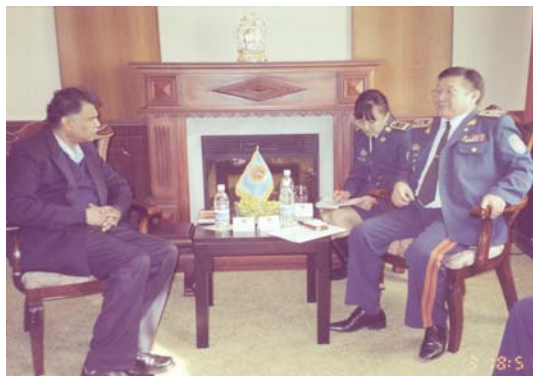


Report on the Visit of ADPC's Delegation to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from 9-14 October 2006



ADPC delegation consists of Mr. Subbiah, Team Leader of CRM Team, Dr. Selvaraju, Research Scientist and Ms. Ling Ling, Project Manager (China & North-East Asia) of whom visited Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from 9 – 14 October 2006.

The delegation was warmly welcomed by Major General Dr. Dash Purey, Chief of National Emergency Management of Mongolia (NEMA). Dr. Dash appreciated ADPC's cooperation and support to Mongolia, and he expressed that the relationship between ADPC and NEMA would be strengthened through the visit of ADPC's delegation. A lot of discussions were done between ADPC and Major General Dr. Dash and his colleagues. NEMA is very keen to develop and implement a CRM/EWS program in Mongolia. The intensive visits to relevant national agencies were made. The visited agencies were Ministry of Food and Agriculture, National Agency for Meteorology, Hydrology and Environment Monitoring, Ministry of Nature and Environment, Emergency Management Department of Capital City, Rescue Specialized Unit and so forth. The delegation also visited a district, which is 130 km far away from Ulaanbaatar, and the Deputy Director of the District Emergency Management Agency was one of the ADPC's 32nd DMC participants last year. He expressed his appreciation to ADPC's course because of useful and practicable knowledge and information relevant to his current job. He asked an English Teacher in Mongolia to translate all the course materials, and has started to train his staff in the district. On the way back to the capital, a householder (herder) was visited. The herders in the country will be the end users of the CRM/EWS program.

The potential partners including NEMA were very interested in the concept of CRM/EWS and had a very positive attitude towards collaboration in developing and implementing the program in Mongolia through ADPC. The MoU between ADPC and relevant Mongolian agencies for the program was prepared and will be signed at a later date.

All the Mongolian agencies the delegation visited expressed strong desires to collaborate with international organizations for disaster/emergency management. They particularly lack relevant equipment for use in emergencies. Moreover, Major General Dash and heads of other relevant agencies all indicated their keen interest and need to develop training programs together with ADPC. The needs for training courses are very broad, some of which are public health in emergencies, psychological support after disasters, the first medical aid for disaster responders, collapsed structure and search and rescue and Tele-communication in emergencies, etc.