

Workshop on Mitigation of Disaster for Development and Implementation of DM Training Programme (Activity 1-5)

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Outline of the Workshop

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This series of workshops deals with key elements of disaster management such as "Identification & Early Warning", "Preparedness & Awareness", "Mitigation" and "Emergency Operation".

1st workshop focusing on "Identification & Early Warning" and "Preparedness & Awareness" was held last March and successfully finished. This time, as the 2nd workshop, DiMCEP conducted the workshop focusing on "Mitigation of disasters" on 18th May. 31 participants from 18 organizations attended. In the workshop, 7 presentations from professionals and experts concerning this topic were made and overall discussion was organized for identification of issues, gaps and probable solutions.

The table below shows the contents of the workshop.

Contents of the Workshop

Date & Time	Agenda	
May 18th	8:30-9:00	Registration
	9:00-9:15	Opening
	9:15-10:15	Presentation from Key Agencies (3 Presentations)
	10:15-10:30	Tea Break
	10:30-11:50	Presentation from Key Agencies (4 Presentations)
	11:50-12:00	Short Break
	12:00-12:30	Discussion
	12:30-12:35	Closing



Opening remarks



Presentation by key agency

Evaluation on the Workshop

Comparing to the 1st workshop, the number of participants was 31 people as shown in the following table and it's same as the number of 1st workshop. It means that relevant agencies keep high interest on this series of workshop. Also, DMC accumulated the knowledge and strengthened the connection with relevant agencies through two times workshop. Therefore, this series of workshop continuously should be held for development of the disaster management training programme and further enhancement of capacity of disaster management in Sri Lanka.

Participants from relevant organizations

No.	Organization	Number of Participants	Remarks
1	Department of Irrigation	2	Presenter
2	National Physical Planning Department (NPPD)	1	Presenter
3	Sri Lanka Land Reclamation & Development Cooperation (SLLRDC)	2	Presenter
4	National Building Research Organization (NBRO)	2	Presenter
5	Mahaweli Authority (MASL)	3	Presenter
6	National Aquatic Resource & Dev. Agency (NARA)	2	
7	Geological Survey & Mines Bureau (GSMB)	1	
8	Coast Conservation Department (CCD)	1	
9	Central Environmental Authority (CEA)	1	
10	Fire Service Department	1	
11	Sri Lanka Navy Headquarters	1	
12	Air Force Headquarters	1	
13	Army Headquarters	2	
14	Police Headquarters	1	
15	Ministry of Health (Disaster Management)	1	
16	Ministry of Disaster Management	2	
17	Disaster Management Centre (DMC)	3	Presenter
18	JICA-DiMCEP	4	Presenter
Total		31	

It can be considered that it was difficult for participants to deepen discussion due to time limitation in the workshop.

Additionally, DMC exercised the leadership by

appealing to participants for collaboration among relevant agencies for improvement of disaster management in Sri Lanka through the presentation. Strong Leadership is essential for the actual situation of disasters and Output 1, one of the five outputs of DiMCEP, is to foster the leadership of DMC. In this context, we could say this programme was successfully conducted.

At present, DMC is preparing the establishment of core groups as the subcommittee of NDMCC, which focus on the respective specific issues to be tackled. Therefore, relevant agencies are recommended to utilize this forum for further discussion after establishment of core groups.

Interview Survey on Tsunami Evacuation Warning Information Transfer

Due to two earthquakes occurred off-coast of northern Sumatra on 11th Apr. 2012, tsunami warning was issued by the Department of Meteorology and DMC immediately transferred the warnings to the coastal area. Fortunately only minor rise of sea level was observed in some places and there was no damage caused by it.

Since one of outputs of DiMCEP is "Disaster management information is regularly transferred", JICA expert observed the emergency operation and found that the output pertaining to tsunami information transfer was successfully achieved as mentioned above.

DiMCEP conducted mainly 2 surveys; the interview survey targeting to organizations and the one targeting to local people. The results are following.

Targeting to Organizations

The interview to relevant organizations such as DOM and DMC was conducted to enhance the observation result by JICA experts. This survey is mainly focused on the information transfer and its flow.

DiMCEP made some evaluation and recommendation based on the result. After receiving the information on tsunami from foreign organizations such as PTWC (Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre), DOM and DMC made quick and accurate decision on tsunami warning issuance.

The information was transferred efficiently from DOM, DMC to DDMCU as a whole.

JICA expert recommended to cooperate with other agencies such as GSMB and NARA to make the warning much more accurate and efficient in the future.

Targeting to Local People

One of the findings by the general observation is that there is little information regarding evacuation behavior, whereas the warning transmitted to the coastal area. In order to collect the information and analyze the behavior for the use of conducting safer and more efficient evacuation, the interview survey on the evacuation behavior has been conducted in 3 districts of

Batticaloa, Hambantota and Gampaha.

As the preparation work for the survey, pilot test was implemented in Gampaha district on June 6. Issues and gaps identified by this test will be utilized for the actual survey. The survey will be finished in the beginning of July. DiMCEP will share the result with CPs and relevant organizations.



Survey Team



Situation of Interview

New Project Leader of DiMCEP

Project Leader of DiMCEP was succeeded. Mr. Hideto Namiki, the former Project Leader went back to Japan and Mr. Minoru Arai took turn as a new project leader. Here's his comment:

"My name is Minoru ARAI and I'm JICA Long Term Expert of DiMCEP attached to DMC. I became to be the Project Leader as the successor of Mr. Hideto Namiki since June 25th.

It is honorable for me to be involved in such an important project and I'm very glad to work with kind Sri Lankan people. Sri Lanka and Japan has been good relationship for a long time and both countries has helped each other in the hard situation. Therefore, I also would like to contribute for the capacity enhancement of disaster management in Sri Lanka through this project.

I work in the office next to the EOC on 3rd floor in the Ministry of Disaster Management, and please feel free to talk to me if you see me."



Mr. Namiki, the former Project Leader and Mr. Gamini, DG DMC



Mr. Arai, the new Project Leader

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