

2-3-5 ADRC Highlights

ADRC has been using the Internet and e-mail to share information with its counterparts in member countries, and with other interested parties. As one of its mainstay tools for information dissemination, ADRC has been issuing the twice-a-monthly newsletter “ADRC Highlights” since June 1, 1999. This newsletter is made publicly available on the Web. It is also e-mailed in English and Japanese to ADRC’s counterparts, participants in past ADRC expert meetings, ADRC personnel at home and abroad, visitors to ADRC, and participants in international conferences ADRC have taken part in.

The subscriber mailing list of the newsletter dramatically expanded by 580 persons between the end of March 2003 and the end of March 2004 – from 380 domestic and 1,050 overseas readers to 470 and 1,540, respectively – a 40% year-on-year increase.

The contents has included articles on the latest ADRC activities, reports of events, such as international conferences, which ADRC staff attended and gave presentations in, as well as national reports by ADRC visiting researchers from member countries. At international conferences and other events, ADRC staff have frequently been asked questions related to the contents of the newsletter. ADRC often receives responses to the newsletter immediately after it is e-mailed. Thus, the newsletter is considered an effective tool for information sharing.

In awareness of the newsletter’s effectiveness for information sharing, and of the fact that Russian is more convenient than English in some of the member countries including Russia a Federation and NIS countries, ADRC started to web-publish and e-mail the Russian version of the newsletter in 2002. As of the end of March 2004, the number of subscribers to the Russian version totaled 70 persons. The number is expected to increase as more disaster management training programs are implemented for Central Asian and the Caucasus.

Table 2-3-5 Headlines from ADRC Highlights (FY 2003)

Vol.	Issue Date	Main Feature	Other Topics
67	4/1	ISDR/ADRC joint session "Living with Risk - towards effective disaster reduction" at WWF3	ISDR-IATF Working Group 3 on Risk, Vulnerability and Impact Assessment Relocation of ADRC
68	4/16	United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC)	ADRC Visiting Researcher's Report Notice of change of address
69	5/1	7th ISDR Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting	3rd ISDR Support Group Meeting The Opening of 'Hitomiraikan'
70	5/16	ADRC/NCDM Training Workshop for Cambodia Provincial Committee for Disaster Management	5th US-Japan Workshop on Urban Earthquake Hazard Reduction United Nations Award for Disaster Reduction
71	6/1	Recent Natural Disasters in Asia; Severe deluge washed away southern and southwestern Sri Lanka	SOPAC "Communities@Risk" Conference held in Fiji
72	6/16	Sri Lanka floods: Observations by Terje Skavdal, RDRA in Asia, Head of OCHA, Kobe	7th US-Japan Workshop on Urban Earthquake Hazard Reduction United Nations Award for Disaster Reduction 26 May, South-Sanriku Earthquake in Japan: Observations by ADRC
73	7/1	Workshop 'In Search of a Common Methodology on Damage Estimation' was held in Netherlands	ADRC Visiting Researchers Made Lectures at Yamaguchi University Recent Natural Disasters in Asia: Tajikistan Floods
74	7/16	ADRC Dispatched Research Team to Turkey	International Training Program on TDRM held at Kobe 2003 Australian Disaster Conference will be held at Canberra, 10-12 September 2003 Recent Natural Disasters in Asia: Floods in India
75	8/1	Introducing ADRCs newly published "2002 Natural Disasters Data Book"	International Symposium on Integrated Disaster Risk Management held in Kyoto
76	8/16	26 July, Earthquake in Northern Japan: Observations by ADRC	Recent Natural Disasters in Asia: Nepal - Floods and Landslides
77	9/1	Public Forum "Living with Risk - are we prepared for the next big one? -" will be held on October 4	Flood Situation Report: Assam /Bihar in India ADRC Visiting Researcher's Report
78	9/16	ADRC Participated Exhibition and Workshop for Earthquake Disaster Reduction at Marikina City, Philippines	Visitors to ADRC : Military Officers from 13 Asia-Pacific countries ADRC dispatched a survey team to Sri Lanka Recent Natural Disasters in Asia : South Korea -Typhoon Maemi

79	10/1	Public Forum "Living with Risk" on October 4 is just around the corner	Introduction of ADRC's Visiting Researcher Recent Natural Disasters in Asia : Japan "The Tokachi-oki Earthquake in 2003"
80	10/16	Japan –"The Tokachi-oki Earthquake in 2003": Survey Mission by ADRC	Public Forum "Living with Risk" has attracted over 250 audience on October 4
81	11/1	Introducing newly enhanced ADRC website	ADRC Conducted Field Survey on the Minamata Debris Flow Disaster in Japan A Survey Mission to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz, and Azerbaijan
82	11/16	ADRC participated in the Second International Conference on Early Warning (EWC II) held in Bonn, Germany	UNESCO Mid-term Meeting on the Cross-cutting Theme Initiative was held in Paris TDRM Conference will be held on Dec 2-4, in Kobe, Japan
83	12/1	ADRC Visiting Researcher's Report-Mr.Om Prakash from India	ADRC was invited to Workshop co-organized by EC and UN-ISDR Euro-Mediterranean Forum on Disaster Prevention was held in Madrid
84	12/16	ADRC participated in the UN ISDR 8th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting	TDRM Conference was held in Kobe, Japan
85	1/1& 16	Recent Natural Disasters in Asia:Earthquake in Iran	The UN General Assembly adopted a resolution to host World Conference on Disaster Reduction ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) was held in Brunei Visitors to ADRC: The Delegation of Ministry of Civil Affairs,China ADRC Participated the Third East Asia Cluster Meeting in Kobe SMiRT Conference held in Prague, Czech Republic Notice: Change of ADRC Website
86	2/1	ADRC Cooperative Project FY2003: Seminar on Flood Disaster Management in Vietnam	ADRC Staff Profiles No. 16: Mr. Tetsushi Kurita, Senior Researcher JSCE Earthquake Engineering Symposium held in Osaka
87	2/16	The Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction 2004 was held in Siem Reap, Cambodia	
88	3/1	ADRC collaboration with Pacific Disaster Center	Efforts towards Strengthening Emergency Response Capacity in India ADRC joined the Seminar hosted by JBIC
89	3/16	ADRC was invited to Workshop Co-organized by Iran and UNDP ADRC Participated in the Third International Workshop of WSSI in Bangkok	Public Forum "Catastrophic Floods : Hidden Vulnerability of Mega Cities" will be held on March 23