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IRP Participates in "Preparatory Meeting for Resilience Conference on Earthquake" In Metro Manila, the Philippines

in 25 February 2015



"Preparatory Meeting for Resilience Conference on Earthquake", hosted by the Carlos P. Romulo Foundation for Peace and Development, co-hosted by the Zuellig Family Foundation and the Manila Observatory, was held in Manila, Philippines on 25 February 2015. As a cooperation of this meeting, IRP sent one representative to attend the meeting. The meeting's over 90 participants included government officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines, managers from private sector and experts from international organizations.

During his presentation titled "Reconstruction, Recovery and Preparedness: Lessons Learned from Japan's Experience--Towards Comprehensive Disaster Management in the Philippines and Japan--", Mr. Shingo Kouchi, IRP Senior Recovery Expert, highly appreciated every effort made by both public and private sectors toward possible earthquakes in the Metro Manila.

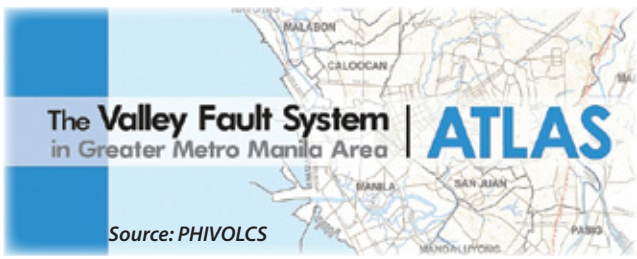
Similar to Japan's situation, it has been widely recognized in the Philippines that the Government and local enterprises need to promote the public-private partnership and multi-stakeholder approach towards

effective regional disaster mitigation/prevention and reconstruction/recovery.

Mr. Kouchi also stressed that IRP have been working closely with many stakeholders in the Philippines, and IRP will seek possibilities of providing technical assistance for the Philippines' preparation efforts towards future

With the concept of "Building Back Better than Before", IRP would like to make continuous efforts for realization of disaster-resilient society and communities in the Metro Manila region, by sharing Japanese technologies, experiences, and lessons learned from the past.

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IRP Upcoming Events

25-27 May 2015

IRP Workshop on Disaster Recovery Planning
Dhaka, Bangladesh

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Cover Story:

IRP Attends ASEM Manila Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management

"Post-Haiyan-A Way Forward" in the Philippines

4-6 June 2014, Manila, Philippines

The ASEM Manila Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management "Post-Haiyan/Yolanda -A Way Forward", hosted by the Philippines, co-hosted by Japan, the European Union (EU) and Switzerland, was held in Manila, Philippines on 4-6 June 2014. As a cooperation of this conference, the Hyogo Prefectural Government sent one representative from IRP secretariat to attend. The seminar's over 280 participants included government officials from Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) member countries, experts across the Philippines and delegates from EU countries.

During his presentation in Working Group titled "Role of Stakeholders –National and Local Governments, NGOs, the Local Community, Media and the Private Sector (Strengthening the Role of the State and other DRRM Stakeholders in Disaster Response and Coordination)", Mr. Shingo Kouchi, IRP Senior Recovery Expert, positively evaluated the Philippine Government and peoples' high ability to



promote multi-stakeholder approach towards effective disaster mitigation/Prevention and reconstruction/recovery.

Mr. Kouchi also noted that IRP and ADRC have long been working together closely with many stakeholders in the Philippines. When promoting reconstruction and recovery countermeasures after large-scale disasters like 2014 super typhoon "Yolanda" and 2011 Great East Japan earthquake and tsunami, IRP has put particular emphasis on the concept of "Building Back Better than Before".



The IRP, in joint collaboration with the ADRC, would like to make continuous efforts for realization of disaster-resilient society and communities across the Asian region, by sharing Japanese technologies, experiences, and lessons learned from the past. For more information, please contact Kouchi (kouchi@recoveryplatform.org).

A High Level Gathering after DRA Forum 2015

17 January 2015, Kobe, Hyogo, Japan

In commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, and celebrating 10-year Achievement of the Hyogo Framework for Action, a dinner reception has been hosted by DRA on behalf of Hyogo Prefecture in honor of high level participants of the commemoration event on 17 January 2015.

The dinner was attended by the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for DRR and Head of UNISDR,



Ms. Margareta Wahlstrom, the Governor of Hyogo prefecture, Mr. Toshizo Ido, the Director General for Disaster Management, Cabinet office of Japan, President of JICA, some country representatives such as Turkey, Bangladesh, Philippines, China, and United Nations DRR experts and specialists.



Governor Ido welcomed and thanked the special guests for participating in the commemoration event. He appreciated the efforts of the institutions in Hyogo for organizing excellent events and achieving fruitful discussions on sharing the Kobe's recovery experience to the world.

IRP team also joined the event and exchanged ideas with distinguished guests and country representatives. For more information, please contact Gurisa Sataru (gulzar@recoveryplatform.org).

