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## **Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) appoints new Deputy Executive Director (DED)**

ADPC is pleased to announce Mr. Aloysius J. Rego (Loy) as the new Deputy Executive Director of ADPC, approved by its Executive Committee on 11 July 2008.

Loy joined ADPC in 1996 as Manager, Learning and Professional Development (LPD) and subsequently, assumed additional responsibilities in 1998 for technical services as well. In 1999, he was promoted as ADPC's Director for Planning Development and Partnerships (PDP). Since July 2003, Loy has been the Director of the Disaster Management Systems (DMS) team, implementing programs on mainstreaming disaster risk reduction (DRR), flood preparedness & risk reduction programs on the Mekong Delta provinces, community-based DRR and the development of governance policies, and DRM plans in South and South East Asia. He has been actively involved with the ADPC Regional Consultative Committee (RCC) mechanism in the planning and conducting of seven annual RCC meetings held since 2000, and the RCC program on Mainstreaming DRR into Development Policy, Planning and Implementation (MDRD). Loy has represented ADPC on International & Regional committees and fora for several years.

He has over 27 years experience in disaster risk management, occupational safety, and industrial disaster preparedness. Prior to joining ADPC, he worked for over ten years as Joint Director at the National Safety Council of India. He holds a Bachelor of Technology (Mechanical Engineering) degree from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Mumbai, a Bachelor degree in Law, and a post graduate Diploma in Industrial Safety.

As ADPC looks to the future, Loy's appointment as Deputy Executive Director will strengthen ADPC to further the growth of the Center. Through his leadership, experience, extensive network, and understanding of the needs and challenges in disaster risk reduction, Loy will play a more prominent role in representing ADPC, sustaining our growth, and taking our organization into new and innovative directions.

**Dr. Bhichit Rattakul**  
**Executive Director**  
**ADPC**