



第一回防災トレーニングで熱心にメモを取るナベーゴン村参加者の様子 (ミャンマー)
Participants actively engaged in the first DRR Training in Nabekone Village. (Myanmar)

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Bangladesh

Project on Capacity Building for Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction in Urban Areas of Bangladesh

[JICA Grassroots Technical Cooperation Project]

● National Disaster Preparedness Day

Every 10th March is observed as National disaster preparedness day in Bangladesh. To celebrate the day, SEEDS Asia and DNCC (Dhaka North City Corporation), organized a DRR (Disaster Risk Reduction) photography exhibition in community with a help of Gulshan Youth Club. Utilizing photographs exhibited at the exhibition at a gallery in Dhaka city in February, the community exhibition aimed to reach out to more people who would not have access to such event otherwise. The event was held from 8th to 10th March at a badminton court in the youth club. Around 400 people, mostly the members of youth sports club team and their families, visited the venue. CEO of DNCC also joined the opening event and celebrated the first community DRR photo exhibition. We plan to organize the same in different locations in the city this year.



Photo exhibition at Gulshan Youth Club

● Bangladesh DRR Photo Exhibition at JICA Kansai International Center



"Tell Us Your Story" photo exhibition at JICA Kansai International Center

Bangladesh DRR photography exhibition, "Tell Us Your Story", was held from 11th April to 10th May at JICA Kansai International Center. The best twenty photographs from the DRR photo exhibition held in Dhaka in February are displayed to show disasters and risks existing in the city. Spectators are not only interested to see the real situation of Dhaka but also are amazed by the quality photographs that are too good to believe that they were taken by amateur photographers.

SEEDS Asia also organized a talk event to introduce its community based DRR project in Dhaka. Following the introduction of Bangladesh and our project, panel discussion on DRR and Media was held where Mr. Takayuki Naganuma, a senior editor of Kobe Newspaper, Ms. Suvendrini Kakuchi, a development journalist, and SEEDS Asia's executive director joined. We hope that the Bangladesh photo exhibition and talk event gave an opportunity to people in Japan to know about Bangladesh as well as to think of disaster risks in their own city.

Six Seasons in a year in Bangladesh!

Bangladesh celebrated the new year on 14th April. According to Bengali calendar, new year starts on this day and it's celebrated splendidly all over the country. Ladies wear red and white sarees on the day and Dhaka was also full of the beautiful bright colors. DRR communities that SEEDS Asia work with also organized events with dance, songs, and food for community people to get together and celebrate the new year.

There are six seasons in Bangladesh. Those are spring, summer, monsoon season, autumn, frost season and winter. Many assume that weather here is always hot but temperature can get as low as below 10 degrees Celsius in Dhaka in winter which is December to April. It was colder this year and the country observed the record low of 2.3 degrees Celsius in the northern part. 14th April is also a beginning of summer. From this day, the temperature start rising and tropical fruits such as mangoes and lychees come in the market.



People in the community which SEEDS Asia work with celebrate the new year



India

Project for Participatory Community–Based Disaster Risk Reduction Approaches in Varanasi

【 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA) 】

● DRR (Disaster Risk Reduction) App (Application) is under Development

The project is planning to develop DRR App which people can learn about DRR. We invited teachers of CS (Climate School) and members of CF (Citizen Forum) to discuss the contents of DRR App. They gave us various suggestions such as adding audio-visual content, quiz and games to learn different kind of disasters and how we can prevent it etc.



Meeting on DRR APP

● Courtesy Call on New Varanasi Mayor



Courtesy call on Ms. Mridula Jaiswal, the mayor of Varanasi

On 7th March 2018, Board Chairman and Executive Director of SEEDS Asia made a courtesy visit to Ms. Mridula Jaiswal, the newly appointed mayor of Varanasi. The project background and overview were shared with the mayor and she was interested in the project saying that the project is necessary for the city like Varanasi. As DRR CAP (Citizen DRR Activity Promotion Centre) will be developed and PR events/campaign are also planned to disseminate the importance of DRR widely, SEEDS Asia will work closely with the municipal office along with all the stakeholders.

● Handed Over the Certificate to Japan Study Visit Participants

In October 2017, representative of each CS and two officials from NDRF (National Disaster Response Force) participated in Japan Study Visit to Kyoto.

In the occasion of Board Chairman’s visit to Varanasi in March 2018, the certificate of completion of Japan Study Visit in October 2017 was handed to the participants of the visit. Mr. Alok, the commandant of NDRF No. 11 mentioned “The visit was memorable. We heard that a big typhoon hit just before we arrived, but there was no panic, destruction nor even a piece of litter in the city. I was impressed by all the efforts of city officials and citizens for continuous DRR activity to make that happen. We all understand now the importance of DRR and we would like to strengthen DRR in Varanasi and other places in India.”



