## 3-2. Database on Disaster Risk Reduction

#### 3-2-1. Latest Disaster Information

When a natural disaster occurs, information on the extent of the damage, the situation of the affected area and emergency response and relief is collected and disseminated by media, local and central governments, international organizations, research institutions, civil societies, NGOs, etc in affected countries and throughout the world. Once most of such information was usually provided individually and it took time and labor to get all the necessary information, which prevented from agile data collection activities in case of emergency.

Under these circumstances, organizations such as the Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters, Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED) and the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) have been gathering global disaster information to make disaster information.

The Asian Disaster Reduction Center has developed a database and published the latest disaster information on its website in order to contribute as a clearinghouse of disaster information from various sources since September 1998. Summarized information with direct links to the original information sources provided on its website enables rapid search and retrieval of information. In particular, the database provides a brief summary of disasters (dates, locations, and overviews), brief outlines of damage situations, link information categorized by reports/articles, geographic data, emergency relief information, urgent reports from the ADRC member countries and graphic information. Such information is continually updated in accordance with further information release.

Figure 3-2-1-1 to Figure 3-2-1-4 shows information flow of ADRC's website from top page to related organizational information. The flood in Indonesia, January 2014 was take as example. In the top page, the disaster appears as latest disaster, linked to detailed information (Figure 3-2-1-1). The detailed information has links to GLIDE number, and national disaster management organization of the country when it is ADRC's member country (Figure 3-2-1-2, 3-2-1-3). Information sources for the reports come from media and situation reports as mentioned below (Figure 3-2-1-4).

The information originates mainly from announcements of disaster relevant organizations including the ADRC's member countries, situation reports from the UNOCHA ReliefWeb, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and media reports. The latest disaster information site also links to the home page of the disaster management organization and the disaster management information within ADRC's website, which works as a portal to various kinds of information.

In addition, the database connected to the link to the other site "JAXA DMSS" to enhance the value to ADRC's web site using the satellite image data taken at the affected site after the natural disasters when the emergency satellite observation was conducted. The database provides information of more than 1,860 disasters in the world as of end of Marcy 2014.

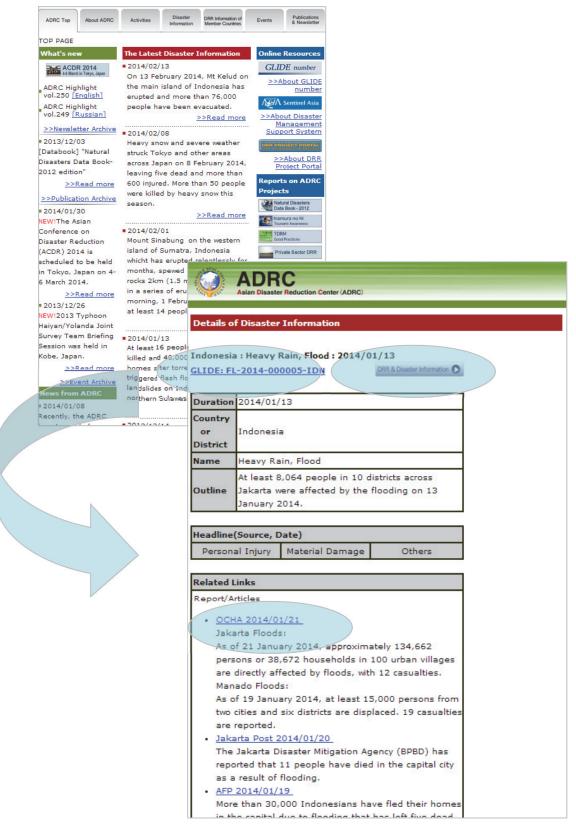
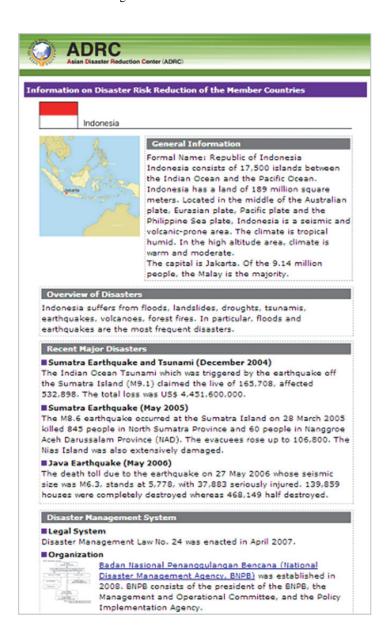


Figure 3-2-1-1 ADRC Website top page (above) and
Details of Disaster Information (below)

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Figure 3-2-1-2 GLIDE Number of the disaster



## 3-2-2. Multilanguage Glossary on Disaster Reduction

### (1) Provision of Multi-language Glossary on Natural Disasters

The Multi-language Glossary on Natural Disasters was compiled through the activities of the United Nation's IDNDR launched in 1990. It can be easily searched in six languages such as Chinese, English, French, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish by choosing an input language and a target language. To make the glossary available to a broader audience, ADRC has been providing online translation services. Thus, the six-language glossary is now available on the ADRC website.

The glossary contains technical terms which are hard to find in ordinary dictionaries, and can be utilized by personnel in the disaster field to decipher technical documents related to Disaster Reduction.

#### (2) Native Language Activities by Visiting Researchers

ADRC accepts eight visiting researchers from member countries during the year to improve capabilities in disaster reduction administration. Since 2008, ADRC has been making "Multilanguage Dictionaries" with side by side entries into the mother language of the visiting researcher about 1,130 basic "disaster reduction terms" based on English terms.

