

The Delegation from Department of Disaster Relief of Ministry of Civil Affairs (MCA)/National Disaster Reduction Center of China (NDRCC) and Xinjiang, Gansu and Sichuan Provincial Departments of Civil Affairs, People's Republic of China Visited Thailand from 4 – 9 September 2011

Mr. Ma Danzhu, Assistant to Director-General, 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 (DRM) from 4 – 9 September 2011. The delegates were from Ministry of Civil Affairs (MCA), National Disaster Reduction Center (NDRCC) and Xinjiang, Gansu and Sichuan Provincial Departments of Civil Affairs. It was the second study tour on DRM that ADPC conducted for MCA in 2011, which was also one of the activities based on an agreement signed between MCA and ADPC in August 2010.

On 5 September, the delegates paid a visit to ADPC and listened to presentations on ADPC's activities. Mr. N.M.SI. Arambepola, Deputy Executive Director welcomed the participants at ADPC office. A presentation on Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) was also made to the participants by Ms. LingLing Jiang, Project Manager for China and North-East Asia of ADPC.

During their stay in Thailand, the delegates visited to Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM), Ministry of Interior of Thailand as well as Thai Red Cross and its emergency stockpiles of disaster relief. Under the ADPC's arrangement, the delegates visited to UNESCAP, and listened to presentations that were made by three officials who came from three departments of UNESCAP, which impressed the participants.

Moreover, the delegation visited to Water Operation Center, Department of Water Resources of Thailand. The participants also visited to Hua Hin, where they were warmly welcomed by Head of Huay Sat Yai District as well as relevant district officials and community disaster management volunteers. The Huay Sat Yai District conducted disaster response drill once a year and has been conducting trainings on community based disaster preparedness. These gave the participants a deep impression.

The delegates said it's a significant visit, and expressed their appreciation to ADPC for organizing such nice activities for them in Thailand.

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