Certificate is handed over to participants of Japan Study Visit

Quiz of DRR App

Here is the examples of quiz of DRR App developing by SEEDS Asia. Try and see how much you know about DRR!

Q.1 Where does lightning strikes?

- a) something tall
- b) something made by steel
- c) something flat

Q.2 Which ones are the air pollutants produced from a process of burning fossil fuels?

- a) Sulphur Oxides (SOx)
- b) Photochemical Oxidants (Ox)
- c) Dioxin

Q.3 How big is the total volume of air for a person to draw per day? (count in pet bottle of 500ml capacity)

- a) Around 5,000 bottles
- b) Around 10,000 bottles
- c) Around 30,000 bottles

Please refer to P.7 for the answers.



Myanmar

Enhancing Comprehensive School Safety in Collaboration with Community in Hinthada Township

【 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA) 】

●Launch of New Project Supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan.

SEEDS Asia started a project in March, “Enhancing Comprehensive School Safety in Collaboration with Community in Hinthada Township” in partnership with the Myanmar Engineering Society and supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan. Hinthada Township is located in the Delta Region along the Ayeyarwaddy River, and prone to frequent severe flooding. The 2015 floods caused serious damage to houses, businesses, agricultural farm lands, and schools. Moreover, our research revealed that 21% of schools in the township are flooded during the rainy season and consequently close. Students lose access to education and community members lack safe evacuation areas. Therefore, the project has 3 goals: ensure education continuity; provide and ensure shelter for community; and enhance resilience through disaster risk reduction awareness and capacity building.



Construction site of the school cum shelter

●Kick-off Workshop and DRR Training Workshop Started in Hinthada Township



Students and children from Nabekone Village, Hinthada, showing drawings of their "Dream School"

Following a press conference and significant media coverage on 16th March, a kick-off workshop was conducted in Hinthada with around 50 participants from our target area Nabekone Village, as well as various government officials including the General Administrative Director of Hinthada District, Department of Disaster Management, and Ministry of Education. We were delighted to see attendance and interest from both the community and regional government levels. The media conference scene and the interview can be checked through the link below :

<https://www.facebook.com/kamayutmedia/videos/2194676333882884/>

Finally, on 28th April, we started DRR (Disaster Risk Reduction) training in Nabekone Village. Around 25 participants, of which one-third were women, gathered to take part in a session with namely four parts: norms setting; stakeholder analysis; how-to and draft of the Village Disaster Management Committee; lessons on DRR awareness and eight hazards of Myanmar. One of the women who participated in the workshop said “I enjoyed learning on concept of DRR which I never thought of, though our village face floods every year. The all villagers showed their enthusiasm in the coming activities.

●A Decade from the Cyclone Nargis and the Memorial Event

2nd May marks a decade from the Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar. The Memorial event "For Nargis' recovery to building community disaster resilience" was conducted by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in the Patheingyi City Hall today. The Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye, Chief Minister of Ayeyarwaddy Region, Parliamentarians, Representatives from aid agencies including UN and I/NGOs, students and community participated in the event. SEEDS Asia had a presentation with the title of “Learning from the Past for Building Back Better”, and exhibited our miniature models of MKRC (Mobile Knowledge Resource Centre) at a booth.

The interview and the event can be seen through the link below :

https://www.facebook.com/mrtvwebmediaportal/videos/1809319139113904/?hc_location=ufi



A newly made picture slide-show “Phu Phu and Mangrove” was introduced at the Memorial event (supported by SEADPRI)



Philippines

Support Project on Promotion of School Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Cebu Province

[JICA Grassroots Technical Cooperation Project]

● Attending to Danao City DRRM Council Meeting and a Meeting with the Mayor

On 9th March, SEEDS Asia was invited by Danao City DRRM (Disaster Risk Reduction and Management) Council, which is one of the project’s pilot areas, to present the project and to listen to their first quarter reports of 2018 regarding accomplishments of the undertaken projects, their financial status as well as their plans for the next quarter. All departments of the government offices in Danao City such as Philippine National Police, Philippine Coast Guard-Danao, Armed Forces of the Philippines, the City Health, City Council and others attended in the council meeting. Furthermore, thanks to Councilor Hon. Roland Reyes, SEEDS Asia was able to meet the Mayor of Danao City, Hon. Ramonito Durano. During the meeting with the Mayor, Memorandum of Understanding was discussed to support the initiative; and the Mayor took time to hear a brief introduction of the project of SEEDS Asia.



