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**Launch of the Disaster Risk Reduction Project Portal
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Distinguished guests, colleagues, ladies and gentlemen,

The online portal being launched today is a key output of a regional stocktaking and mapping project developed under the auspices of the IAP (ISDR Asian Partnership). It can be used for (i) finding information on DRR projects; (ii) undertaking an analysis on types of DRR projects; (iii) providing information on DRR strategies and frameworks; and (iv) understanding institutional landscapes. In other words, the portal provides information on **who** is doing **what**, and **where**.

This information can help (i) improve regional planning and programming of DRR interventions; (ii) identify areas of cooperation among regional and sub-regional organisations; (iii) assist donors and decision-makers to channel resources to meet their own policy and programme requirements; (iv) help countries in the region receive more coherent regional assistance; and (v) enable countries to get greater clarity about the type of support they may be able to access from regional programmes.

However, the portal is not yet an exhaustive database of all DRR projects in the region – at the moment it is limited to regional DRR interventions in more than one country.

To remedy this, ADB has just approved an extension to the project so that a second phase can incorporate national-level DRR inventories into the online regional-level DRR register. The extension will allow stakeholders working at the country level to (i) learn from similar initiatives; and (ii) use the findings to take decisions on investments and DRR-related interventions. The project extension will also provide a methodology for tracking DRR investments, which will assist in avoiding duplication and improve overall consistency.

Similar to the initial project, the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) will be the Executing Agency, and the IAP-Bangkok Regional Office will chair the Project Steering Committee.

I commend the portal to you.