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Final Workshop (Bangladesh)

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## Project on Capacity Building for Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction in Urban Areas of Bangladesh [JICA Grassroots Technical Cooperation Project]

#### Partnership between the City and DRR Communities



Building safety inspection

Dhaka North City implemented the inspection drive to check fire safety measures in commercial buildings in the City under the mayor's leadership from 6th to 17th April as the number of fire cases increased. Leaders of DRR communities were invited to the meeting held to discuss the check points of the inspection and assign the members in each zone and they shared the situation of their area to the City officials. 6 DRR communities participated in the field investigation and contributed to the City's effort. In the inspection, 33 buildings were visited and it was found that none of them had taken enough fire safety measures; fire extinguishing system such as extinguishers and hydrant were not installed; the building code was not properly followed; emergency stairs did not exist or they were not accessible because they were blocked by dumped bulk waste and other stuff; evacuation

drills were not conducted, etc. After the inspection, the building owners were advised by experts to improve the situation. This inspection was a good case of cooperation between the City and citizens as the City acknowledged DRR communities as notable resources of the communities. It was impressive to see that the City and communities worked as a team in the vest with the slogan "durjoge amraa - we stand against disasters" in Bengali language.

#### Completion of Project Campaign Video!

The video to introduce the project in Dhaka City has been completed. Members who work together in the project: DRR community leaders; citizens; ward councilor; fire fighter and our partner, official of Dhaka North City gave us amazing comments and the video was released as one of the best campaign video of SEEDS Asia ever! Please have a watch in the following link!: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnubdgE8qBc&feature=share</u>

#### Completion of the Project and Final Workshop

The project on capacity building for community-based DRR in Dhaka City which had been conducted since 2016 was finally concluded. With our partner, Dhaka North City Corporation, SEEDS Asia implemented activities towards capacity building for self-help and mutual help, being modeled after Kobe City's DRR and welfare community (BOKOMI). Twelve DRR communities have been developed since we started the project, and each community works on DRR in a unique and suitable way for their community. Many positive changes were observed in the three years, some of which being that the community leaders used to claim that responsibility for DRR is on the government and not on them when the project started, but after a number of discussions and trainings with SEEDS Asia, they came to realize that there was so much they could do to make their community safer and their mindset changed. They also started to encourage women to join DRR trainings and activities as they realized that it is women who stay at home longer than men and they should



build their disaster response capacity to protect home. Moreover, there were many cases that proved the purpose of the project to be meaningful. We were proud when one of the trained DRR leaders got the news of fire breakout, rushed to the site with a fire extinguisher, and successfully put out the fire and saved his community. Besides, we saw some wonderful secondary effects that communities become vibrant through DRR activities and DRR communities' network was built by the trained leaders.

The final workshop to conclude the 3-year project was held on 14th March. The mayor of Dhaka North City who was newly elected in February and executives of the City attended the workshop. They reviewed the project activities and achievement and discussed the future of DRR in Dhaka City. It was the first official event for the mayor since he took the office and he emphasized his commitment for well-being, dignity, and safety of the citizens and that loving one's own city was the first step to develop resilient community. It was such a meaningful moment with leaders from DRR communities and a lot of other members participated to share their experiences and passion for their community.

SEEDS Asia could not contribute to developing resilient community with community based DRR activities without all those who supported and encouraged us in many ways. We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest appreciation to your great support and assistance.



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

[JICA Grassroots Technical Cooperation Project]

#### Capacity Building Training for SDRRM-IT and Pilot Schools

From 20th to 22nd March in Lapu-lapu City, Cebu Province, SEEDS Asia conducted capacity building training for School Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Instructing Team (SDRRM-IT) and for pilot schools. School heads and School Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) coordinators from pilot schools, SDRRM-IT, Cebu Provincial DRRM Office, Lapu-lapu City DRRM Office, totaling around 40 people participated. Pilot schools have already printed first editions of School Safety Inspection Manuals in March, after participating to Safety Inspection Manual Workshop and Manual Critiquing, and conducting a test of Safety Inspection. On the first day of the training, SEEDS Asia clarified some questions about Safety Inspections using the first editions of Safety Inspection Manuals, and pilot schools pre-



