

**A Delegation from Department of Disaster Relief of Ministry of Civil Affairs (MCA)/National Disaster Reduction Center of China (NDRCC) and Beijing Civil Affairs Bureau, People’s Republic of China Visited Thailand from 22 – 27 May 2011**

Mr. XIAO Xin, Deputy Division Director of Department of Disaster Relief of Ministry of Civil Affairs, People’s Republic of China led a delegation of eight officials to Thailand for a study tour on disaster risk management from 22 – 27 May 2011. The study visit was one of the activities based on an agreement signed between MCA and ADPC in August 2010.

On 23 May, the delegates paid a visit to ADPC and listened to presentations on ADPC’s activities. Dr. Bhichit Rattakul, Executive Director and Mr. N.M.SI. Arambepola, Deputy Executive Director welcomed the participants at ADPC office.

During their stay in Thailand, the delegates also had a chance to visit the Academy of Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM), Ministry of Interior of Thailand in Pathumthani Province as well as the Thai Red Cross and its emergency stockpiles of disaster relief. The human survivor kit during disaster emergency in the stockpiles gave a strong impression on the delegates. Under the ADPC’s arrangement, the delegates visited relevant UN agencies in Bangkok including UNESCAP and UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Office. The delegates had effective discussions on cooperation between China and respective UN agency.

Moreover, the delegation made field visits on disaster management facilities in Thailand. The officials visited the Disaster Management Control Center of Bangkok, one of the pumping stations in Bangkok. The Thai Navy officials and soldiers in the Thai aircraft carrier in Sattahip, who are also in charge of disaster relief, left a good impression on the young delegates.

The delegates expressed their appreciation to ADPC for organizing their visit and making their stay pleasant with prospective scope for collaborations in Thailand.





