



Walled construction site provides illustrations on future developments while minimizing debris and sound.

1. JAPANESE YOUTHS SHARE DRR IDEAS IN BANGKOK

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As a part of the project called **Empowering Youth Leadership on Promoting Bosai Practices in the Asia-Pacific Region**, Japanese youths from Okayama University and Fukuyama City University visited Navamindradhiraj University in Bangkok to engage in exchange activities to develop educational tools for disaster risk reduction (DRR). The tools were then tested at a local elementary school.

Representatives from Plus Arts and CityNet Yokohama Project Office were also part of the delegation.



Students from Disaster Management faculty welcomes Japanese students at Navamindradhiraj University.

Objectives

The primary objectives of the visit were as follows:

- Introduce Japan's disaster prevention (Bosai) culture to Thai students.
- Research and develop activity based tools that could be useful to teach about prevention measures to the children in Thailand.
- Exchange youth activities on DRR in both Japan and Thailand.
- Introduce and test tools developed through the workshop at a local elementary school.
- Improve future activities based on the feedback from the students.



The process

Introduce DRR practices



Learn from experts



Localize the lessons learnt



Practice delivery methods



Trial at a local school



2. CITYNET DISASTER CLUSTER GETTING READY UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP

CityNet cluster lead/ co-lead elections were held during the CityNet Congress held in 2022 which put **Makati City Government** as the new CityNet Disaster Cluster lead along with seven other co-leads.

In order to develop and reinvigorate CityNet Disaster Cluster, Makati is calling for a **CityNet Disaster Cluster Committee meeting** to be held on **March 13**. The meeting will focus on the 4-year strategic planning of the cluster.

This year, Makati is expected to host the **15th CityNet Disaster Cluster Seminar** in June and the official invitations to all disaster cluster members will be sent in March. The seminar will focus on guiding and integrating DRR programs and activities of the members to the global agenda with a specific attention to the components of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) along with the Global Assessment Report (GAR) produced by the UNDRR.

This is the first time the seminar is being held in person after the pandemic. Further details of the seminar will be circulated with the invitation.

The eight members of the CityNet Disaster Cluster is as list on the right which includes both full members and associate members with specific strenghts in DRR fields. The robust committee is expected to work actively under a dynamic leadership of Makati and lead the members of CityNet to become evermore resilient.

CityNet Disaster Cluster Committee

LEAD



Makati City Government

CO-LEADS



Colombo Municipal Council



Matsuyama City



Taoyuan City Government



Quezon City Government

ASAG

Ahmedabad Study Action Group



National Society for Earthquake Technology



Plus Arts



3. MATSUYAMA CITY SIGNS UP TO MCR2030

Matsuyama City has signed up to the UNDRR's **Making Cities Resilient 2030** as a part of enhancing its outreach on DRR programs globally.

Matsuyama city, a new member of CityNet Disaster Cluster Committee is a notable city on community DRR programs in Japan and has won several Prime Minister's Award on DRR. Under the Crisis Management Division of the city, Matsuyama has been actively contributing to CityNet disaster cluster programs including online youth exchanges to promote disaster prevention (Bosai) programs from Japan.

Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030) is a unique cross-stakeholder initiative for improving local resilience through advocacy, sharing knowledge and experiences, establishing mutually reinforcing city-to-city learning networks, injecting technical expertise, connecting multiple layers of government and building partnerships.

MCR2030 aims to ensure cities become inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable by 2030, contributing directly to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 11 (SDG11) "Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable", and other global frameworks including the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Paris Agreement and the New Urban Agenda.

BOSAI TIP OF THE MONTH

Emergency food needs to contain everyday food items that requires minimal preparation to cook and are stored as a rolling stock. Water and regular medication also needs to be stocked in the similar way.