

Use of GIS and Remote Sensing in Disaster Risk Management (GRSDM-1)

Course concludes

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Bangkok

The Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), in collaboration with The International Institute for Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC) Enschede The Netherlands and the Geoinformatics Center, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT-GIC) Bangkok Thailand organized the first newly developed regional course, Use of GIS and Remote Sensing in Disaster Risk Management (GRSDM-1) at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, Thailand.

21 participants from 16 different countries attended the course. The participants were from Canada, China, France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Kenya, Kirgizstan, Malaysia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, USA, and Zambia.

Following are remarks from participants after the course:

- *Personally I enjoyed the course and I am trying to hands on the practices now at home because the time was limited to practice as compare to task assigned.*
- *The reading materials are very helpful and I hope I will find all of theses fruitful while application of GIS and RS in various field of Disasters*
- *For the next training workshop I will suggest that ILWIS should be replaced by ESRI software as we are here dealing with same products, and participants of the GRSDM-1 should be once again invited for the successful and complete practical image of the workshop.*
- *At last but not the least I am very much impressed by the professional dealing of ADPC staff, I have learnt more than GIS and RS regarding the way of ADPC staff dealing, correspondence and taking keen interest in participants well.*
- *I would personally love to attend the ADPC events, workshops and seminars; and will be trying to be a member of ADPC whenever it is possible.*

Samiullah Khan, Pakistan

"Few months back when I was browsing ADPC website, I found about the course brochure of GIS/RS on DRM. I dreamed to participate in the course. Luckily my organization gave me this great opportunity and as I dreamed it was one of the best trainings I have ever had. I learnt not only the GIS/RS on DRM; it was the understanding the needs of the participants and the way of fulfilling their needs. Best of luck ADPC/ITC/GIC – AIT and hope to see continuous cooperation and coordination on implementation of GIS/RS on DRM field, for benefit of millions of vulnerable communities in all over the world".

Poorna S. YAHAMPATH

Technical Advisor – Disaster Preparedness

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American Red Cross Programs, Sri Lanka**

This is to also express my personal appreciation for the well organized course. I was very sincere when I mentioned that relative to other courses, the Regional course on the Use of GIS and RS in disaster management was very successful.

We look forward to further collaboration and interaction.

Joe Matere

G.I.S / Information Officer

ASARECA Animal Agriculture Research Network, Kenya

Greetings from CASA, Orissa.

Salam Walekam Sir, How are you? I reached home safely. Thanks for your support through the training programme. It's a good exposure for me. I hope whatever I learned there, that will be helpful to me in future. Now I am trying to practice those exercises; if I will find any difficulty I hope APDC will help me. Thanks again for the photographs.

Inakhi Patra

Asst. Coordinator, CBDP Programme

CASA, Bhubaneswar

Orissa, India

Greetings from Jogja!

From Indonesia, we will have a lot of practical exercise directly from work; using ILWIS with SMCE capability is nice for analysis :) for free. We have opportunity to implement this on recent Bengkulu & West Sumatra Earthquakes response. As usual after course, I make a copy and distribute to other relevant users, and I hope ADPC do not mind with this :)

Thanks a lot Mr. Falak.

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