Capacity building training for SDRRM-IT and pilot schools

sented their good practices and challenges during crafting their manu-

als. Examples of their comments about their challenges and efforts are the followings: "There was a lack of commitment of the SDRRM Team members who prioritized their main task especially on the academic side, but school head and school DRRM coordinator constantly followed up to the members.", "SDRRM Team assigned a member to visit Engineering Department as well as the office of Bureau of Fire Protection of the City to ask for technical assistance in terms of the safety standards for the structural and fire safety concerns."

On the second and third days, SEEDS Asia together with SDRRM-IT, Cebu Provincial DRRM Office and Lapu-lapu City DRRM Office planned for Disaster Response and Evacuation Planning cum Workshop which will be held in May, decided task responsibilities of the workshop, and also discussed a monitoring tool of pilot schools' activities.

#### Implementation of Safety Measures after School Safety Inspections at Each Pilot School



Implementation of safety measures after School Safety Inspections

Each pilot school conducted Safety Inspections from October last year to February this year, using Safety Inspection Manuals and checklists each school crafted. After the Safety Inspections, each pilot school implemented safety measures against problems found during the inspections. Most of the schools implemented more than three measures such as a fence construction around the school, removal of a gate arch so that fire trucks can pass through, color coding and proper labeling of trash bins, removal of stuff which were on high places, and removal of obstructions along the hallway, etc. Schools started the implementations from simple measures which do not require much budget, and raised funds from monthly maintenance and other operating expenses, local government unit, local school board, and local corporations, etc.

#### DRRM Module Workshop

On 21st March, SEEDS Asia was invited by Department of Education Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service as a resource speaker to DRRM Module Workshop in Malolos City, Bulacan Province. SEEDS Asia gave a presentation of Disaster Risk Reduction Education (DRRE) project completed in 2017. More than 40 people including regional DRRM coordinators, Curriculum and Learning Management Division chiefs and teachers participated. After the presentation, some participants told that they wanted to implement this project in their region as well, and SEEDS Asia shared the softcopies of DRRE guidebooks (two volumes) to those who were interested.



SEEDS Asia stuff giving presentation of the previous project at workshop



Promotion of Disaster Education of Schools [Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund Projects]

#### Teacher Training Seminar

On 14th March, a training of trainers towards the conduct of teacher training seminar in Makati City was held in cooperation with the Project Implementation Team of Makati City (Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, League of Barangays, Information and Community Relations Department and Urban Development Department), Department of Education, ASEAN and ADRC. Using the hazard simulation models which present hazard mechanisms, impacts and protective measures, module-making to fully utilize those models took place. Also, a discussion to plan the teacher training in a concrete manner was also held.



Project Implementation Team members testing a hazard simulation model



#### Project Phase-II Has Begun!



Presentation of SEEDS Asia's project

"Enhancing Comprehensive School Safety (CSS) in collaboration with community in Hinthada township Phase-II" has been started since 16th March 2019 with financial support by MOFA and the people of Japan! On 28th March, the discussion with the leader of Lechaung village tract was held to decide the timings and criteria of selection of trainees for further training activities for 14 villages including Nabekone village. The 2nd year project will focus to prepare, mitigate, and respond better to disasters through 1) Enhancing school disaster management, 2) Strengthening of shelter function of the school, and 3) Enhancing capacity of community and schools through training. We promote this school cum shelter as a model of Comprehensive School Safety through engaging National Disaster Management Training Centre of Disaster Management Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

**DRR Awareness Event** 

Hinthada, Yangon and Tanintharyi Regional Office of Disaster Management Department invited us to deliver training by MKRC and lectures at a DRR awareness event at three regions in Myanmar. MKRC was developed with JICA Grassroots Technical Cooperation Project before and has been taken over by the Department after the project. It was our great honor and happiness to work as a team for our common mission!





