

### 2-1-3. Visiting Researchers from Member Countries

In line with the agreements made at the 1<sup>st</sup> International Meeting, ADRC has been receiving visiting researchers from member countries. To date, 20 officials from Member Countries have taken part in this program.

In the 6<sup>th</sup> ADRC International Meeting held in February 2004, "Networking of ADRC Visiting Researchers" is proposed by Mr. V.P. Pasrija, former visiting researcher from India. This program is expected to strengthen disaster management capacity in their countries at national level and also in multilateral level.

The following outlines the program for each visiting researcher:

(1) Korea

- Mr. Shim Kee-Oh
- Title at the time of visit: Project Manager, Nation's Institute for Disaster Reduction (Drought Control), Ministry of Government Administration and Home Affairs.
- Duration: August - October, 1999
- Researched drought control in Japan and reported on drought control in Korea. Additionally, researched and reported on recent drought disasters in Vietnam and Papua New Guinea.

(2) Vietnam

- Mr. Ngo Van Sinh
- Title at the time of visit: Water-related Disaster Management Specialist, Disaster Management Center, Committee for Flood and Storm Control, Department of Flood Management, Flood and Storm Control, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of S.R. Vietnam
- Duration: December 1999 - March 2000
- Reported on the legal system surrounding disaster reduction as well as flooding in Vietnam, studied flood reduction measures in Japan and visited related facilities. Conducted research under Professor Takara and Assistant Professor Toda, Disaster Reduction Institute, Kyoto University, in the area of water-related disasters.

(3) Nepal

- Mr. Lek Nath Pokharel
- Title at the time of visit: Section Officer, Disaster Relief Section, Ministry of Home Affairs
- Duration: January - May 2000
- Reported on the legal system surrounding disaster reduction as well as natural disasters in Nepal, studied landslide reduction measures in Japan and visited related facilities. Conducted research under Assistant Professor Nakagawa, Disaster Reduction Institute, Kyoto University.
- Reported on flood management and the possible collapse of Tsho Rolpa glacial lake in the Himalayas and conducted research under Professor Ueda (cryospheric variation) at the Atmosphere-Hydrosphere Science Institute, Nagoya University.

(4) Sri Lanka

- Mr. Nimal Dharmasiri Hettiarachchi
- Title at the time of visit: Deputy Director for Disaster Relief, Department of Social Services, Ministry of Home Affairs
- Duration: April - October 2000
- Reported on a basic disaster reduction bill in Parliament and natural disasters in Sri Lanka. Exchanged opinions with researchers from the UN Regional Development Center at Nagoya University and ADRC about sustainable development and its relations to disaster reduction.

(5) Bangladesh

- Mr. M. Babul Akhter

- Title at the time of visit: Assistant Manager, Palli Karma Shayak Foundation, Treasury Department
  - Duration: May - November 2000
  - Reported on disaster reduction systems, natural disasters and the significance that a small business support program for women has with regards to disaster reduction in Bangladesh. Studied flood reduction and river management in Japan at the Ministry of Construction (now Ministry of Land Infrastructure and Transportation) and River Information Center because of the many flood disasters in his country.
- (6) Sri Lanka
- Mr. Chulananda Perera
  - Title at the time of visit: Deputy Director, Sri Lanka Ministry of Social Welfare, National Disaster Management Center
  - Duration: November 2000 - April 2001
  - Reported on natural disasters, the legal system surrounding disaster reduction, and organizations such as the National Disaster Management Center in Sri Lanka. Prepared a training manual for disaster reduction that is needed in his country.
- (7) Armenia
- Ms. Hripsime Vardanyan
  - Title at the time of visit: Secretary to Director, Armenia National Earthquake Center (NSSP)
  - Duration: March - June 2001
  - Reported on disasters in Armenia including the Spitak Earthquake and disaster reduction organizations such as NSSP. Visited the Cabinet Office and disaster reduction organizations in Hyogo and Shizuoka, to research disaster reduction in Japan.
- (8) Papua New Guinea
- Ms. Philomena Miria
  - Title at the time of visit: Director Education & Training, National Disaster Management Organization (NDMO)
  - Duration: June-December 2001
  - Reported on recent disasters in Papua New Guinea including tidal waves and the eruption of Mt. Rapowl, as well as disaster reduction organizations such as the NDMO. Visited Sanriku and other locations to research Tsunami reduction measures in Japan. Prepared a training manual for disaster reduction in his country.
- (9) Cambodia
- Mr. So Ban Heang
  - Title at the time of visit: Secretary-General, National Council on Disaster Management Organization (NDMO)
  - Duration: June-December 2001
  - Reported on flood disasters and measures in Cambodia, as well as the activity of NCDM. Visited Kotani Dam and the Kisosansen River Basin, as well as the Cabinet Office, NHK and the Japan Red Cross, to study flood reduction measures in Japan.
- (10) Bangladesh
- Mr. Mohamed Atikuzzaman
  - Title at the time of visit: Deputy Director, Bangladesh Provincial Administration Training Center (BPATC)
  - Duration: January - July 2002
  - Reported on recent cyclones and flood disasters in Bangladesh, as well as BPATC training. Attended JICA Seminar on Disaster Management organized by the ADRC and JICA. Researched all types of disaster reduction in Japan. Also gave a lecture on disaster situation of Bangladesh in Fuji Tokoha University.

