

Shane Wright appointed Executive Director of Asian Disaster Preparedness Center

Media Release



BANGKOK, Thailand – Mr. Shane Wright, AFSM, has been appointed Executive Director of Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC). Previously, Mr. Wright served as Chief Officer and Executive Director for Emergency Management at Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board (MFB) in Australia.

Mr. Wright will lead ADPC's work in disaster risk management in Asia-Pacific, the most disaster

prone region in the world. Under his leadership, ADPC will continue to support disaster resilience in the region at all levels through disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation.

“ We recognize that there are competing interests across the region for community services. However, we will continue to focus on sustainability in building the capacity of countries as well as on the institutionalization of improved public safety,

says the new Executive Director, Mr. Shane Wright, AFSM.

Mr. Wright brings with him extensive experience of emergency preparedness and mitigation. He is widely acknowledged for his achievements in the fields of disaster risk management, disaster response capacity building as well as in organizational development. Mr. Wright has been awarded the Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM) for his distinguished service as a member of Australian Fire Service.

Mr. Wright started his new position on 1 January 2014.



NOTE TO EDITOR:

As the most hazard prone region in the world, Asia-Pacific must proactively manage its disaster risk. For nearly 30 years, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) has been making Asia-Pacific safer by strengthening disaster resilience at all levels.

Established in 1986, ADPC is an independent non-governmental organization. With headquarters located in Bangkok, Thailand, ADPC has country offices in Bangladesh, Lao PDR and Myanmar. ADPC's well-established networks with government line agencies and strong partnerships with regional organizations and development agencies provide the foundation for their work.

ADPC deploys disaster risk management (DRM) information and systems to reduce local, national and regional risk across Asia-Pacific. Its portfolio focuses on DRM capacity building, improving DRM for cities and climate change, mainstreaming DRM into national and local development, improving DRM systems and undertaking disaster risk assessments. To achieve its aims in disaster risk reduction, ADPC works closely with local, national and regional governments, governmental and non-governmental organizations, donors and development partners.

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