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ADPC's 8th Regional Training Course on Flood Disaster Risk Management (FDRM-8) concludes

The 8th ADPC Regional Training Course on Flood Disaster Risk Management (FDRM-8) was successfully conducted from 8-19 October 2007 at the Asian Institute of Technology Conference Center (AITCC), Bangkok, Thailand. 32 participants from 14 countries in Asia, two from Sudan and one from Denmark participated and successfully completed the course after meeting the essential requirements of the course.

The FDRM course promotes the need to combat the perennial problem of floods and the resultant destruction which has been the forefront concern for most Asian nations. The course offered an integrated approach to respond to such situations. The Course included 6 modules, each focusing to improve clarity of presentation and linkages among topics and issues of discussion. The course encouraged participants to think creatively and utilizes contemporary adult learning methods including discussion, group work and simulation exercises. The themes of the modules were as follows:

Module 1: Introduction to integrated flood risk management

Module 2: Assessing the Risk

Module 3: Risk Mitigation

Module 4: Flood disaster preparedness planning and emergency response

Module 5: Recovery and rehabilitation

Module 6: Cross-cutting Issues

The opening ceremony on the 8 October 2007 was presided over by Dr. Suvit Yodmani, Minister, Ministry of Tourism and Sports, Thailand and Dr. Luis Jorge Perez-Calderon, Deputy Executive Director of Asian Disaster Preparedness Center.



Dr. Suvit Yodmani



Dr. Luis Jorge Perez-Calderon

On 17 October 2007, ADPC hosted a farewell lunch for the FDRM-8 participants. Mr. Jonathan Abrahams, Director of Public Health in Emergencies (PHE) awarded the certificates of completion to all the participants.



Dr. Haitham Bashier Abbas from Sudan receiving his certificate from Mr. Jonathan Abrahams

On behalf of the FDRM-8 participants, Ms. Marilou E. Talingting, Chapter Administrator from Philippine Red Cross and Mr. Mohammed Rafiqul Islam, Deputy Director/DM Coordinator from Bangladesh Red Crescent Society expressed their thanks and appreciation to ADPC through participants' remarks.



Ms. Talingting and Mr. Islam expressing their thanks

FDRM-8 participants along with the course management team also attended the Regional Workshop on Innovative Approaches to Flood Risk Reduction in the Mekong Basin co-organized by ADPC and Mekong River Commission at Khon Kaen. This provided an opportunity to learn more about the flood risk management practices and approaches in Mekong regions and to build a broader range of networking with other 70 flood disaster management practitioners from the region at the regional workshop.



Participants at the Regional Workshop on Innovative Approaches to Flood Risk Reduction in the Mekong Basin

Participants, through out the 2 weeks course enjoyed not only learning new technology of flood preparedness and mitigation but also shared knowledge and experiences of flood disaster management activities from different countries.





Participants receiving souvenirs, prizes

Below are remarks made by participants on the course:

- I got more concepts in term of flood risk mitigation management through ADPC course and I will find it useful for management and practice. I will join ADPC in another course in the future. I think ADPC is a best resource in region.

Wish you good success in your work and ADPC!

Mr.Chrun Sao
Assistant Project Manager
Oxfam Australia,
Phnomphen,Cambodia

- We are grateful to you and ADPC to arrange such a unique course for us that enriched our understanding on flood disaster risk management. We have really enjoyed the course due to its participatory approaches, excellent presentation and very rich handout and course material.

Thanks a lot once again.

Utpal Dutta
Nepal Red Cross Society,
Practical Action-Bangladesh

- I have been sharing all documents that we gathered from the training in our department. We really appreciate the training course as well as the documents that were provided to us. Now we are looking for best alternatives to modify our programs based on these documents. Thank you once again and will be in touch in future.

Mr. Prajwal Acharya
Program Coordinator
Nepal Red Cross Society

- Thank you for all support regarding to the training from registration until backed to Indonesia. It was a great training, however in some parts of that need to be improved. Anyway, thank you to all the training facilitators and for the nice pictures.

Thx.

Mr. Rogatianus Anang Setiyargo
Public Health Engineer
OXFAM GB Indonesia

- I have enjoyed and learned lot of new things from the course. I like your way of conducting the sessions and very friendly gentle behaviour with all the participants.