(11) Armenia

- Mr. Tigran Sayiyan
- Title at the time of visit: Head, Southern Department Task Force, National Survey for Seismic Protection
- Duration: February - August 2002
- Reported on antiseismic construction after the Spitak Earthquake and other earthquake measures, and activities of the NSSP. Also gave a lecture on disaster situation of Armenia in Fuji Tokoha University. Visited the Phoenix Plaza, seismic test lab and other disaster reduction organizations in Hyogo, to study disaster reduction measures in Japan.

(12) Cambodia

- Mr. Khun Sokha
- Title at the time of visit: Assistant to the First Vice-President, National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM)
- Duration: July – December 2002
- Reported on the status of and control measures against the rise of water of Lake Tonle Sap (Cambodia) and flooding of the Mekong River. Visited Shiga Pref. to study the flood control measures of Lake Biwa including the improvements of forestry surrounding the Lake. Prepared the report on disaster management of Cambodia.

(13) India

- Mr. V.P. Pasrija
- Title at the time of visit: Assistant Director, Disaster Management Division, Ministry of Home Affairs
- Duration: October – December 2002
- Reported on the damage from the Gujarat earthquake and disaster reduction system of India. Actively visited many disaster reduction facilities such as Hyogo Prefecture Disaster Management Center, Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution to collect information contributing to the future establishment of a disaster reduction center in India. Prepared the report on disaster management of India.

(14) Nepal

- Mr. Dilli Shiwakoti
- Title at the time of visit: Director, Dept. of Narcotics and Disaster Management, Ministry of Home Affairs
- Duration: January – June 2003
- Reported on the flooding in the Katmandu area in recent years, the current situation of landslides and floods frequently occurring in various regions and Nepal's disaster reduction projects. Participated in the Seminar on Disaster Management, which is conducted by JICA and ADRC, for comprehensive research of disaster reduction in Japan. Prepared the report on disaster management of Nepal.

(15) Mongolia

- Ms. Bolormaa Borkhuu
- Title at the time of visit: Officer, Strategic Planning and Management Department, Ministry of Nature and Environment of Mongolia
- Duration: January – June 2003
- Reported on the current status of damages due to drought, heavy snow and forest fires in Mongolia. Also reported on the government's disaster reduction organizations and the Ministry of Nature and Environment. Updated the database of ADRC website. Participated in the Seminar on Disaster Management, which is managed by JICA and ADRC, for comprehensive research of disaster reduction in Japan. Prepared the report on disaster management of Mongolia.

(16) Laos

- Mr. Vilayphong Sisomvang

- Title at the time of visit: Training Manager of National Disaster Management Office, Social Welfare Department, National Disaster Management Office, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare of Laos
- Duration: July – December 2003
- Reported on the damage situation of flash flad and wild fire in Laos and disaster management system. Also gave a lecuture on disaster situation of Laos in Fuji Tokoha University. Actively visited many disaster reduction facilities such as Disaster Prevention Research Institute of Kyoto University, Public Works Research Institue, and National Insitute for Land and Infrustructure Management, Japan Meteorological Agency, JICA, Institute of Industrial Sciece of University of Tokyo and Life Safty Learning Center. Prepared the report on disaster management of Laos.

(17) Indonesia

- Mr. Rachman Sobarna
- Title at the time of visit: Researcher, Directorate of Volcanology and Geological Hazard Mitigation, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources of Indonesia
- Duration: July – September 2003
- Reported on the sediment related disasters in Indonesia and its monitoring system. Actively visited many disaster reduction facilities such as Hyogo Prefecture Disaster Management Center, Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution, Disaster Prevention Research Institute of Kyoto University, Public Works Research Institue, and National Insitute for Land and Infrustructure Management.

(18) India

- Mr. Om Prakash
- Title at the time of visit: Technical Officer (Disaster Management), Ministry of Home Affairs of India
- Duration: October – December 2003
- Reported on recent disaster situation such as Orissa Super Cyclone in 1999 and Gujarat Earthquake in 2001. Also gave a lecuture on disaster situation of India in Fuji Tokoha University. Actively visited many disaster reduction facilities such as Japan Meteorological Agency, JICA, Institute of Industrial Sciece of University of Tokyo and Life Safty Learning Center. Updated the report on disaster management of India.

(19) Tajikistan

- Mr. Rahmonov Suhrobsho
- Title at the time of visit: Chief Computer Operating Specialist, Ministry of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense of Tajikistan
- Duration: January – June 2004
- Reported on the disaster situation in Tajikistan such as the risk of floods from Sarez Lake and sediment related disasters. Participated in the Seminar on Disaster Management, which is managed by JICA and ADRC, for comprehensive research of disaster reduction in Japan. Prepared a report on disaster management of Tajikistan.

(20) Vietnam

- Mr. Nguyen Thanh Phuong
- Title at the time of visit: Specialist Depatment of Dike Management and Flood and Storm Control, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Vietnam
- Duration: January – June 2004
- Reported on the current status of damages due to flood, and flood management of Hong River. Updated the database of ADRC website. Participated in the Seminar on Disaster Management, which is managed by JICA and ADRC, for comprehensive research of disaster reduction in Japan. Prepared a report on disaster management of Vietnam.