

Foreword

It was during the Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction 2024 (ACDR2024) in Hanoi, Viet Nam where I officially started as chairman of ADRC. At that time, I remember one session that talked about the severe impacts of super typhoon Yagi of September 2024 in various provinces. Since Yagi was the strongest typhoon to hit Viet Nam in the last 70 years, the national and local governments faced tremendous challenges in implementing their response and recovery efforts. The Government of Viet Nam looked up to their neighbours and partners for lessons, knowledge, and technologies in disaster risk management. In view of this, I am delighted to mention that ACDR2024 served that purpose by sharing effective tools and technologies on flood countermeasures, experiences on anticipatory action, and strategies for climate change adaptation and mitigation.



Aside from organizing the Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction (ACDR) annually, ADRC also stands ready to share useful information in the event of a large-scale disaster in Asia. On 28 March 2025, for instance, Myanmar was struck by a magnitude 7.7 earthquake—killing over 3,600 people and causing widespread destruction of buildings, infrastructure, and heritage in Sagaing and Mandalay regions. ADRC immediately issued the GLIDE number for this disaster so that information can be integrated. ADRC also facilitated Myanmar's request for earth observation satellite (EOS) images, as these are useful in informing the government's response operations and in developing the government's recovery plan.

As you read this Annual Report for FY2024, we invite you to take stock of our collaborative achievements in the areas of information-sharing (e.g., linking the GLIDE number system with other disaster databases), human resource development (e.g., training programmes on disaster risk reduction), and international cooperation (e.g., advanced studies on climate change). While we have made notable progress, the disaster risk landscape in Asia is becoming increasingly complex, underscoring the need to sustain and scale-up our activities.

For this fiscal year (FY2025), with the support of all member countries, we will continue implementing our disaster risk reduction activities, including the next Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction (ACDR2025) to be held in Tokyo, Japan. I am very looking forward to this event to hear your experiences and achievements.

I am grateful for your commitment to the activities of ADRC, and I hope for greater cooperation this year.

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