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Myanmar

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

【 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA) 】

### ● Multi-purpose Hall as a Base of DRR for the Community

On the completion of school-cum-shelter with multi-purpose hall, SEEDS Asia and the Federation of Myanmar Engineering Societies (Fed. MES) jointly organised a grand opening ceremony to handover the buildings and equipment to school administration and disaster management committee of Nabekone Village on 2nd June, 2019. H.E. U Hla Moe Aung, Chief Minister for Ayeyarwady region and H.E. U Soe Aung, Deputy Minister of Ministry of Social Welfare and Relief and Resettlement, Dr. Hla Myat Twe, Ayeyarwady Regional Minister for Social Affairs, Parliament members, concerned government officials from Ministry of Education and Constructions at Regional, District and Township level, and around 400 community members and children participated the event. Individual donors for ramp construction and deep tube-well from both Myanmar and Japan also attended and could see their name on the list of contributors too. The event was broadcasted through Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV) throughout the country, that conveyed the importance of comprehensive school safety approach. We heartily appreciate your kind cooperation and contribution in many ways for making this event possible!



Handing-over ceremony of multi-purpose hall

[The project is financially supported by MOFA, and the people of Japan as well as Myanmar]

### ● Training for Maintenance of School-com-shelter



Learning on how to use the filtration equipment for drinking water

A series of trainings for maintenance of facilities and equipment of the school-cum-shelter was held from 16th to 17th June. Whatever a person does not usually do cannot be done in emergencies, therefore day-by-day regular inspection and maintenance are necessary for appropriate emergency responses. The challenges are to maintain and utilise the filtration equipment for drinking water and solar panels installed to provide lights and water at the time of disasters in school-cum-shelter. The discussions and trainings for three days were conducted to; promote understanding of how to use equipment and facilities, establish the management structure to prevent and mitigate the loss of and damage to DRR equipment, and learn how to assist people who need help. Those rules and regulations will be on the bulletin board to acknowledge everyone. SEEDS Asia will put an effort to build more capacity of the school and the village before the rainy season comes.

### ● Workshop Organized by Swiss Agency for Development and Ministry of Education in Myanmar

SEEDS Asia with Fed. MES participated in the “Workshop on Improved School Design” which was organized by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation with Ministry of Education in Myanmar to exchange and share good practices and challenges with other stakeholders for improving school design in Myanmar. Thank you for having us to share our concept and features of Nabekone school-cum-shelter.



SEEDS Asia staff introducing the project



Bangladesh

## Enhancement of the Effectiveness of DRR Emergency Warehouses 【World Bank Urban Resilience Project】

### ●Urban Resilience Project – Dhaka North City Corporation

Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) is implementing the World Bank funded Urban Resilience Project since 2015. The project aims to enhance emergency response system and develop disaster response capacity of cities. Under the project, DNCC has built emergency warehouses in five zones in DNCC and 3 zones in Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) and procured various equipment and heavy vehicles. At a time of disaster, those warehouses will act as a response headquarters in the respective zones. DNCC is currently working on preparing zone disaster response plans and forming zone disaster management teams. A Zone disaster management team is going to be led by the Zone executive officer and consist of various cells such as medical, coordination, communication and information, dead body management, damage assessment, and security, to which the members will be appointed from different departments in zone offices.



Zone emergency warehouse

SEEDS Asia is supporting DNCC to implement the project as a consultant. We provide zone officials and employees with a series of trainings on the basic of disaster risk reduction as well as roles of and facilities in the emergency warehouses. Also, we develop manuals and leaflets so that the warehouse can be utilized by zone offices and citizens not only in disaster times but also in peace time. The trainings will start in July and will be organized in DNCC, DSCC, and Sylhet City Corporation (SCC) in the next five months.

### ●United against Dengue Fever!



Rally raising awareness on prevention of dengue fever

The number of dengue cases is observed record high this year so far in Dhaka and it is still on the rise. According to Ministry of Family Welfare, 1,864 people were infected in May and June and three patients died. The number is three times higher as compared to last year. Experts say that there are several reasons for the dengue outbreak in the capital such as effects of climate change and intermittent rain, however, the biggest reason is lack of knowledge on the disease and prevention measures among citizens. Aedes mosquitoes that carry dengue are found more in the capital



Mosquito eradication drive by Monipuripara community

and its eradication is a big and urgent challenge the city faces.

In such a critical situation, DRR communities that were born in our previous project in Dhaka (JICA Grassroots Project) is taking initiatives to fight dengue fever. To introduce some, Tejturibazar community conducted a rally to raise awareness on prevention especially not to keep stagnant water around home, construction sites, and markets. Also, having many people been affected last year, Monipuripara community sprayed mosquito medicine in their area, trying to minimize the risk and the number of infection cases this year. Elimination of the breeding ground and wiping out mosquito are city corporation's responsibility, however, prevention requires everybody's effort. It is so inspiring to see those communities working together to protect their own community.



