

Opening ceremony of 8th Regional Course on Flood Disaster Risk Management



The opening ceremony of 8th Regional Course on Flood Disaster Risk Management was held on 8th Oct 2007 at the AIT Conference Center presided by Dr.Suvit Yodmani, Federal Minister for Tourism and Sports, Ministry of Tourism and Sports, Thailand with the accompany of Dr. Luis Jorge Perez-Calderon, Deputy Executive Director, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center. There are 33 participants from 14 different countries; majority came from different parts of Asia except 2 from Sudan and one from Denmark.

This course promotes the sharing of relevant technical and flood risk assessment tools and knowledge. It encourages participants to think creatively and utilizes contemporary adult learning methods, including:



- ✚ Interactive lectures
- ✚ Instructional games
- ✚ Field work/Workshop
- ✚ Video shows
- ✚ Group Work
- ✚ Classroom exercises
- ✚ Presentations
- ✚ Discussions
- ✚ Research
- ✚ Exercise/ Simulation Activities

The Course has 6 modules, each having a focus to improve clarity of presentation and linkages among topics and issues of discussion. The themes for each module are:

- 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



After completion of the course participants will be trained how to:

- ✚ Examine hydro-meteorological hazards and disaster risk management;
- ✚ Design and conduct flood risk assessment;
- ✚ Identify measures for flood disaster risk management through structural and non-structural measures;
- ✚ Develop an understanding about flood preparedness framework, flood forecasting, early warning system, planning for emergency response and management;
- ✚ Analyze and assess the concept of recovery and rehabilitation within the framework of sustainability;

- ✚ Describe the economics of flood risk management and analyzing the existing flood risk program while incorporating the cross cutting issues like trans-boundary, governance and gender to become a good FDRM practitioner.

The duration of the course is two week. After the completion of the course, participants will get additional benefit of attending the Regional Workshop on Innovative Approaches to Flood Risk Reduction in the Mekong Basin jointly organized by Mekong River Commission (MRC) and ADPC.

The Workshop provides an opportunity for the disaster risk reduction practioners in the Mekong countries and the wider region to share experiences and lessons learned, identify emerging trends, issues and strategies and develop partnership to promote flood risk reduction. The purpose of the Workshop is to enhance opportunities for participants from the national and local level planning and development agencies to integrate flood risk reduction approaches into the development process at different levels of the Mekong Basin countries.