

Report on the 6th ASEAN Regional Forum Inter-Sessional Meeting on Disaster Relief in Qingdao, China from 18-20 September 2006



Dr. Luis Jorge Perez, Deputy Executive Director of ADPC and Ms. LingLing Jiang, Project Manager for China and North-East Asia on an invitation from H.E. Mr. Wu Dawei, Vice Minister of China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs attended the 6th ASEAN Regional Forum Inter-Sessional Meeting on Disaster Relief, which was jointly organized and chaired by the China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Civil Affairs, and the Indonesia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Qingdao City, Shandong Province, P.R.China from 18-20 September 2006. Dr. Luis Jorge Perez's presentation titled, "ADPC and the ARF Disaster Relief and Disaster Risk Management Cooperation" promoted ADPC's disaster preparedness and disaster risk management ideas at the meeting and those were incorporated into the Co-chairs' Summary Report of the Sixth ASEAN Regional Forum Inter-Sessional Meeting on Disaster Relief as well.

More than 70 participants from the governments of Australia, Brunei, Canada, China, European Union, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste, United States, Vietnam, and other international bodies, such as ASEAN Secretariat, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies attended the meeting. The meeting was successful, particularly, the field visit to Qingdao Fire Brigade and the fire-fighting exercise impressed the participants.