

Memorandum of the Asia-Pacific Relief Summit: from Disaster Preparedness to Recovery

Representatives of NGOs, businesses and government organizations from Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Taiwan, attend the Asia-Pacific Relief Summit in Tokyo. They discussed ways to strengthen the partnerships among NGOs, businesses, governments, media, and academic organizations in providing disaster relief in the Asia-Pacific region while cultivating friendship and strengthening solidarity among them.

On the first day of the Summit, the representatives of NGOs, business and government presented their activities and shared their experiences in providing disaster assistance based on differing viewpoints and strategies.

On the second day was called the Summit Meeting, where representatives from respective countries discussed how they could establish and formulate a stronger and more functional partnership platform among Asia Pacific countries

. During the meeting, the participants agreed to name this platform of partnerships as the Asia-Pacific Disaster Relief Platform (Asia-Pacific Platform). The participants of the second day of the Summit Meeting are shown in Appendix 1. The results of the second day discussions are as follows;

1. Firstly, the delegates discussed and drafted the tentative mission, core values, strategy and function of the Asia-Pacific Platform. The result of the discussion is shown in Appendix 2.
2. Secondly, the delegates discussed and reported action plans to formulate and/or strengthen national level platform functions in respective countries. The outline of the proposed actions of respective countries is shown in Appendix 3.
3. Thirdly, the delegates agreed to make efforts to establish the Asia-Pacific Platform in October 2012. The official founding announcement is tentatively scheduled for the forthcoming 5th AMCDRR 2012 in Yogyakarta in Indonesia in October 2012.
4. To review the progress and discuss further details of the concept, function and funding of the Asian-Pacific Platform, the delegates agreed to have a founding member meeting during May or June 2012. The more details will be decided at the meeting.
5. After the founding member meeting, the concept of the Asian-Pacific Platform will be shared with other NGO networks, business federations, governments, and international agencies to ask further participation from other countries and areas.
6. To make communication effective, the delegates identified country representatives, namely, MPBI/Indonesia, CDRC/Philippines, KDRA/Korea, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce/Sri-Lanka, and Civic Force/Japan. Points of contact for all countries are shown in Appendix 4.
7. The country representatives will take initiatives to follow-up on the action plans, and to discuss the concept, function, funding, etc. among country representatives. The country representatives will also take initiatives to prepare the next founding member meeting. The initial Secretariat role will be taken by the Civic Force from Japan.
8. In case of the next big natural disaster, the delegates agreed to support the country representative of the disaster-hit area.
9. The result of this discussion will be shared with Taiwan representatives who could not attend the entire discussions during the second day.

Appendix 1: List of participants of the Summit Meeting on Sep 30(the second day).

Appendix 2: Mission, core values, strategy and function of the Asian –Pacific Disaster Relief Platform.

Appendix 3: Action plans of respective countries.

Appendix 4: List of the country contact persons.

Appendix 1 : List of participants of the Summit Meeting on Sep 30(the second day).

