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Message from the Chairperson

"I am much honored to bring you the ASIA PACIFIC ALLIANCE for DISASTER MANAGEMENT Annual Report, which is the first to be produced since its establishment in October 2012. With the support and collaboration of all members, within the first year of launch, we have already carried out significant program activities that should make us all proud. I am very confident that within the next few years, through better understanding and outstanding friendship, APADM will achieve far more than today to make a difference. "

Faisal Djalal,
Chairperson of the Executive Committee



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LAUNCH

The Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management was launched at the 5th Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction which took place in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, from 22-25 October 2012. A pre-conference and a booth were also set up to promote the Alliance's concept and activity plan. The following month, a symposium was held in Tokyo, Japan on Nov 5th in which an audience of over 100 attended. Speakers from the Japanese government and other organizations underlined the importance of trans-national cooperation in preparing for and responding to large-scale disasters



NETWORKING AND MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

APADM attended and introduced the organization at the International Conference on Disaster Resilient Societies in New Delhi, India on February 22-23, 2013. The conference was organized by the Global Forum for Disaster Reduction (GFDR) in collaboration with Japan Foundation. APADM was represented by Miho Shinkai of Civic Force, who talked about CF's emergency response after the Great East Japan Earthquake.



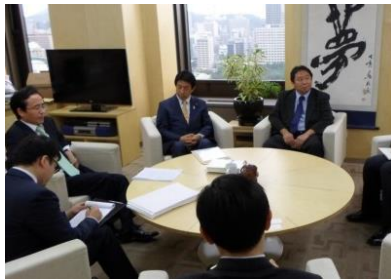
To work on its partnerships within the Southeast Asia region, the MO conducted discussions with the ASEAN Secretariat, specifically its Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) Office, regarding possible collaboration. JAIF agreed to fund the Japan study tour of ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre)'s Junior Officer program wherein approximately 100 disaster management government officers from ASEAN countries are expected to receive this training in Japan in the span of 3 years.



during the Fourth Session.

APADM members PLANAS and representatives from Korea and Japan joined the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction of the UNISDR last May 19-23 in Geneva, Switzerland. Mr. Faisal Djalal gave a detailed presentation about the establishment of the Alliance while Ms. Sinta Kaniawati reiterated the importance of the private sector's involvement with communities in disaster risk reduction

On 3-5 July 2013, Mr. Masataka Uo from the Management Office and Mr. Faisal Djalal from PLANAS represented and gave a presentation about APADM at the 2013 Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network (ADRRN) General Assembly Meeting held in Makati, Philippines. APADM received strong interest from ADRRN members Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Malaysia.



APADM MO sent an investigative team headed by Parliament member and former Chief Cabinet secretary Yasuhisa Shiozaki to South Korea in July 2013 for high-level talks between Japanese and South Korean parliament members and with the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS). The group also discussed the participation of Korean Broadcasting System (KBS) in the formation of the Korea National Platform. The parliament members and TCS' Secretary General agreed to

provide overall assistance to APADM.

NATIONAL PLATFORM ENHANCEMENT AND COLLABORATION

During its visit in Seoul in August, the APADM delegation also met with Alliance member Korean Disaster Relief Association (KDRA) who confirmed it will take concrete steps to advance the formation of the Korean National Platform, specifically by drafting a concept paper outlining the creation of the Platform.



The MO took initiative on the enhancement of the Sri Lanka National Platform by conducting a feasibility study in Sri Lanka (the project obtained 3-years of funding from the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs later). The project proposal outlined a capacity building project at different levels of the society and which involves participation of actors from various sectors, aiming to coordinate the creation of the national platform. APADM member Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies (CHA) will be the local implementing body of the project.

Citizens' Disaster Response Center (CDRC) and Civic Force conducted emergency relief operations in Mindanao, Philippines after Typhoon Bopha struck in December 2012 causing widespread damage and more than 1,000 casualties. The collaboration made it possible to reach 1,200 affected families who were provided with relief packs.



Jakarta was hit by heavy flooding in January 2013 which left 44 people dead, more than 100,000 households affected and billions in dollars of economic loss. PLANAS was quick to respond by setting up a "Desk Center for Jakarta flood disaster response and relief" and appointing one of its members, HFI – Humanitarian Forum Indonesia as its focal point. Through HFI, PLANAS coordinated the distribution of donated goods in Jakarta and surrounding areas. PLANAS member IBL also coordinated with private companies such as Samsung Indonesia and PT Honda that provided products and services for the beneficiaries. In addition, Japanese national representative CF (Civic Force) collected donations in Japan, which went straight to PLANAS's activities.



MANAGEMENT AND FUNDING

- ❖ The APADM Management Office was registered in Tokyo, Japan. APADM and Civic Force, its Japanese National Platform, share office space in Chiyoda ward in Tokyo, Japan.
- ❖ As part of the first year's activities, working groups were formed to develop specific guidelines, namely membership development and operational guidelines, for APADM's operations. The drafts were submitted to MO and reviewed for further inputs.
- ❖ The MO obtained a grant from Sasakawa Peace Foundation for the fiscal year April 2013 to March 2014 and covers the following activities: National Platform enhancement, creation of working guidelines, and an international workshop. The grant is expected to have a 3-year duration.
- ❖ In addition, the MO has begun to appeal to the Japanese and Korean Government, through the cooperation of members of the parliament, for financial contributions to APADM as an international organization.

SUPPORTERS



Asia Pacific Alliance is proud to be the recipient of a grant from the Sasakawa Peace Foundation for the fiscal year starting April 2013. The total grant amount is 14.5 million Yen for the first project year ending in March 2014.