in Pakistan
Vol. 65	Mar. 03	ADRC Visiting Researcher's Report - Ms. Bolormaa Borkhuu, Mongolia	1. Map of the disaster affected area is available on the website of ADRC Latest Disaster Information 2. New Publication - A report of the "Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction 2003"	Recent Natural Disasters in Asia - A strong earthquake rocked western China
Vol. 66	Mar. 17	JICA-ADRC Seminar on Disaster Management JFY2002	ADRC participates in the WMO/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyclones	West Bengal of India was attacked by heavy storm