

Report on the Sixth Meeting of the ADPC Regional Consultative Committee on Disaster Management in Kunming, China from 9-11 November 2006



The 6th Meeting of the ADPC Regional Consultative Committee on Disaster Management (RCC) was held in Kunming, China from 9 – 11 November 2006, in collaboration with the Ministry of Civil Affairs, Government of People's Republic of China. The meeting was attended by 28 heads of National Disaster Management Offices or their representatives from 21 RCC Member Countries i.e. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Jordan, Korea, Lao PDR, Maldives, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor Leste and Vietnam. In addition 12 observers from regional organizations, UN agencies, and bilateral and multilateral funding agencies namely ADB, AusAID, FAO, SAARC, UN OCHA, UN ISDR, UNDP, USAID/OFDA and IFRC; as well as ADPC partners and 20 senior officials from the Government of the People's Republic of China participated in the meeting as observers.

At the Opening Ceremony, H.E.Mr. Li Ligu, First Vice Minister of the Ministry of Civil Affairs read out the message of H.E. Mr. Hui Liangyu, the Vice Premier of P.R.China. H.E. Mr. Li Ligu then gave his own opening address to the meeting. Welcome addresses were also made by Dr. Bhichit Rattakul, Acting Executive Director of ADPC and Mr. Kong Chuizhu, Vice-Governor of the People's Government of Yunnan Province of China. H.E. Prof Dr. Krasae Chanawongse, Chairman of ADPC Board of Trustees also made an address.

The beautiful city of Kunming, and the warm hospitality of the people added to the richness of the meeting and helped to strengthen the future collaboration between China, its Yunnan Province and other RCC member countries, especially those from the Greater Mekong Sub-Region.

The Government of People's Republic of China made contributions while co-hosting the meeting. Ministry of Civil Affairs, People's Government of Yunnan Province, Yunnan Provincial Department of Civil Affairs, Chinese Embassy in Bangkok and other relevant government agencies in China provided all the coordination and support to make this meeting in China successful.