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Disaster Response Introductory Meeting (Philippines)

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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】

### ● Supporting DRR Community Network Building

The DRR communities working with SEEDS Asia have started strengthening the relationship to help each other in case of emergency regardless of geographical distance across Dhaka North City. DRR community leaders gather once a month or every other month to share their activities and initiatives towards overcoming challenges in each community. The meetings are organized by each community in turn, and venues and lunches are also provided by them.

Most of the DRR communities consist of residential groups based on the homeowners' association, hence their daily challenges are also similar. However, they did not have a platform to come together and exchange information. The leaders' networking meeting is a great opportunity for them to know that the other communities are also facing the same challenges, and learn how the others solved these problems. Their challenges and solutions are such as: increasing thefts and installation of CCTV, safety measures of the buildings under construction, undeveloped road, experience of fire and promoting installation of extinguishers, protection from mosquito, providing information to new residents. Even though the challenge itself looks similar, each community needs to find their own way to solve the problem, but still the opportunity helps them to share the challenges and give advices to each other. This meeting builds connections in many ways such as reunion with old friends, and one of the communities: a youth club of Kha para area is encouraged to establish a new society in their community as the last Newsletter of SEEDS Asia featured. Strong relationship among residents is a key in times of disaster. The community leaders are willing to involve communities all over Dhaka City and build a strong network to help each other in the event of a disaster. The network of this DRR community is named Durjoge Amraa Urban Platform and preparing for the establishment as an official organization. SEEDS Asia is glad to see the people's voluntary initiatives and looking forward to seeing more improvement.

### ● Raising DRR Awareness with Fun!

People's awareness of DRR in Dhaka North City is quite low. No action would be taken if people are not interested in DRR. SEEDS Asia launched a drama film production for the citizens to enjoy learning DRR since people in Bangladesh love watching dramas. The drama cast by Bangladeshi famous actors features a main character who lived in Japan for years and comes home in Dhaka City for the first time in years and works on DRR activities with his associates to overcome his tragic memory of a large earthquake in Japan. The drama is not all about community-based DRR but also involves love and friendship. The shooting was conducted in the Emergency Response Center in Dhaka North City with several scenes of community-based DRR trainings to be utilized as the city's awareness training video. Specific activity examples are also given for the audience to have clear image of what they can do in their communities. Drama production is the first challenge for both Dhaka North City Corporation and SEEDS Asia. It will be made public in the final workshop in March.



Drama shooting

### ● Catastrophic Fire in South Dhaka City



After the fire in South Dhaka City

<The Daily Star>

Midnight on 20th February, a massive fire broke out in Chowk Bazar in South Dhaka City which killed over 70 people. The fire was from a chemical warehouse and it moved to other buildings in a few seconds. A lot of people could not run away from the fire since the buildings are closely packed around this area. In Dhaka South City, a total of 124 people died from a similar fire in 2010 but no safety measures were taken after that. These tragic accidents also often occur in slums as well as residential buildings in Dhaka North City. This clearly shows that raising awareness and increasing knowledge of DRR are urgent tasks, and we need to continue working with the city and DRR communities to prevent such tragedy.



Myanmar

## Enhancing Comprehensive School Safety in Collaboration with Community in Hinthada Township

【 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA) 】

### ●The 11th Workshop: Let's Stay in the Shelter!

From 10th to 11th January, Nabekone Village DRR Committee members and SEEDS Asia staff had an experience to stay in the school-cum-shelter with their own emergency bags to promote designing the evacuation management plan more effectively through practical training. They experienced and learned sanitation-friendliness which they learned from the 1st to 10th workshop; and the amount of water supply based on Sphere Standards; as well as each committee member's role and the allocation plan of rooms; and also the necessity of the rules at the shelter. A woman who participated in the event commented "I found the future improvements such as: the emergency items which I brought were not enough to fulfil the needs; challenges of privacy; and how to care the injured or sick persons through this experience." This experience will help to develop the plan and will be referred in case of actual evacuation.

### ●The 12th Workshop: Introduction of Life in a Low Ground Community in Japan

On 23rd January, a lecture "Life in a low ground community in Japan (the "Waju", a zero-meter area surrounded by dykes among Aichi, Gifu and Mie Prefecture)" was introduced to the Nabekone villagers. Similarities and differences were identified by comparing pictures of the village and those of the "Waju" in flooding situations. Comparing the pictures of "Waju" and those of other kinds of low grounds such as landfill sites and reclamation areas during the Ise-wan Typhoon (Vera) in 1959 gave an idea that despite having similar geographic conditions, community's preparedness on a regular basis and response in emergencies will surely reduce the risk of disasters. A resident of Nabekone village in a wetland expressed: "I am pretty sure that we in our village have the same level of connectivity and cooperation among the residents as those of the "Waju" residents, but an obvious difference is that the dykes in Japan are clear of trash! This makes me promise that I will not chuck trash everywhere."



