

Lessons learned on effective flood risk management shared at International Flood Forum

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BANGKOK, Thailand – The International Flood Forum will take place on 25 July at Swissotel Nai Lert Park in Bangkok, Thailand. The forum is expected to be attended by Royal Thai Government agencies and Academic Institutes in Thailand, as well as flood risk management experts from Australia, Japan, Lao PDR, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, USA and Vietnam; private sector, United Nations, Asian Development Bank and Japan International Cooperation Agency.

The forum offers national and international experts an opportunity to exchange experiences and to identify practical strategies for flood risk management and disaster risk reduction. The aim is to strengthen knowledge and awareness on important issues that should be considered in flood risk management through lessons learned and sound practices from different countries. The forum also provides participants with networking opportunities in order to facilitate further collaboration.

“ The forum will serve as a platform for sharing experiences on sound flood management from experts in and outside the region. It will be useful to see how different countries have integrated risk reduction measures into recovery plans.

Dr. Chusit Apirumanekul, Senior Technical Specialist, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, commented.

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The International Flood Forum is one of the activities under the Program for Reduction of Vulnerability to Floods in Thailand. The program is supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and it aims at building up and enhancing the institutional and human capacity of agencies related to flood risk management in Thailand.

Media interested in flood risk management are encouraged to attend the event.



NOTE TO EDITOR:

As the most hazard prone region in the world, Asia-Pacific must proactively manage its disaster risk. For nearly 30 years, the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) has been making Asia-Pacific safer by strengthening disaster resilience at all levels.

Established in 1986, ADPC is an independent non-governmental organization. With headquarters located in Bangkok, Thailand, ADPC has country offices in Bangladesh, Lao PDR and Myanmar. ADPC's well-established networks with government line agencies and strong partnerships with regional organizations and development agencies provide the foundation for their work.

ADPC deploys disaster risk management (DRM) information and systems to reduce local, national and regional risk across Asia-Pacific. Its portfolio focuses on, but is not limited to, public health in emergencies, DRM capacity building, improving DRM for cities and climate change, mainstreaming DRM into national and local development, improving DRM systems and undertaking disaster risk assessments. To achieve its aims in disaster risk reduction, ADPC works closely with local, national and regional governments, governmental and non-governmental organizations, donors and development partners.

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