Project introduction at Danao City DRRM Council

● Capability Building Training on DRRE in Toledo City



Message by Acting Mayor of Toledo City during the training

On 13th March, SEEDS Asia was invited to “Capability Building Training on Disaster and Risk Reduction Education Integration and Management” held in Toledo City for three days which is a collaborative effort of DepEd (Department of Education) Toledo City Division and the DRRM Office of Toledo City as a guest speaker. On the first day, some of the 21 DRRE (Disaster Risk Reduction Education) Activities which had been transferred from SEEDS Asia to the trainers during the previous DRRE project of SEEDS Asia such as emergency bag preparation, emergency cooking, indigenous knowledge about DRR and DRR family meeting, were introduced by those trainers to participating schools. This training was participated by not only school heads and School DRRM Coordinators but also the Community Council and Parents-Teachers Association composed of

nine clusters with a total of over 200 participants. The acting Mayor of Toledo City, Hon. Antonio Yapha Jr., who showed willingness to support the DRRM project due to frequent flooding in the City, came to witness the activity. One of the previous core trainers, Dr. Gemma Gay Alvez, CID (Curriculum Implementation Division) Chief of DepEd Toledo City Division; Ms. Anna Liza Sardovia, DRRM Coordinator of DepEd Toledo City Division; and Mr. Alexander Dennis Abella, DRRM Officer of Toledo City made the training successful.

● Safety Inspection Meeting

There are three major activities in the current DRRM project - “safety inspection during peace time”, “coordination among multi-stakeholders for disaster response”, and “simulation exercises” to review the implementation of above two. SEEDS Asia completed safety inspection meetings with pilot schools in the whole Cebu Province in the following dates. The safety inspection meetings were introductory meetings for creating safety inspection manuals tailor-fitted to each pilot school. Apart from the 12 School

April 12th	Toledo City
13th	Lapu-Lapu City
16th	City of Naga
17th	Carcar City
18th	Mandaue City
19th	Talisay City
23th	Cebu City



Safety inspection meeting

DRRM team members per school, other attendees of the meetings were LGUs (Local Government Units) particularly the Local DRRM Offices of their respective cities, OBO (Office of the Building Official), and DepEd Division Engineer who shared their ordinances, practices and current inspection standards to the attending teachers. Their participation in this meeting will play a vital role of giving inputs when the manuals are drafted. Pilot schools also presented their safety inspection practices and challenges to DepEd, LGUs and Communities. Those presentations will be useful for future action planning.



Japan

Joint Project with Tamba City for Community Development 【Tamba City, Hyogo】

●DRR Education Video is Now Out!

The DRR education video material for Tamba City that has been in production throughout the fiscal year 2017 is finally completed! This video material will function as a supplement to the existing paper-based material “Kokoro Tsunagu (Bridging Hearts)”, as its contents were developed all based on opinions by teachers in Tamba who actually have taught using “Kokoro Tsunagu” and gave thoughts to what kind of movie would deliver important messages to their children.

The video title is also “Kokoro Tsunagu”, and the contents are divided into three versions: for lower grades elementary, upper graders elementary, and junior high school. In each of the versions, which part of the paper-based material the videos would cover, and other relevant videos that are in different versions, are suggested for teachers’ reference. Interviews with residents, a volunteer fire brigade, and junior high school students who experienced the 2014 torrential rain disaster are featured, which will help pass down the mechanisms and impacts of similar disasters, and the importance of forest management and mutual help.

In making this video material, there has been indispensable cooperation and support by Tamba City Board of Education, school teachers including EARTH (Emergency And Rescue Team by school staff of Hyogo), and residents of Ichijima Town who shared their experiences of being affected.

As the video material is complete, the two-year project of Tamba City for Community Development is finished. Following this project will be the City Board of Education’s own initiatives of rolling out the materials and the DRR education model plan (a sample yearly plan for teaching DRR, made in 2016) to citywide use.



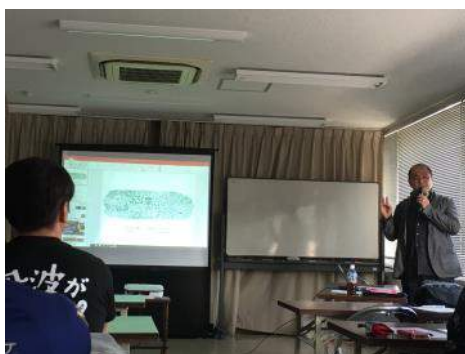
Package cum instruction of DRR education video material



Japan

Tamba City Revitalizing City Promotion Partnership Project 【Tamba City, Hyogo】

●Participation to City Promotion Kick-off Meeting



Mr. Sugimoto, Tamba City Revitalization City Promotion Strategy Committee member, giving a speech at the kick-off meeting

Including SEEDS Asia’s Study Tour Project, several projects have been adopted by Tamba City for its City Promotion wherein two different schemes were open for applications: Nationwide Partnership Projects and Supporting Projects.

