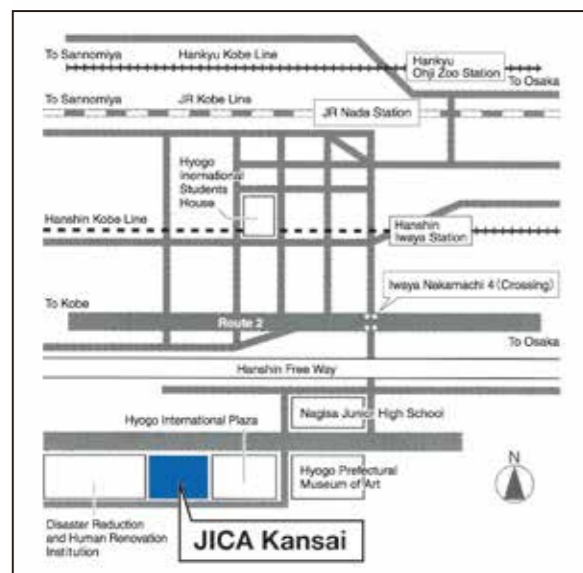


COURSES	
1	Maritime Search and Rescue and Disaster Prevention for Policy Planner
2	Development of Coordinators for Disaster Nursing for Middle East and Asian Countries
3	Safer school against Disasters (Dissemination of Anti-Seismic Building for Communities) in South West Asia
4	Capacity Development of Policy Making in Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) in Water Sector
5	Recovery Planning from Natural Disasters
6	Volunteer Management for Disaster Resilient Communities in Asian Countries
7	Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction against Mega-Earthquake Disaster
8	Management of Disaster Medicine for Latin American Countries
9	Control de Desastres
10	Comprehensive Disaster Risk Reduction
11	Comprehensive Disaster Risk Reduction for Central Asia and Caucasus
12	Community-based Disaster Risk Reduction
13	Disaster Medicine
14	Raising Awareness of Disaster Risk Reduction
15	Rescue Techniques
16	Disaster Management on Infrastructure (River, Road and Port)
17	Comprehensive disaster risk reduction and management in the African region
18	Strategy for Resilient Societies to natural disasters
19	Capacity-building for school-based disaster risk reduction
20	Promotion of Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction

●In addition to the above, country and region focused courses are conducted to address issues of each country.



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Base for human resources development
in the field of disaster reduction



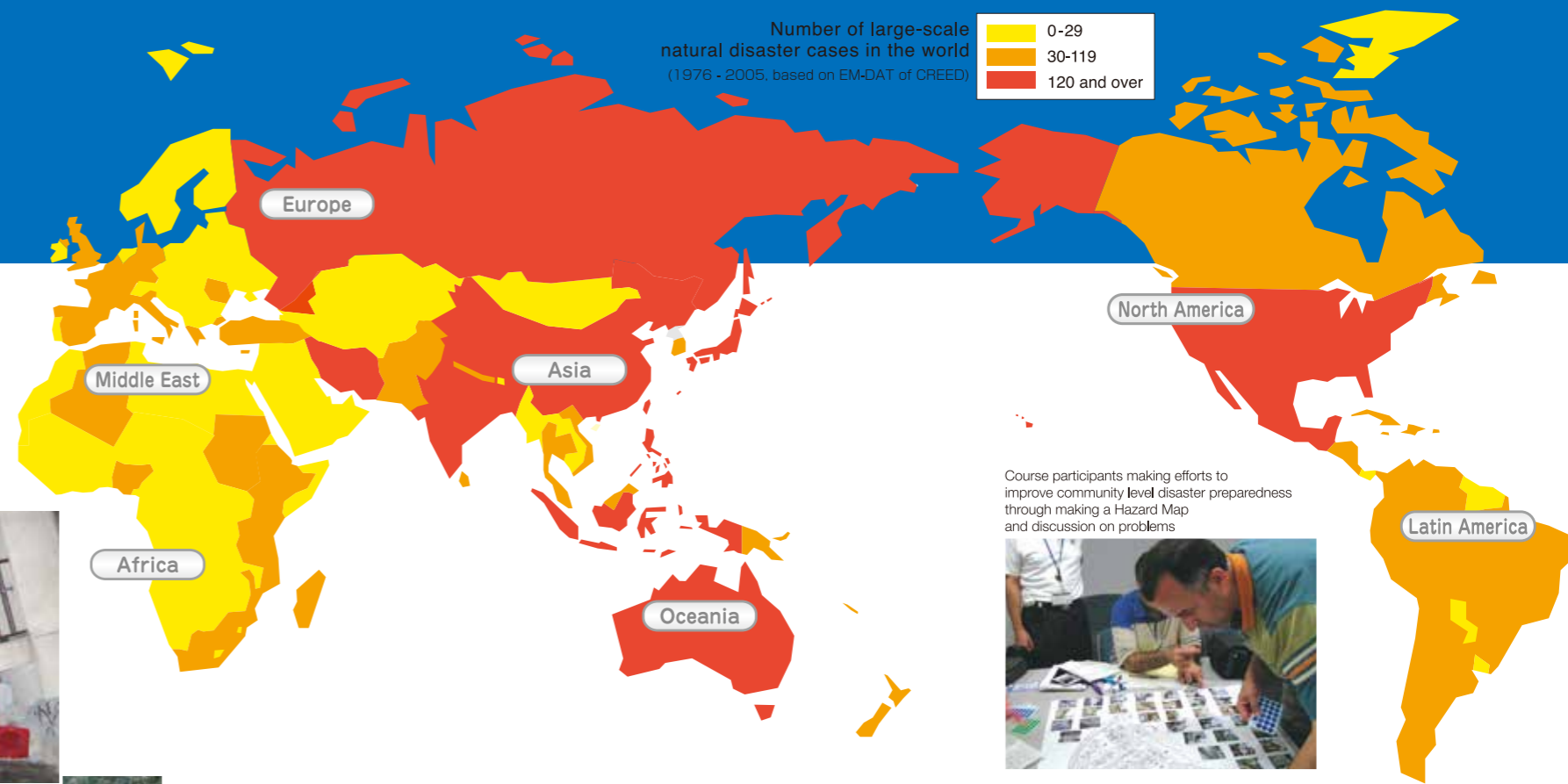
Hyogo Prefectural Government and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA),
an independent administrative institution, run the Disaster Reduction Learning Center (DRLC)

