

Ready for Recovery: Southeast Asian countries meet to learn from recent disasters and identify priority needs

Media Release

BANGKOK, Thailand – Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) Bangkok Regional Hub organizes a high-level regional discussion forum *Ready for Recovery: Learning from Recent Disasters and Setting the Priority Needs for Southeast Asia* on 8–9 December 2014.

Interested media professionals are invited to a media conference on Monday 8 December at 10 am at Swissôtel Nai Lert Park, Bangkok. The media conference will be participated by H.E. Mr. Lutfi Rauf, Ambassador of Indonesia to Thailand, a representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, Ms. Adelina Kamal, Head of Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance Division at the ASEAN Secretariat, Mr. Sanny Jegillos, Senior Advisor at UNDP, and Mr. Shane Wright, Executive Director of ADPC.

Since the Indian Ocean Tsunami in 2004, other large disasters have hit the region causing suffering and devastation in many Southeast Asian countries. Out of the aftermath of the disasters, ASEAN member countries have learned important lessons and made much progress to improve post-disaster recovery.

“Disasters continue to strike the region and threaten lives, livelihoods, and human development. When a large disaster occurs, it is essential that we have arrangements and capacities in place to recover and reconstruct. The forum provides an important opportunity for countries to share experiences and lessons from post-disaster situations,” says Mr. Sanny Jegillos, Senior Advisor at UNDP.

Supported by the New Zealand Aid Programme, the high-level discussion forum will be participated by key government representatives from ASEAN member countries, United Nations agencies, national and regional stakeholders, and development partners. The forum will highlight the lessons from post-disaster needs assessments and recovery activities. The aim is to identify the priority needs for a Southeast Asian region, which is *ready for recovery*.



Details:

DATE:

Monday 8 December 2014 10 am

VENUE:

Swissôtel Nai Lert Park

ADDRESS:

2 Wireless Road
Bangkok 10330

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. Its well-established networks with government line agencies and strong partnerships with regional organizations and development agencies provide the foundation for its work.

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) partners with people at all levels of society to help build nations that can withstand crisis, and drive and sustain the kind of growth that improves the quality of life for everyone. UNDP in Asia and the Pacific delivers country and regional programs in 36 countries through 24 UNDP Country Offices and the Bangkok Regional Hub to help empower lives and build resilient nations.

UNDP's priority is to build partnerships and promote regional capacity building initiatives, which allow UNDP, governments and other development partners to identify, create and share knowledge relevant to solving urgent development challenges.

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