

# 1. Asian Disaster Reduction Center

## 1-1. Articles of the ADRC

The articles which provide basic matters concerning the organization and its operating methods were adopted at the 5th member countries meeting in January 2003. The ADRC is now operated based on the articles.

## 1-2. Member Countries

When the ADRC was established in 1998, it was constituted by countries which were present at the Asian Disaster Reduction Cooperation Promotion Meeting, including 22 member countries, 4 adviser countries, and 1 observer agency.

As the performance by the ADRC was appreciated after the establishment, Armenia joined in 2000, followed by Kyrgyz in 2002, Pakistan in 2005, Bhutan and Yemen in 2007, and Azerbaijan in 2009 so that the number of member countries are 28 as of March 2010. The U.S.A. joined in the group of advisers, which is now comprised of 5 countries.

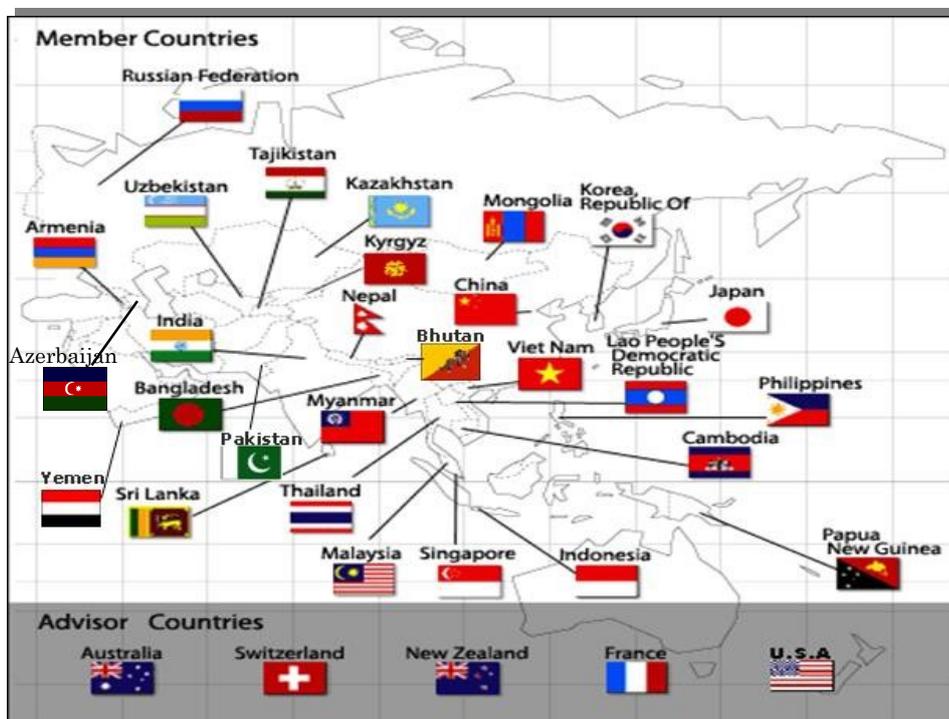


fig 1-1 Member and Adviser Countries