

## CANCELLATION

If you are unable to attend, a substitute applicant from your organization is welcome. Cancellation of attendance should be notified 3 weeks prior to course commencement; in which case, 85% of course fee will be reimbursed. No reimbursements will be made for cancellations within 3 weeks prior to course commencement.

### Urban Disaster Risk Management (UDRM)

The outcome of Asia's high rate of urbanization has been the expansion of urban populations in geographic areas which are prone to disaster impact. The result is an increased vulnerability of populations and infrastructure. Disaster mitigation measures such as:

- Earthquake, tsunami and cyclone-resistance building and infrastructure
- Flood and landslide control measures
- Incorporation of disaster vulnerability into land use planning
- Introduction of regulatory measures in industrialized zones

have rarely been attempted in most Asian countries. Activities undertaken by the Asian Urban Disaster Mitigation Program (AUDMP) over a period of eight years, have demonstrated the effectiveness of mitigation measures in reducing natural disaster vulnerability. Demonstration projects in nine countries, information dissemination and networking activities, and the regional training courses on Earthquake Vulnerability Reduction, Flood Risk Mitigation, Technological Risk Reduction and Urban Disaster Mitigation have convincingly brought to light the opportunities for high impact interventions. Local officials in selected cities have positively responded to the initial project activities by the way of funding and incorporating disaster vulnerability considerations to their buildings and zoning regulations. Currently, a significant high demand is apparent for Urban Disaster Risk Management (UDRM), not only in AUDMP target countries but also in other countries of the region. This demand for expansion of UDRM activities has been set to improve response, preparedness capacities to reduce the vulnerability.

As ADPC has been implementing and linking diverse activities throughout the region, it has recognized the importance of enhancing the scope of AUDMP through the theme action is focused on Urban Disaster Risk Management. This will become a permanent focus area of ADPC for future endeavour. UDRM will continue to facilitate interventions for promotion of local and traditional practices, research and technology transfer, replication of best practices, promotion of innovative solutions, and development of information products to capture experiences for their dissemination as well as training and capacity building.

## ASIAN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS CENTER

Established in 1986, ADPC is a leading regional resource center dedicated to disaster risk reduction. ADPC works with governments, NGOs and communities of the Asia and Pacific regions to strengthen their capacities in disaster preparedness, mitigation and response through training, technical assistance, regional program management, country project demonstration, information sharing and research.

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# EVRC-9

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March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 12<sup>th</sup> 2010  
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## PURPOSE

An earthquake can be a frightening and destructive natural event. With increasing population and the potential encroachment of urban development into areas susceptible to earthquakes, vulnerability to earthquakes could intensify. However, we have begun to challenge the premise that earthquakes present an uncontrollable and unpredictable hazard to life and property. With greater understanding of the causes and effects of earthquakes, we may be able to reduce damage and loss of life from these destructive events.

The training course on Earthquake Vulnerability Reduction has been designed to achieve this goal. With healthy experiences in providing similar courses for natural disaster mitigation within the Asian Region, ADPC provide a model training experience in this latest course by integrating well compiled study material, case studies, audio visual enhancement and interactive adult learning strategies.

The course builds on past and enduring endeavors such as Earthquakes and Megacities Initiative (EMI), UN, IDNDR, ISDR initiative for Risk Assessment Tools for Diagnosis or Urban Areas against Seismic Disasters (RADIUS) and Global Earthquake Safety Initiative (GESI) launched by UNCRD, the Geo-Hazard International and from the rich lessons learnt and experiences from the Kathmandu Valley Earthquake Risk Management Project (KVERMP) and Indonesian Urban Disaster Mitigation Project (IUDMP) under the Asian Urban Disaster Mitigation Program (AUDMP) of ADPC implemented with local partner organization National Society for Earthquake Technology (NSET), Nepal and Institute of Technology - Bandung (ITB), Indonesia.

## OBJECTIVE

The course aspires to provide

- Training on earthquake vulnerability reduction strategies
- Know-how for the development of organized approaches for understanding earthquake and associated secondary hazards, their impacts and vulnerability reduction strategies
- Knowledge and skills for implementation of mitigation initiatives
- Appreciation of risk communication
- Analysis of the need to develop multi-sectoral partnerships for successful implementation of mitigation measures
- Field exposure to ongoing mitigation work

## COURSE CONTENT

- Overview on development, primary and secondary hazards, Vulnerabilities, Risk, and Disaster Management
- Earthquake Hazard and Risk Assessment Methods
- Earthquake Vulnerabilities assessment and reduction methods
- Understanding of Secondary hazards like Tsunami, Fire, and their Vulnerability Assessment Methods
- Planning for Vulnerability Reduction of Earthquake hazards
- Implementation of Vulnerability Reduction Programs

## PARTICIPANTS

This course is particularly useful for those concerned with reduction of vulnerabilities to earthquake hazards in development. It is open to all countries; however priorities will be given to the participants from the Asia-Pacific region.

The targeted audiences of the course are:

- Administrators and officials from provincial and city administration, development and planning authorities
- National level ministries, departments and institutions dealing with urban planning development, housing, infrastructure, public works, utilities, waterworks, drainage, etc.
- Private sector corporations, builders, infrastructure developers, insurance companies and others
- Elected representatives from cities and towns
- Emergency response agencies and emergency planners
- Relief and rehabilitation agencies
- UN agencies and international organizations
- NGOs working on disaster mitigation, especially on earthquake mitigation
- Advocacy and public awareness campaigners, etc.

## LANGUAGE

All teaching and course materials are in English. It is essential that participants are fully conversant in English.

## RESOURCE PERSONS

International experienced practitioners and experts from different organizations will complement ADPC's in-house expertise to conduct and facilitate the course.

## COURSE FEE

The tuition fee is US\$ 2000 with a registration fee of US\$40. Travel cost is not included in the course fee. All participants are responsible for arranging their own travel and visa expenses, including transportation from and to airport, and also for health/accident insurance and other personal expenses.

## PAYMENT

If you are selected to attend the course, the payment should be transferred to ADPC account through bank or international demand draft (DD) not later than 15th of February 2010. Otherwise, your participation will be cancelled. Please note that personal checks are not acceptable

## GROUP DISCOUNT

ADPC has established an arrangement which recognizes the special needs of sponsoring organizations who wish to send large groups to the course. This operates when one single organization decides to send a group of five persons to the course, in which case the tuition fee US\$ 2000 will be waived for the sixth participant from that organization.

Therefore, the sixth participant needs to pay only the rest of amount after deducting US\$ 2000 tuition fee from the full package of his choice.

## REGISTRATION

Interested persons can apply as individuals although preference will be given to those sponsored by the organizations.

Those participants who come as individuals and are not sponsored by their organizations, details of these requirements will be sent to person in this category as part of the course nomination procedure.

Those applicants who are sponsored by their organizations, a letter of endorsement/sponsorship from their organizations is required to be submitted.

An application Form is available on ADPC website [http:// www.adpc.net/v2007/TRG/DOWNLOAD/trgapplifform.doc](http://www.adpc.net/v2007/TRG/DOWNLOAD/trgapplifform.doc), and can be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> January 2010 through email, fax or mail by post. (See contact details below).

Pre-course information will be provided once you have received the acceptance for the course.