## Tamba City Revitalizing City Promotion Partnership Project [Tamba City, Hyogo]

#### Meeting for Study Tours in Fiscal Year 2019

On 18th April, a meeting was held with residents in Ichijima-cho, Tamba City to discuss the conducts of study tours in fiscal year 2019. Part of the discussion was to address seasonal events, highlights in nature and great food that can attract visitors.

Rice-planting in May, local festivals in July to August, rice-harvesting in fall, and rice-cake pounding and sacred rope making in winter besides forest activities. This year, study tours for not only university students but for various people are planned for them to enjoy the great nature and people in Tamba.



Meeting with residents in Ichijima-cho



#### Mid-term Planning Workshop of SEEDS Asia



Members of SEEDS Asia reviewing long-term plan

From 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> April, members of SEEDS Asia conducted a workshop to review the organization's long-term plan and formulate a mid-term plan. Projects in the past 12 years were reviewed in relation to the organization's strengths, and what activities in where to be implemented in coming years were discussed. Organizational operations, financial stability and public relations were also focused on in the discussions. Based on these discussions, "In 10 and a few years, what kind of organization do we want to be?" was put into a concrete plan.

In the brain storming session to give thoughts to "SEEDS Asia is re-

nowned for what?", different ideas such as specialties and attitudes for its projects were exchanged.

SEEDS Asia is determined to keep on striving toward achieving Sendai Disaster Risk Reduction Framework and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Your cooperation, support, guidance and encouragements are all greatly appreciated and we all look forward to working with you.

#### **Delivery Lecture**

#### Daiwa House Industry Co., Ltd. "The 15th Stakeholders Meeting"

On 6<sup>th</sup> March, Otsuyama Mitsuko from SEEDS Asia participated in "The 15<sup>th</sup> Stakeholders Meeting", hosted by Daiwa House Industry, as a representative of an NPO working for disaster risk reduction. A total of 20 people from NPO/NGO, universities, government and private sectors participated in the meeting, being grouped into four different themes to discuss the "vision for community development" designed by Daiwa House Industry. Otsuyama was a member of the "Disasters and community development" group and shared lessons and experiences from SEEDS Asia's initiatives of emergency response, disaster recovery process and disaster risk reduction in Asia. In the discussion, one of the important points that SEEDS Asia shared was the concept of "N-help" attributed from Dr. Oikawa Yukihiko, a board member of SEEDS Asia and a principal researcher of University of Tokyo Ocean Alliance, Research Center for Marine Education). N-help is a power of networking with stakeholders including NGOs/ NPOs and universities beyond borders between pre-impacted and post impacted communities or beyond even counties which plays a big role in each step from the initial disaster response to recovery. It is equally important to other three helps; self-help, mutual help and public help. Additionally, SEEDS Asia addressed the importance of community disaster management plan, as reported on the website of Daiwa House Group (Japanese only).

#### https://www.daiwahouse.com/sustainable/csr/stakeholder/15/outline.html

SEEDS Asia would like to express our sincerest gratitude to Daiwa House Industry for having us in the meeting.

#### International Voluntary Forum hosted by Rotary Club of Kyoto-East



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On 15th March, SEEDS Asia was invited to give a lecture titled as "To make a country resilient – How weather observation equipment can work in Myanmar" at International Voluntary Forum hosted by Rotary Club of Kyoto-East District No. 2650 at The Westin Miyako Kyoto. The lecture consisted of the situation of Cyclone Nargis which hit Myanmar in 2008, the situation and challenges of the society later on, and the positive impacts expected to be brought by weather observation equipment.

The Rotary Club of Kyoto-East and SEEDS Asia jointly plan to implement "Project for enhanced understanding of weather information through installment of weather observation equipment" in the year of 2019. 33 members of the said Rotary Club attended the forum and showed their interest in Myanmar, and also agreed on the project's purpose of not only giving out materials but also to building capacity of people. SEEDS Asia would like to express our sincere appreciation to Rotary Club of Kyoto-East for all their great support, assistance and partnering with us.