

## 4. Human Resource Development

### 4-1. Human Resource Development Through the Visiting Researcher (VR) Program

ADRC has been receiving Visiting Researchers (VR) from member countries since 1999. To date, 47 officials from member countries have taken part in this program. During their time with ADRC, every visiting researcher has learned about Japan's advanced knowledge and technologies in the field of disaster risk reduction and Japan's international cooperative activities. The visiting researchers are expected not only to contribute to the strengthening of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) capacity in their home countries, but also to further promote cooperation between their countries and ADRC. After finishing the program, they are expected to help develop and improve DRR capacities in their countries.

The following seven researchers have thus far participated in the program in FY 2009 (one more is still expected). Each researcher has participated in training courses organized by ADRC in collaboration with JICA for central and local government officials to give them a better understanding of Japanese disaster reduction measures, to improve their knowledge, and to help them contribute to the development of better disaster reduction systems in their own countries.

#### (1) Sri Lanka

- Mr. K.A.D.P.K. Kodippili
- Job title at time of visit: Assistant Director, Disaster Management Center, Sri Lanka
- Mr. Kodippili intended to learn about Japanese disaster prevention measures, particularly those related to tsunamis. He underwent training at the Japan Meteorological Agency, Office of Climate Change at JICA in Tokyo and at the ADRC. He also participated in the ADRC-JICA training course entitled "Dissemination and Establishment of Disaster Prevention Culture for Asian Countries."



Fig. 4-1-1 Training at the Office of Climate Change, JICA Tokyo.

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## (2) Pakistan

- Mr. Shahid Hussain Malik
- Job title at time of visit: Director Administration, State Disaster Management Authority, GoAJ&K (Pakistan)
- Mr. Malik intended to learn about Japanese disaster prevention measures, especially shelter management. He underwent training at the Japan Meteorological Agency, Office of Climate Change at JICA Tokyo and the ADRC. He also participated in the ADRC-JICA training course entitled "Dissemination and Establishment of Disaster Prevention Culture for Asian Countries."



Fig. 4-1-2 A visiting researcher participates in Japan Disaster Relief Team Training in Miki.

## (3) Philippines

- Ms. Josefina Tan Porcil
- Job title at time of visit: Civil Defense Officer II, Office of Civil Defense, Department of National Defense, Republic of the Philippines
- She intended to learn about Japanese disaster prevention measures, especially climate change. She underwent training at the Japan Meteorological Agency, Office of Climate Change at JICA Tokyo and the ADRC. She also participated in the ADRC-JICA training course entitled "Dissemination and Establishment of Disaster Prevention Culture for Asian Countries."



Fig. 4-1-3 Meteorological Agency, Tokyo.

(4) Nepal

- Mr. Sagar Mishra
- Job title at time of visit: Section Officer, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of Nepal
- He intended to learn about Japanese disaster prevention measures in general. He underwent training at the Japan Meteorological Agency, Office of Climate Change at JICA Tokyo and the ADRC. He also participated in the ADRC-JICA training course entitled "Dissemination and Establishment of Disaster Prevention Culture for Asian Countries."



Fig. 4-1-4 Earthquake simulation vehicle (right).

(5) Yemen

- Mr. Aziz Ali Nasser Al Haimi
- Job title at time of visit: Manager of Floating Unit, Yemen Coast Guard, Red Sea Sector Floating Unit
- He intended to study Japanese disaster prevention measures, especially evacuation from volcanic islands and earthquake prediction tools. He participated in the ADRC-JICA training course entitled "Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management."



Fig.4-1-5 Volcano shelter in Izu on Oshima Island.

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(6) Thailand

- Ms. Phurimon Puneam
- Job title at time of visit: Plan and Policy Analyst, Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation
- She intended to study Japanese disaster prevention measures, especially GIS, RS and the GLIDE system. She participated in the ADRC-JICA training course entitled "Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management."



Fig. 4-1-6 Cabinet Office, Tokyo.

(7) Malaysia

- Mr. Amirzudi Bin Hashim
- Job title at time of visit: Principal Assistant Director of the Central Forecast Office, Malaysia Meteorological Department
- He intended to study Japanese disaster prevention measures, especially community-based disaster prevention in Japan. He participated in the ADRC-JICA training course entitled "Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management."



Fig. 4-1-7 Evacuation ladder along the Toga River, Kobe.