Philippines

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

**【 JICA Grassroots Technical Cooperation Project 】**

### ● Courtesy Call to Director of DSWD Field Office 7

On 10th May, SEEDS Asia paid a courtesy call to Director Rebecca P. Geamala, the new director of Department of Social Welfare and Development Field Office 7. SEEDS Asia explained an overview of the organization, projects accomplished in the Philippines, and the current DRRM Project. She promised her cooperation and commitment to the Disaster Response and Evacuation Planning cum Workshop which started from 15th May as well as to the entire project.



SEEDS Asia's staff introducing project

### ● Disaster Response and Evacuation Planning cum Workshop



Discussing Disaster Response and Evacuation Plan

From 15th to 17th May, SEEDS Asia has organized a Disaster Response and Evacuation Planning cum Workshop in Cebu City with a cooperation of the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office of Cebu Province. From each pilot division, pilot school head, School Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) coordinator, Parent-Teacher Association, Supreme Pupil Government, Local Government Unit DRRM officer, community, Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection, totaling more than 100 people participated. SEEDS Asia, School DRRM Instructing Team and Cebu Provincial DRRM Office facilitated the workshop. During the three-day workshop, each school worked on one hazard, and made disaster response plans including roles and responsibilities of teachers and other stakeholders, and evacuation

plan, for three scenarios of “while inside school premises”, “while in transit to/from school”, and “during off-campus activities”. Each pilot area produced outputs, presented them and received comments from the facilitators. Schools will test the plans with simulation exercises which will be implemented starting from July.

Participants commented as the most significant learning from the program, “To be ready with the disaster by knowing the hazards around you and by knowing what to do and knowing the possible outcome of decisions”, “I have used my imagination to put myself in a situation which I have not experienced and encountered, but it was beneficial”, “I got familiarity and was able to equip myself against the unexpected natural and human induced worst scenarios and through this I can be a first responder of my community, school and to my family”. As for questions about what participants have learned and how it will help them with their work, SEEDS Asia received many positive comments to prove the workshop results such as “As a police officer, I have learned that on any types of disasters, we need to always have presence of mind. Other than that we the PNP will render our services 24/7 for successful disaster management that aims 0% casualties”, “I learned different strategies on how to manage the occurrence of disasters such as fire, earthquake, flood, etc.”, “It will help me in my work to make safer environment for the children”, “Ample knowledge/ideas were shaped using the different scenarios and workshops which cope with the needs and interest of the people involved on this training”, “Being a part of a DRR team we effectively apply the knowledge and skills not only in our district, but in the community and also to our family”, “For sure I can save more lives after this training”, “This seminar gave us the opportunity to build teamwork within the different agencies thus, it will improve our coordination and cooperation if a disaster occurs. It will make us one during operation.”



Introducing hazard of allocated area



Japan

## Tamba City Study Tour

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

#### ●Rice-planting Event

On 19th May, a rice-planting event was organized by a local group “PONPOKO” in Ichijima-cho, Tamba, in which SEEDS Asia also participated. This rice-planting event is a regular one held every year, but there was a little change this year: SEEDS Asia assisted in its promotion to a wider audience, as part of its study tour initiatives.

Family participants of 16 in total from big cities such as Kobe, Osaka and Sakai joined and made it a lively day. Aside from the rice-planting activity where participants were covered with mud, harvesting fresh vegetables and tasty lunch also followed. This was surely a rare experience for the participants residing in big cities, and they mentioned they would come back to Ichijima-cho if there will be another event like this.

#### ●Turning Over Study Tour Operations

The goal of the Tamba City Promotion Partnership Project is to turn over the coordination work from SEEDS Asia to the local residents in Tamba, to make study tour operations more sustainable. On 24th May, a meeting was held with the residents to discuss registration of the local groups to a portal site that features experiential learning events. Future events and tours will be posted on the website and be known to a wider range of people, thus there will be no need for SEEDS Asia to cut in to coordinate between the visitors and the hosts.



Meeting with residents to turn over the operation

### Upcoming Study Tours: DRR Camp

**自然の近くに泊まってみよう！  
おとなと子どもで  
防災キャンプ**

2014年に豪雨災害を経験した  
兵庫県丹波市市島町で  
災害時の避難生活を体験し  
自然を身近に感じる  
防災キャンプです。

日時：2019年8月24日（土）14:00集合  
25日（日）14:00解散予定

場所：丹波市市島町

内容：  
 ✓ 竹の器づくり  
 ✓ 有機野菜の収穫体験  
 ✓ 避難所・簡易トイレ設置体験  
 ✓ 星空観賞  
 ✓ 山歩き  
 ✓ 虫採集（カブトムシやワグワガムシなど）  
 ✓ 災害想定ワークショップ（対象年齢7歳以上）  
 ✓ 豪雨災害の語り部

自然を  
たっぷり  
体感したい  
人

災害時の  
サバイバル  
生活を  
体験したい  
人

これから起こり得る災害に  
備えて、親子で不慣れた  
避難体験をしませんか？  
水、ガス、電気のない生活  
…実は、丹波では意外と不  
便ではないのです。  
夏休み最後の思い出づくりに、ぜひご参加ください！

