

5-2. Publication of Tsunami awareness booklets in 9 languages in 8 countries in Asia

Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC), in cooperation with ADRRN (Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network)*, has developed 18 Tsunami awareness booklets in 9 languages destined to 8 countries in Asia, Bangladesh (Bengali), India (Hindi, Tamil), Indonesia (Indonesian), Malaysia (Malay), Nepal (Nepalese), Philippines (English-Adult, Tagalog-Children), Singapore (English) and Sri Lanka (Sinhalese).

(*ADRRN: a network, whose aim is to promoting coordination and collaboration among NGOs in Asian countries involved in disaster reduction & response, established in 2002 with support of UN/OCHA Kobe and ADRC.)

Inside these booklets, an old Japanese Tsunami educational story called “Inamura-no-hi” is introduced with some adaptations to the countries’ contexts, as well as some Tsunami evacuation information. The “Inamura-no-hi” story was created for elementary school children to learn from a concrete event, the gigantic Tsunami that occurred on December 24, 1854 in Japan. It tells us the importance of understanding and remembering the lessons of disasters and the need for quick judgment and action in case of a disaster.



Fig.5-3-1 Tsunami Educational Materials (Versions for Children) using “Inamura-no-hi” story

The involved members of ADRRN distributed the booklets through their programs for Tsunami response, recovery, or disaster reduction at the community level, in cooperation with ADRC. We hope the materials will help reduce the negative impact of any future Tsunami disaster in the countries and communities of the region.



Bangladesh



India



Nepal



Indonesia



Sri Lanka

Fig.5-3-2 Distribution of the booklets in the respective countries

The pdf-formatted booklets can be downloaded from the following website:
<http://www.adrc.or.jp/publications/inamura/list.html>