I hope you will be busy with preparation of Disaster Management course. As promised, kindly find attached my CV, one of my published papers on Community based disaster Management- Lesson from Asia for your reference. It is also available at

<http://www.disaster.co.za/view.php?id=dr2005>

I hope you have also enjoyed with us during the FDRM course.

Rajesh Kumar Kaushik
Humanitarian Response Coordinator
Oxfam – Australia

- Pertaining, to the 8th flood disaster risk management course, conducted from 8th October 2007 to 19th October 2007, in Bangkok, Thailand, I wish to convey our sincere thanks, regards and wishes, to you and your organizing team

persons, for your kind and affectionate guidance, assistance, services and help, provided, during the course period.

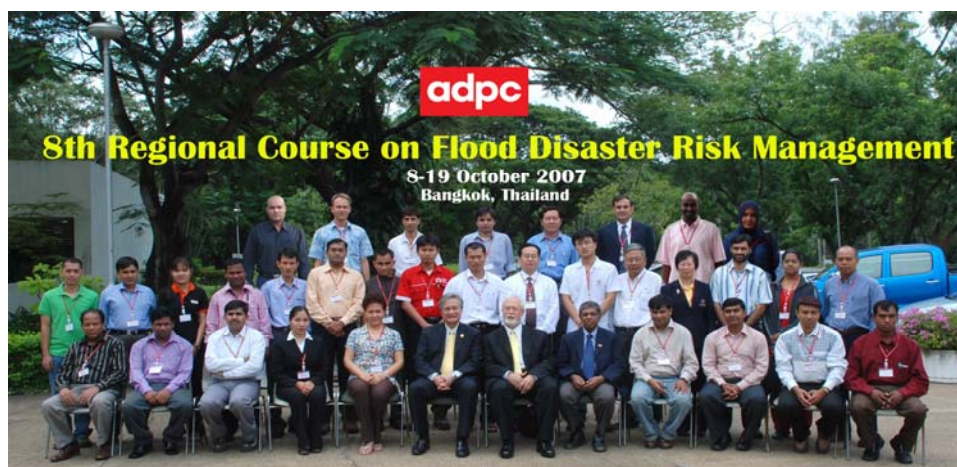
I still do remember your perfect and cute arrangements made for our comfortable stay and residence. Your support and cooperation for us deserve special mentioning.

In a nutshell, the total hospitality and generosity rendered by you is cute and excellent.

Final report and action plan, I will be sending to you within 4 days for your official proceeding.

Thank You.

Mr. Faisal Ibrahim
Manager
Lhavivani Atoll Hospital, Naifaru
Maldives



First Row (Left-Right): Mr. Mohammed Rafiqul Islam, Mr. Barkat Ullah, Mr. Rajesh Kumar Kaushik, Ms. Almira V. Abrazado, Ms. Marilou E. Talingting, Dr. Suvit Yodmani, Dr. Luis Jorge Perez-Calderon, Mr. N.M.S.I. Arambepola, Mr. Utpal Kumar Dutta, Mr. Abu Nur Muhammad Kaiser Zillany, Mr. Mohammad Abdur Rahim, Mr. Nirmal Chandra Bepary
Middle Row (Left-Right): Mr. Eric Loyola Matnog, Mr. Iqbal Hossain, Ms. Peuvchenda Bun, Mr. Dipok Roy Chandra, Mr. Saravuth Van, Mr. Salmon Jacob, Mr. Chham Sokha, Mr. Oktariadi, Mr. Chrun Sao, Mr. Wang Ping, Mr. Cai Wenman, Mr. Sophanna Neth, Mrs. Jintana Tumkosit, Mr. Javed Iqbal Tameem, Dr. V. Ramani Bai, Mr. Rogatianus Anang Setiyargo
Last Row (Left-Right): Mr. Faisal Ibrahim, Mr. Henrik Fosseldorff, Mr. Prajwal Acharya, Mr. Rajanish Raj Ojha, Mr. Nguyen Trong Nghia, Mr. Falak Nawaz, Dr. Haitham Bashier Abbas, Dr. Fayrouz Mohammed Abdalla

Participants with Dr. Suvit Yodmani and Dr. Luis Jorge Perez-Calderon at the opening Ceremony