定員：30名前後（おとな同伴でご参加下さい）  
 参加費：おとな 2,000円 子ども 1,000円（別途保険加入 710円）  
 持ち物：「私だったら避難所に持って行く」避難持ち出し袋  
 （食料、水、便利グッズなど、この機会に揃えて検討しましょう）  
 宿泊先：無料で旧保育園施設を利用します。施設内でテントも設置可  
 能です。別の宿泊施設を希望する場合はご紹介もできます。  
 （別途宿泊先への料金が必要です）  
 ※ 雨天決行

集合場所：丹波市市島町上竹田179-1（旧前山保育園）  
 春日川から、舞鶴名鉄自動車道および北近畿豊岡自動車道より春日インター  
 チェンジで下車。（春日インター前）で右折（東方直進）し、そのまっ直進175  
 号線を直進に通り過ぎます。右手にJAひかか、シャパンなどが見えたと共に矢交  
 差点がありますので左折します。左手に「前山地区コミュニティ消防センター」が見え  
 てすぐ、赤い土間の屋根と黄色い壁の建物の前で駐車して下さい。

Next study tour in Tamba will be on 24th to 25th August. The theme is “ESD (Education for Sustainable Development)-DRR Camp” which provides an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful nature of Tamba, at the same time to experience an inconvenient lifestyle of when a disaster occurs.

Activities include harvesting vegetables, a walk in the woods, bringing/testing emergency go-bags and imagining life at an evacuation shelter.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Tamba!

Inquiries are most welcome. Please kindly email at [tambacitystudytour@gmail.com](mailto:tambacitystudytour@gmail.com).

[Please click to learn more. The flyer is in Japanese.]

## Delivery Lecture

SEEDS Asia delivers lectures and organizes events for schools, local governments, private sectors and organizations in your area to meet various requests. Please read below to learn more about delivered lectures for May and June.

### ●SEEDS Asia Appears on the Radio Programme "Salon de Bosai" on iTSCOM FM Salus

Ms. Otsuyama Mitsuko, a member of SEEDS Asia was invited to a radio programme "Salon de Bosai" on iTSCOM FM Salus – community radio in City of Yokohama, a member of the Tokyu Group, as a guest. Recording took place on 15th May and broadcasting in City of Yokohama at 9:40 for 15 minutes every Sundays in June. SEEDS Asia would like to extend our gratitude to Mr. Sunoda Masato, the Tokyu Group and all who provided us this opportunity to share our initiatives, and the listeners who enjoyed the programme.



Recording at iTSCOM FM Salus

### ●Lecture for Youth from ASEAN Countries and India at IATSS Forum



Group photo with participants

SEEDS Asia is honoured to be a lecturer for about 20 youth leaders in governments, entrepreneurship, medical and education sectors from ASEAN countries and India. This training session was organized by IATSS (International Association of Traffic and Safety Sciences, headquartered in Suzuka, Mie Pref.), and its participants are all high-spirited, strictly screened and selected members representing each country. They were in Kobe to learn about sustainable development and disaster risk reduction, in which Ms. Otsuyama Mitsuko of SEEDS Asia lectured about "Locally rooted support for disaster-affected communities - what it is to engage in disaster recovery as a third party -". The session was about the importance of self-help and mutual help as a lesson learned from the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, significance of civil participation in "Build Back Better", and what the participating members could refer to in their own initiatives, such as sample approaches, challenges and how to overcome those challenges.

The said training programme is held twice every year, and this was a fifth programme. We strongly hope that this young generation will surely pay attention to and prepare themselves in respective localities for possible disasters in the world where disaster frequency and impact are dramatically increasing.

### ●JICA Training Programme for Chile

On 17th June, SEEDS Asia had an opportunity to share our expertise at JICA Kansai as a part of the project to strengthen the organizational structure of National Office of Emergency of the Interior Ministry (ONEMI) for disaster risk reduction (DRR) in Chile, implemented by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Ms. Otsuyama Mitsuko, SEEDS Asia, delivered a lecture with the title of "Awareness into Action" to approximately 10 officials from ONEMI, coordinated by OYO International Corporation which is taking charge of the project. SEEDS Asia introduced awareness programmes through Mobile Knowledge Resource Centre (MKRC) and DRR Activity Centres in Myanmar as examples of how to promote actions effectively toward DRR utilizing scientific data, and considering local culture and social background. Participants were highly motivated and told, "I would like to develop MKRC in my country because we already possess a routine truck for preservation of cultural heritages in remote areas."



At the lecture

As soon as we got to know their keen interests, we recorded an explanatory video on miniature models of MKRC in Spanish by one of SEEDS Asia staff, then we shared with them. SEEDS Asia looks forward to seeing MKRC in Chile someday in the future. We appreciate OYO International for providing the opportunity to share our experiences to the people of Chile!

## Announcement

### ●Board Meeting and General Assembly for Fiscal Year 2019

On 23rd May, the board meeting and general assembly were held for the fiscal year 2019. SEEDS Asia shall continue to strive toward achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Sendai Framework for DRR (SFDRR) through implementing quality DRR projects with expertise.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest gratitude to those who have cooperated, are cooperating and will cooperate with us in many ways, and would humbly like to ask for your guidance and further support!



Board members