SEEDS Asia staff introducing "Waju"

### ●Follow-up on the Household Survey (conducted on the 10th Workshop)

On 24th January, DRR committee members who understood the importance of disaster record through the lecture of "Waju" on the previous day, started the activity to make a record of the water level in the floods in 2015 and 2016 at each household. The houses made of bamboo and woods are reconstructed once a few years, so the record would help their reconstruction. Disaster record will promote the preparedness for the coming flood in rainy seasons, as well as be the opportunity to tell the next generation about the past disasters.

### ●The 1st Year Final Workshop



Group photo at the 1st year final workshop

On 19th February, the titled final workshop was conducted in collaboration with Federation of Myanmar Engineering Societies (Fed.MES). U Thein Zaw, Director General, Department of Building, Ministry of Construction; U Than Htut Swe, Deputy Director General, Department of Disaster Management, Ministry of Social Welfare Relief and Resettlement (DDM/MoSRR); Daw Khin Ma Swe, Deputy Director General, Department of Basic Education, Ministry of Education; and Mr. Keita Iwase, Second Secretary, Economic and Development Assistance Section, Embassy of Japan attended the event and extended their best wishes at the opening. At the event, the overview and outcomes from the project such as construction of school-cum-shelter and DRR trainings in Nabekone Village were presented. At the same time, the strong

needs of the construction of school-cum-shelter in vulnerable areas to disasters in the country was confirmed through other presentations from concerned departments and organizations. Related aid agencies and the government organizations shared their experiences of construction and its current condition as well as their plans. The concerns of process of the construction and the monitoring status in general were also shared to improve future implementations among all organizations which implement any school construction projects. Furthermore, the lack of minimum standards of the shelter construction in the country was also shared as concerns, and the all participating organizations agreed to strengthen cooperation and coordination as school construction working group as sub group of Disaster Preparedness Response Education Working Group.



Myanmar

**Enhancing Comprehensive School Safety in Collaboration with Community in Hinthada Township**  
**【 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA) 】**

**● Visiting Disaster Management Training Centre (DMTC)**

Board members of SEEDS Asia and Myanmar project team visited Disaster Management Training Centre (DMTC) in Hinthada township to introduce our comprehensive school safety project with community as a model case to spread throughout the country!



Introducing SEEDS Asia's project

**● Courtesy Visit to Deputy Minister, Ministry of Construction**

Board members of SEEDS Asia and Fed.MES paid a courtesy call to U Kyaw Linn, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Construction to make an accomplishment report as well as to express our appreciation for U Thein Zaw, Director General, Department of Building's attendance at SEEDS Asia's final workshop. The necessity to develop the standards of shelter construction was discussed, and also the story of recovery from Cyclone Nargis and the flood in 2015 was delivered by U Kyaw Linn. SEEDS Asia gladly received his publication "Resilient Buildings" as well.

**● Courtesy Visit to Deputy Minister and Director General of Department of Disaster Management, Ministry of Social Welfare Relief and Resettlement**



Group photo at Ministry of Social Welfare Relief and Resettlement

Board members of SEEDS Asia and the President of Fed.MES paid a courtesy visit to H.E. U Soe Aung, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Social Welfare Relief and Resettlement; and Dr. U Ko Ko Naing, Director General of Department of Disaster Management to express our sincere appreciation to the supports from the ministry as well as to report the achievements and the coming activities to promote comprehensive school safety in the country.



Myanmar

**Mobile Knowledge Resource Centre (MKRC)**

**● Mobile Knowledge Resource Centre (MKRC) Turns 10 Years Old This Year!**

Until the cyclone Nargis hit Myanmar in 2008, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) education was not implemented under the school curriculum in the country. Thus there was no opportunity for the people to learn the basic mechanisms of disasters or the tips to respond to disasters. As a result of these circumstances, approximately 140,000 people in delta region were killed or missed from the Cyclone. Based on the painful experiences from the disaster, SEEDS Asia and Fed.MES developed and launched Mobile Knowledge Resource Centre (MKRC) in October, 2009 in a shape of truck loaded with DRR hands-on learning tools. The wide range of beneficiaries of men and women of all ages in urban and rural areas received awareness training in Yangon Region; Ayeyarwady Region; Mandalay Region; Sagaing Region; Rakhine State until today. The knowledge and skills on DRR in total of 31,147 people have been enhanced as of the end of February, 2019. DRR concerned government organizations and institutions such as: Fed MES; DDM/MoSWRR; Department of Basic Education, Ministry of Education (DBE/MOE); and Department of Buildings, Ministry of Construction (DOB/MOC) gathered to look back at the history of MKRC and celebrated its 10th anniversary. SEEDS Asia and Fed.MES have re-determined ourselves to keep delivering DRR training by MKRC with the slogan of "Reaching the Unreachable". MKRC is available to be lent to anyone for US\$ 300 per day basis. Please feel free to contact us for any event in Myanmar, should you need additional information.