On 20th April, representatives from the organizations whose projects were adopted gathered at Kaibara Jichi Hall for the “First Phase Projects Kickoff Meeting” so as to know each other’s projects better.

Ten organizations introduced their projects, and exchanges of business cards and free conversations took place. Most of the projects were proposed by the City’s residents, which shows how the residents, including re-settlers from outside cities, love, and are willing to introduce to outside the greatness of Tamba City. Other organizations’ proposals are about, for example, traditional arts, newly innovated local specialty food, and cycling activities, all of which can be strongly connected to Study Tour proposed by SEEDS Asia. Further collaborations with other organizations are expected for City Promotion of Tamba.

Announcements from SEEDS Asia

New Staff Member

India-Varanasi office (Mika Nonoda)

Hello, my name is Mika Nonoda. I started working with SEEDS Asia in March, and am assigned to India-Varanasi office as a project coordinator.

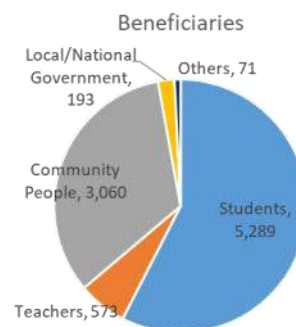
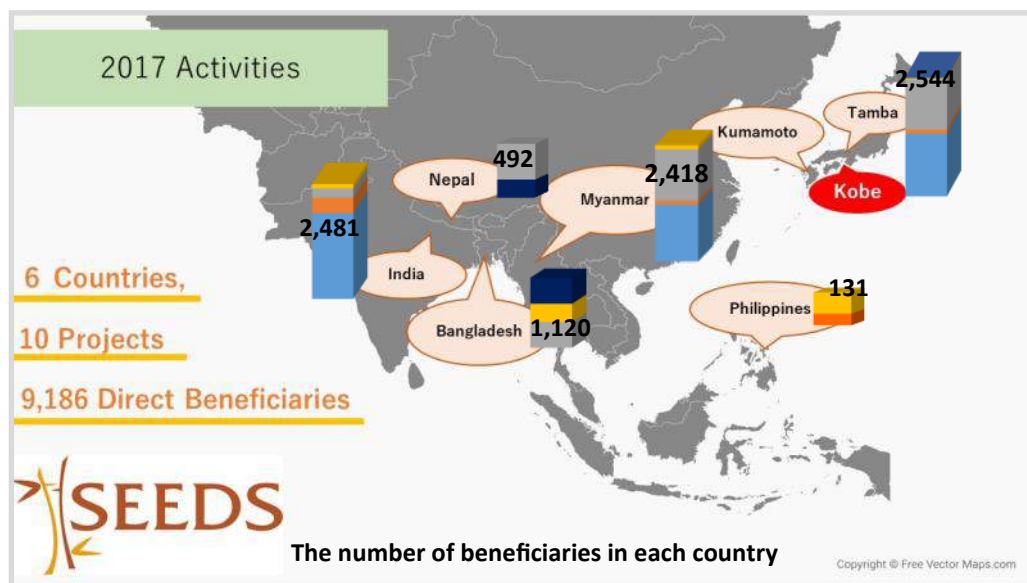
When I traveled in India, I was fascinated by their unique cultures. This experience made me want to live and work here. So I finally left my previous job and joined this NGO.

I am learning many things from my colleagues and local people to survive in the holiest place in India. My aim is this project is to build capacity on disaster risk reduction of Varanasi with cooperation of schools and Varanasi citizens.



Beneficiaries in the Fiscal Year 2017

The total number of the direct beneficiaries of the projects conducted by SEEDS Asia in the fiscal year 2017 was **9,186**. Please refer to the below for the breakdown.



The answers for quiz of DRR App on P.3

A.1 a) Something tall.

Something tall and sharp invites the risk of lightning. If you are standing on the open space, you will be the most at risk. Odisha, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh state are having relatively high victims in the country where many farmers are there.

A.2 a) Sulphur Oxides (SOx)

Sulfur oxides (SOx) are compounds of sulfur and oxygen molecules. Among them, Sulfur dioxide (SO2) gas is harmful to health and environment is resulted from the burning of fossil fuels by power plants and other industrial facilities.

A.3 c) Around 30, 000 bottles

For an adult person per day requires 14,400 liters of air. If it is counted with 500ml bottles, total numbers of bottle will be 28,800.