as a base to more efficiently foster people who will be involved in
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Developing Human Resources and Disaster Reduction in Hyogo

—Distributing disaster reduction technologies to the world—

Number of large-scale natural disaster cases in the world (1976 - 2005, based on EM-DAT of CRED)



In recent years, natural disasters appear to have increased around the world with annual disaster victims amounting to as many as 200 million. Damage sustained by disasters has increased in scale every year. Disaster casualties in developing countries account for approximately 90 percent of the total.

Japan, as one of the world's natural disaster-stricken countries, has accumulated disaster reduction knowledge based on its past disaster experiences to prepare for future disasters. In addition, Japan has provided disaster emergency aid for developing countries in accordance with the situation, and has supported infrastructure building for preventing the recurrence of disasters and mitigating damage as part of post-disaster restoration and reconstruction measures, in its efforts to facilitate the improvement of disaster reduction measures and its commitment to disaster reduction in affected countries and areas.

Course participants visiting the Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution to learn the lessons from the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake



Course participants making efforts to improve community level disaster preparedness through making a Hazard Map and discussion on problems



Since FY2007, Hyogo Prefectural Government and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), an independent administrative institution, have been operating the Disaster Reduction Learning Center (DRLC) in JICA Kansai, which is located in Kobe New Eastern City, HAT Kobe, as a base to more efficiently foster those people who will be involved in disaster reduction in developing countries.

Course participants participating in a local disaster drill and experiencing firefighting training



Course participants learning about disaster measures using cards in a participatory workshop



Course participants conducting Town-Watching for Hazard Mapping practice

Course participants learning know-how of emergency aid



Background of establishing the 'DRLC'



Signing Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of DRLC (Jan. 17, 2007)
Toshizo Ido: Governor of Hyogo Prefecture (left)
Takashi Kaneko, then Vice President of JICA (right)

Aiming at mitigating disaster damage globally, the World Conference on Disaster Reduction, which was held in Kobe, Hyogo in January 2005, emphasized the importance of urgently improving the disaster response capabilities of developing countries through international cooperation, particularly in the fields of disaster prevention, damage mitigation and reduction of vulnerability.

At the conference, the Japanese government expressed its willingness to further utilize its knowledge on disaster countermeasures for international cooperation, and, as part of its international contribution, put forward the 'Initiative for Disaster Reduction through ODA' in order to actively introduce its perspective on disaster reduction to the Official Development Assistance (ODA) for developing countries, and to cooperate in supporting the self-help efforts of developing countries in fostering people and creating systems to combat disasters.



Providing Japan's expertise in disaster reduction



Course participants learning rescue techniques in disaster medical care training

The Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, which occurred on January 17, 1995, left extensive damage mainly in Southern Hyogo Prefecture. The earthquake was the most monstrous disaster on record, with casualties of approximately 6,400, and the total amount of damage reaching 10 trillion yen. The damaged area has succeeded in a quick recovery with generous and broad support from around the world. The affected area has made all-out efforts in restoration, and is still actively promoting community building focusing on disaster prevention/reduction based on the experiences and lessons learned from the disaster.

HAT Kobe, in which DRLC is located, is a district created as part of the symbolic project of Kobe city's recovery from the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, and is a hub for various institutions including disaster reduction-related institutions and international relations organizations. DRLC, in cooperation with these institutions, will broadly distribute Japan's expertise in disaster reduction to the world.



Activities of DRLC

DRLC is a base for the comprehensive coordination and support of JICA's learning courses in the field of disaster reduction, which supports country-building and human resources development in developing countries. Utilizing experiences, lessons and knowledge gleaned from Hyogo Prefecture and Kobe City concerning disasters in Japan, including the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, DRLC is implementing the following operations with an aim to effectively provide international technological cooperation in the field of disaster reduction:

- 1 Overall coordination of learning courses in the field of disaster reduction
- 2 Effective implementation of learning courses in the field of disaster reduction
- 3 Creation of a human network in learning courses in the field of disaster reduction and its organic utilization
- 4 Preparation of database related to resources in the field of disaster reduction
- 5 Utilization of knowledge concerning disaster management in Hyogo for human resource development in the field of international disaster reduction