Side by side translation lists have already been completed by researchers from Kyrgyz (Kyrgyz and Russian), Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, and Yemen (Arabic) by March 2014, and been offered in the format of "Multilingual Dictionaries (Tentative)" on the ADRC website separate from the "Multi-language Glossary." They were intended to serve as reference materials for disaster reduction activities in member countries.



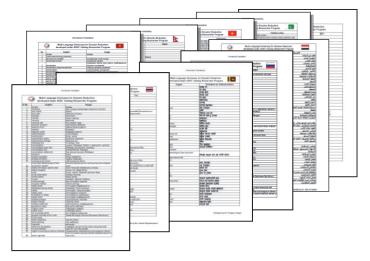


Fig.3-2-2-1 Multi-language Dictionaries for Disaster Reduction (Provisional Translation)

# 3-2-3. Asian Disaster Reduction Center Newsletter: ADRC Highlights

ADRC has been using the Internet and e-mail to share information with its counterparts in the member countries, and other applicants. As one of its mainstay tools for information dissemination, ADRC has been issuing the newsletter "ADRC Highlights" since 1 June 1999. It had been issued twice a month until FY 2007, and has been issued once a month since the renewal of its design in FY 2008.



Fig. 1-4-3-1 ADRC Highlights
(October 2013: Japanese edition, English edition, Russian edition)

The newsletter is made publicly available on the website. It is also e-mailed in English, Russian and Japanese to the ADRC counterparts and former visiting researchers, former GLobal IDEntifier number (GLIDE) visiting researchers, participants in the past ADRC annual meetings, visitors to ADRC, trainees in JICA's training courses which ADRC were involved in, and participants in international conferences ADRC took part in to strengthen relations with. Also we register e-mail addresses of those who wish to subscribe the newsletter upon the receipt of request e-mail. The numbers of subscribers in English, Russian and Japanese, are 2,388, 191 and 903 respectively as of February 2014.

The contents include articles on the latest ADRC activities, reports on international conferences, and other events which ADRC staff attended and gave presentations in, as well as national reports by the ADRC visiting researchers from member countries. In addition, ADRC has been featuring former visiting researchers from member countries on the newsletter since FY 2008 and followed up their efforts for disaster risk reduction in their countries. This contributed to further enhancing the network of former visiting researchers from member countries.

This tool has been very effective in order to keep good ties and communication with relevant officials .

Table 1-4-3-1 Headlines from ADRC Highlights (FY2013)

Vol.	Main Articles
	1. RCC10 and Meeting with the Chief of Mongolia's NEMA
241	2. Human Resource Development
	(1) JICA Training "Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management"
	(2) JICA Training "Raising Awareness of Disaster Reduction"
	3. Interview by APRSAF Secretariat
	1. IRP/ ADRC Attends International Forum on Recovery and Reconstruction Following
	China's Sichuan Earthquake
242	2. Workshop on Standard Operating Procedures for a Coastal Multi-hazard Early Warning
	System
	3. A report on the "BCP Status of the SMEs in the Asia-Pacific Region 2012"
243	1. 4th Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction
	2. The 4th Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction
	3. Business Continuity Management Booklet for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises
244	1. Consultation Workshop on Developing a Capacity-Building Strategy through the
	Establishment of a Disaster Management Training Center in Myanmar
	2. ADRC Participates in 8th Meeting of Typhoon Committee Working Group on DRR
	3. Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund Project "Promotion of Disaster Education in Schools"
	(Malaysia and Brunei)
245	1. JICA Training Course: Comprehensive Disaster Management for Central Asia and the
	Caucasus 2013
	2. Disaster Recovery Planning Workshops in the Horn of Africa
	1. Participation in the JICA Follow-Up Seminar "Comprehensive Disaster Management"
246	ADRC Visiting Researcher Report     (1) Ms. Ms. Chinbaatar LKHAMJAV (Mongolia)
	(2) Ms. Thandar AUNG (Myanmar)
	ADRC Participates in First Saudi International Conference on Crisis and Disaster
247	Management Management
	2."Workshop on Disaster Recovery Planning for South Sudan" was successfully organized
	and held by IRP, ADRC and the Cabinet Office of Japan
	3. ADRC Visiting Researcher Report
	(1) Mr. Ibrahim Thaufeeq (Maldives)
	(2) Mr. Mansurjon Tashpulatov (Uzubekistan)
	1. ADRC Participates in Expert Group Meeting on Improving Disaster Data to Build
248	Resilience in Asia and the Pacific
	2. "Promotion of Disaster Education in Schools" Project in Lao PDR
249	1. ADRC/IRP Attends Third Session of UNESCAP's Committee on Disaster Risk
	Reduction in Bangkok
	2. First Sentinel Asia Joint Project Meeting Step-3 (JPTM)
	3. ADRC Participates in 8th Integrated Workshop of the Typhoon Committee
250	1. Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) and International Recovery Platform (IRP)
	Secretariat Dispatched Survey Team to the Typhoon-affected areas in the Philippines
	2. ADRC DRR Policy Peer Review FY2013

251	1. International Recovery Forum 2014 Draws to Successful Close
	2. ADRC Visiting Researcher Report
	(1) Dr. Mohammad Manirul Islam (Bangladesh)
	(2) Mr. Leng Heng An (Cambodia)
252	1. Workshop on Recovery Planning for Local Governments Impacted by Typhoon Haiyan
	2. ADRC Visiting Researcher Report
	(1) Mr. Ali Bakhtiari (Iran)
	(2) Mr. Pema Thinley (Bhutan)
	3. Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction (ACDR) 2014 Draws to Successful
	Conclusion (FLASH)