

**REGIONAL CELEBRATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER  
REDUCTION AND ASEAN DISASTER MANAGEMENT DAY**

**8 October 2008**

**Theatre, Ground Floor, United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC)  
Bangkok, Thailand**

- 09:30      Opening Ceremony  
*Moderator: Jerry Velasquez, Senior Regional Coordinator, UNISDR Asia and the Pacific*
- Secretary General's Message on the occasion of the International Day for Disaster Reduction, Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Secretary, UNESCAP
  - ASEAN Secretary General's Message on the Occasion of the ASEAN Day and International Day
  - Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Interior, Thailand
- 10:00      Regional Competition Award Ceremony – **“Safer Community: Hospital, School and House of My Dream”**.  
*Moderator: ASEAN/DDPM*
- Handing over of the prizes to the three winners
  - Drawings presentations by Regional Competition Awardees
  - Briefing on national achievements, by the ASEAN Focal Point representatives from the selected countries
- Interaction with school children*
- 10:45      Coffee break
- 11:00      Parallel sessions
- Briefing to school children on UN system, ASEAN Secretariat and Disaster Risk Reduction, by UNIS, UNISDR and ASEAN Secretariat (Meeting Room G)
  - Panel discussion on “Community safety and disaster resilient infrastructures in the Asia Pacific region”
    - Improving schools disaster resilience, *by ADPC/IFRC*
    - Regional Strategy on Hospitals safe from disasters, *by WHO Country Office, Bangkok*
    - Hospitals and disaster risk reduction, *by a representative from Ministry of Public Health, Thailand*
- Facilitator: Jerry Velasquez, Senior Regional Coordinator, UNISDR Asia and the Pacific*
- Discussion*
- 11:50      Closing
- 12:00      Lunch
- Afternoon      Sight-seeing tour organized by the Department for Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM), Ministry of Interior, for the winners of the regional drawing competition*