

The 36th ADPC Regional Training Course on Disaster Management (DMC-36)

The 36th ADPC Regional Training Course on Disaster Management (DMC-36) was successfully conducted in the period of 5th – 23rd November 2007. There are 31 participants who are representatives of 19 countries from different parts of Asia, Pacific Islands, Australia, North America and Europe have successfully completed the course. The closing ceremony of DMC-36 was held at the Amari Don Muang Hotel, Bangkok on 5th November 2007 presided by Dr. Luis Jorge Perez-Calderon, Deputy Executive Director of Asian Disaster Preparedness Center. Due to his flight schedule to a mission abroad on the same date in the evening, Mr. Merrick Chatfield, Disaster management consultant and key resource person of DMC-36 has given the certificates of completion to all participants with the request from Dr. Perez and Mr. Falak Nawaz, the course manager and manager of Training Resource Group presented summary of the course and expressed his sincere appreciation to all participants of DMC-36 for their active participation throughout the course period of 3 weeks and also thanked to Dr. Perez, the course director for his supervision and guidance, and all resource persons and his staff for their great effort to support the course successful. On behalf of DMC-36 participants, Dr. Salim Sumar, Director of Focus Humanitarian Assistance Europe Aga Khan expressed participants' remarks of the course and their appreciation to the course management team and ADPC. In the last week of the course on 21st night, hosted by ADPC, the farewell boat dinner party was celebrated at the Royal River Hotel to honor the DMC-36 participants for their successful completion of the course.

Duration three week period of the course, participants had not only the opportunity of learning a comprehensive knowledge of disaster risk reduction, preparedness concepts but also the development of strategic approaches for the disaster management to work out effectively and efficiently in real situation by role playing in scenario and practicing simulation exercises. Even though the three week period of the course was quite intensive, the participants enjoyed shopping everyday in Bangkok. Moreover they enjoyed relaxing on the beautiful beach of Pattaya after the session in the second week and also enjoyed walking along the Walking Street in Pattaya at night. Moreover they had expanded their wider networking among the disaster management practitioners around the world and sharing each other their knowledge on the practical experiences and lessons learned from their project activities.

DMC-36 is the one of the mile stones of ADPC achievement after its 21 year experiences in Disaster Management. The evaluation of the course and feedback from the DMC-36 participants are seriously taken into consideration

by ADPC in order to made better improvement for the next round of DMC-37 which will be scheduled on 17th March to 4th April 2008.

Below are some notes from participants' remarks of the course collected from their emails sent to the ADPC after returning their home countries!!



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Firstly my special thanks to Falak and his team, especially Merrick, Steve, Gaiy, Arvind, Prasarn and Heythee for the hospitality you and the ADPC team have shown during the course. It was a pleasure to meet with you and learn difference aspects of disaster management. In particular I found your experience and that from Merrick and Steve extremely useful. I was pleasantly surprised by the extra effort in coordinating activities on the weekends!

It does feel like we have joined a new family and I hope to continue to share knowledge and experience with ADPC. It is nice to be home but you are all missed already. Hope to see you again.



Mr. Julian Charles Makaa

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Yes, the DMC36 was a great course and I am very grateful to have been part of it. I hope that we can all keep in touch and share whatever useful information about disaster management we may have in our various countries/locations.

Mr. Dennis V. Scroggins



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Thank you for the words of encouragement. It was good to be a part of the training. I look forward to future opportunities to learn from you and my new colleagues.

Mr. Silverius Tasman Muda



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Many works waiting after completing our interesting and useful course! I would like to take this opportunity to thank for making this course happen. I learn many new things not only the content of the course but also during interaction with other colleges. Again thanks for making this course happen for us. Will keep in touch with you. Oh yeah..please inform if you come to my hometown.



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It was really good opportunity for me to get new knowledge, share our organization experience and get some new experiences, examples from other participants. Thanks for ADPC and special thanks for Falak and team that they could create friendly atmosphere while training time.