Name	Organization	Country
Kensuke Onishi	Chairperson, Civic Force	Japan
Noriyuki Shiina	Chief, Operation Unit, Japan Platform	Japan
Yasuhide Nakamura	Professor, Graduate School of Human Sciences, Osaka University Vice Chairperson, Japan Platform	Japan
Koichiro Shinohara	Executive Director, BHN Association	Japan
Hiroshi Araki	Board of Directors, Civic Force	Japan
Megumi Kuwana	CEO, Civilsohpie	Japan
Kaori Neki	Secretary General, Civic Force	Japan
Masataka Uo	Advisor, Civic Force	Japan
Faisal Djalal	Secretary general of MPBI - Indonesian Society for Disaster Management	Indonesia
Arief Triastika	Member of board of PLANAS – Indonesia Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction	Indonesia
Dian Lestariningsih	Executive Board, PLANAS, Indonesia Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction	Indonesia
Avianto Muhtdi	Chairman, PLANAS, Indonesia Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction	Indonesia
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Eun-Ae Lee	Team leader of the Korea Disaster Relief Association	Korea
In-Chul Jung	Director, Public Welfare Services, Korea Broadcasting System	Korea
Lourdes Louella E. Escandor	Executive Director,. Citizen's Disaster Response Center (CDRC)	Philippines
Bernadette T Aquino	Chairperson, Citizen's Disaster Response Center (CDRC)	Phillippines
Ramon Reinoso Isberto	President, Corporate Network for Disaster Response	Philippines
Jessica Hu	Zhi-Shan Foundation	Taiwan
Chi Chun Liu	Founder, Taiwan Root Medical Peace Corps	Taiwan
Yen-Ching Yen	International Headquarters S.A.R. Taiwan Chief Secretary	Taiwan
King-Ying Wang	Noordhoff Craniofacial Foundation Executive Director	Taiwan
Jay Hung	Zhi-Shan Foundation	Taiwan
Harim Malwatte	CEO, The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce	Sri Lanka

Appendix 2: Mission, core values and strategy/function of the Asian –Pacific Disaster Relief Platform.

Mission:

Help quickly and work hand in hand for Disaster Preparedness and Relief

Learning and sharing; Strengthening the capacity of those involved in relief effort; Empowerment of civil society and harmonization of multiple sector.

Core Values:

Beyond border

Mutual help

Humanity

Transparency

Goodgovernance

Willingness

Practicality

Strategy and Function:

- Provide assistance to disaster preparedness and relief activities of the national level platform
- Take initiative in resource mobilization and promoting sharing among the national level platform
- Raise public awareness and media appeal of the importance of preparedness and function of the national/Asia-Pacific platroms
- Build capacity and development in disaster preparedness and assistance for each national level platform

Framework:

Principle of the Independence and Alliance: Collaboration with independent country members.

Appendix 3: Action plans of respective countries.

Indonesia:

- Reporting and internal consolidation.
- Identify activities for sharing and capacity building
 - What Indonesia can give?
 - What can Indonesia take?
- Engage in the Asia Platform for the 5th AMCDRR 2012 (Oct.) in Yogyakarta: share experience, influence what?
- Take part actively in organizational building and development of the Asia Platform
- Create a national work plan for 2012-13

Japan:

- By 2012, for the Asian-Pacific Platform establishment, Japan will take an initial role as Secretariat and fund raiser for the Asia-Pacific Platform.
- By 2012-13: The delegates are suggested to visit the General Assembly and/or national conferences in respective countries to share and exchange ideas, and to strengthen ties in disaster assistance.
- By 2012-13: Through the collaboration of Japan Platform and Civic Force, Japan will provide assistance to national platforms in building capacity for the disaster preparedness .

Korea:

- Suggest and discuss with various stakeholders about the Asia-Pacific Platform concept, and examine mechanism of how to form and work the national level platform effectively.
- Involve the political/governmental sector to establish the national platform successfully.

Sri-Lanka:

- Reporting and internal consolidation. .
- Current system is insufficient. To fulfill this gap, this concept will contribute. - Identify disaster related NGOs which various sectors will be willing to work with.
- By 2012, form a group which can become a potential national level platform.

Philippines:

- CDRC and CNDR have agreed to cooperate in developing a Philippine Platform.
- Both will strengthen their respective capacities to support such a Platform.
- They will help recruit other members for this Platform.
- They have identified initial project where we can work together: Strengthen disaster preparedness in flood-prone communities in Metro Manila (Alliance of 7).
- Target: 2012 (formally form Philippine Platform)

Appendix 4: List of the country contact persons.

Sri Lanka: Harim Malwatte (The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce)
Korea : EunAe Lee (KDRA)
Phippipine : Lourdes Louella E. Escandor (CDRC)
Indonesia : Fisal Djalal (MPBI)
Japan : Onishi Kensuke, Masataka Uo (Civic Force)