

#### 4-4. Promotion of Disaster Education in Schools in ASEAN Countries

ADRC and Ministry of Education (MOE) Malaysia hold the Emergency Preparedness Program in Ranau, Sabah, Malaysia from 28 to 30 March 2016 as a Training of Teachers (TOT) and a pilot lesson for "Promotion of Disaster Education in Schools" project. This project was one of the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund Projects, aiming to promote disaster education in ASEAN countries through training of school teachers.

In the past, Malaysia has experienced earthquakes in the state of Sabah. On 5th June 2015, a 6.2-magnitude earthquake which lasted 30 seconds struck Ranau. The earthquake was the strongest in Malaysia and resulted in eighteen deaths on Mt. Kinabalu, with most of the deaths being school students from Singapore.

MOE and ADRC aimed to acculturate DRR among teachers, students as well as the local community, as school education is one of the effective approaches toward a sustainable disaster risk reduction. The program was implemented to promote disaster education in schools by providing consultation about teaching materials and teaching methods tailored to local contexts. The knowledge and skills gained from the training would assist teachers and students to regularly and systematically facilitate disaster education at the school level or their local community.

More than 100 teachers and 20 students of Primary School and Lower Secondary School in Ranau, Sabah attended three-day workshop. This workshop consisted of a lot of lectures regarding earthquake disaster reduction. For instance, Mr. Matsuzaki, officer of Kobe city, Japan, gave a lecture on "Experience based on the Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake" with introducing various education materials. After the lectures, teachers and students made a discussion how to consider possible disaster risk reduction activity in their own school. Also Mercy Malaysia, NGO for DRR in Malaysia, provided a lecture regarding emergency response activity in case of earthquake.

There were lots of feedback from the teachers that they would like to have more knowledge on natural disasters and opportunities to learn about disaster risk reduction.



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