Philippines

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

### 【 JICA Grassroots Technical Cooperation Project 】

#### ● Disaster Response Introductory Meetings

SEEDS Asia started introductory meetings for Disaster Response Manuals in pilot schools from November last year, and finished conducting meetings in the all ten pilot areas in February this year. Teachers of the pilot schools, Department of Education (DepEd) Division Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Coordinator, DRRM Office of Local Government Units (Cebu Province and Cities), Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Community, Parent-Teacher Association, and Supreme Pupil Government participated in those meetings. SEEDS Asia presented an outline of Disaster Response Manuals, and stakeholders presented their School DRRM-related programs. Stakeholders and pilot schools then presented their expectations and commitments regarding this Disaster Response Manual crafting. DepEd Division DRRM Coordinator announced that they will provide technical assistance and capacity building on DRRM. Community said it is willing to provide financial assistance, DRR equipment and manpower. PNP will assist the schools in securities during simulation exercises. Firefighting skills through fire drill will be taught by BFP. School made a commitment to provide full cooperation, coordination, time and effort. School Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Instructing-Team (SDRRM-IT) and SEEDS Asia will make formats of Disaster Response Manuals, give necessary trainings to teachers through a workshop, then teachers will draft a manual to be tested during simulation exercises which will be conducted around July 2019.



Disaster Response Introductory Meeting

#### ● Meeting with School Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Instructing Team (SDRRM-IT)



Meeting with SDRRM-IT

On January 30th, SEEDS Asia held a meeting with eleven members from SDRRM-IT in Talisay City. Attendees discussed planning for regular School Safety Inspections using crafted Safety Inspection Manuals, and Disaster Response Manual crafting planning. We agreed to have a mentoring for teachers including an action plan making to strengthen inspectoral activities, and to have another meeting to plan a workshop for Disaster Response Manuals. A member of SDRRM-IT proposed a cross visit of schools in order to benchmark schools' Safety Inspections. SEEDS Asia will add this activity in its plans.

#### ● Meetings with Cebu Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (DRRMO)

On January 23rd, SEEDS Asia had a meeting with Cebu Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (DRRMO) in Cebu City, and discussed the content of a workshop about Disaster Response which will be held on May. They gave advice such as: it is important to ensure well preparations for the activity, from planning, coordination, attendances of target participants, identification of external speakers, and the assurance of 100% achievement of the designed objectives for the workshop activity. SEEDS Asia will prepare the workshop together with SDRRM-IT accordingly to achieve those targets.



Meeting with Cebu Provincial DRRMO



Japan

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

### ●Study Tour for Students of Nara Women’s University

On 7th February, three graduate students and an associate professor from Nara Women’s University visited Tamba City. All of the students major in life environmental studies. They first enjoyed lunch and a talk with a group who started their activities of vitalizing the community through food since the occurrence of the torrential rain disaster in August 2014. A lecture followed which was provided by a City official who has been the former Local Disaster Response Headquarters’ acting manager at the time of the 2014 disaster, former Director of Disaster Recovery Promotion Department, and current City Advisor for City Promotion. Lastly, they visited a community leader who promotes forest management as an initiative participated by the entire members of a self-governing organization.

Comments presenting critical points of view of the participants were heard, such as: “Their disaster recovery is not merely a recovery process, but rather something to overcome the core challenges that the City has been to encounter,” and “How will Tamba City energize the aged society?”, which are strongly relevant to the City’s Disaster Recovery Plan and City Promotion initiatives. A member of the “Tamba City Wood Station Project” was present at the discussion with the community leader and emphasized to the participants: “Deforestation is a huge problem worldwide, but in Japan, if we are not to properly implement tree thinning, that could lead to sediment-related disasters. May I suggest to you, as students who are engaged in life environmental studies, to proactively promote the use of Japan-made woods?”



Participants learning transition of forest management from a community leader

### Delivery Lecture

### ●AXA UNESCO Associations Disaster Risk Reduction Education Forum



Presentation of SEEDS Asia’s project

AXA UNESCO Associations Disaster Risk Reduction Education Programme provided a training workshop of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and DRR education for the teachers who were selected from around the country to encourage them to implement DRR education at their schools afterwards. This year was the 5th training since its first session in 2014. (host: National Federation of UNESCO Associations in JAPAN, cooperation: AXA Life Insurance Company, programme coordinator: Dr. Yukihiro Oikawa) SEEDS Asia has cooperated to the programme since the beginning and learned something new every year at the same time. This year, a forum which was opened to the public was also held in Tokyo for the first time on 23rd February. SEEDS Asia introduced our initiatives of DRR education themed on “Learning DRR education from Asian countries” at the forum. We are grateful if teachers enjoyed learning the difference of DRR education in Asian countries and Japan.

### Announcement

### ●BOSAI Photo Exhibition at JICA Kansai

BOSAI Photo Exhibition (Initiatives of Disaster Risk Reduction from Japan to the World) had been held from 14th December, 2018 to 10th March, 2019 at JICA Kansai as a memorial event of the Great Hanshin-Awaji earthquake which occurred on 17th January, 1995. Photos taken in the countries where SEEDS Asia has developed projects of Disaster Risk Reduction were displayed. Some students and teachers visited as their field trip and left comments such as “I have classes to let students think about social issues and solutions for poverty at school. I learned a lot of things today and I would like to apply the knowledge in my classes.” We thank to all visitors and JICA Kansai who gave us this opportunity to share our activities.