RCE East Kalimantan, RCE East Java (candidate) and RCE Srinagar co-hosted the webinar ‘Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Preparedness, COVID-19 and Sustainability', marking the celebration of 'International Day for Disaster Reduction' (IDDR) 2020, on Tuesday 13 October 2020. The IDDR celebrates how people and communities worldwide are reducing their exposure to disasters and raising awareness about the importance of reining in the risks that they face. The webinar addressed SDG 9 (Infrastructure), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), and SDG 13 (Climate Action) directly, and all other SDGs indirectly.

The webinar was opened by Prof. Dr. Hadi Prayitno, Dean, Faculty of Social and Political Science, University of Jember. The webinar consisted of a panel discussion by experts and practitioners, followed by a Q&A session. The dignitary speakers included,

1. Lt. Gen. Doni Monardo, Head of National Disaster Risk Reduction, Indonesia –who for his busy schedule could not make it and it was represented by the head of the education and training center for disaster management of the National Disaster Management Agency of Indonesia
2. Lt. Gen. Ravindra Pratap Sahi, Vice-Chairperson of Uttar Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority, India.
3. Mr. Ruichi Nozaki, an architect and member of RCE Hyogo-Kobe involved in the reconstruction of Kobe city post the Great Hanshin Awaji 1995 earthquake.
4. Mr. Igarashi Hitoshi of the Japan Disaster Management Emergency.
5. Mr. M. Safiil Nasution, Director of Social Protection for Victims of Natural Disasters, Ministry of Social Affairs, Indonesia who could not make it and was represented by Ms. Idha Kurniasih.
6. Dr. Yoshinobu Fukasawa, Secretary of Telling Live Lessons from Disasters (TeLL-Net) Forum.
7. Dr. Abdhesh Kumar Gangwar, RCE Srinagar highlighted the importance of IDDR 2020, explained various engagements of the RCEs across Asia-Pacific Region, AP Regional RCEs’ DRR Network formed in 2017 and called upon the RCE community to actively engage in the DRR sector.
8. Mr. Eko Ernada, RCE East Kalimantan moderated the panel discussion.
9. Ms. Hyun Soon Bae, Director, RCE Dobong-Gu, Republic of Korea presented the summary of the webinar.

Considering RCEs engagement in the 13th Asia-Pacific RCE Regional Meeting presentations by the RCEs were not kept in this webinar. The webinar was attended by 250 participants from Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Republic of China, Republic of Korea, South Africa and Taiwan.

A brief summary of the presentations is following.

**Lt. Gen. Ravindra Pratap Sahi, Vice Chairman, Uttar Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority, India:** He talked about India's DRR policy and initiative in the community. India experiences numerous disasters and recognizes the importance of strengthening DRR efforts but considering the natural, economic and social diversity of India, as well as its large population and high density of population. Introduction DRR in India current scenario of DRR creating a national capacity building with a huge challenge programme for disaster risk. India has been actively pursuing a paradigm shift in disaster management from a relief centric approach to a holistic approach, encompassing all facets of disaster management. From Gen R. P. Sahi's presentation, the webinar participants learnt the need of having a great leadership in difficult times.

**Mr. Ruichi Nozaki, RCE Hyogo-Kobe, Japan:** Talked about people's initiatives for DRR in Kobe, especially earthquake. Since Japan has got the first biggest Metropolitan disaster, they try to rebuilding to central power and keep local initiatives with local government, University and college, specialist and researcher and citizen. Kobe makes an effort to build disaster risk management and show the activities like organize a civic organization, relocation meeting, learning from best practice area, supporting group exchange. About Mr. Ruichi Nozaki's presentation, we are able to learn about importance of people's initiative.

**Ms. Idha Kurniash, Ministery of Social Welfare, Indonesia:** She talked about supporting community in disaster risk reduction, a people centered approach. It's impressive Mosa's policy 5 direction on disaster management is development community based disaster management. Expand the coverage of social production in disaster management, Accelerate basic fulfillment for disaster affected population and psychosocial support, Increase the capacity of human resource in disaster management in sustainable manner, and last one is Improve logistic management system. She also talks Kampung Siage Bencana(as disaster-prepared village) and its activities like capacity's strengthen, guidelines to support community initiatives, system and hub of information on response for COVID-19. Through Kampung Siage Bencana, we are able to realize the importance of building a Disaster-prepared village.

**Dr. Yoshinobu Fukasawa, Secretary, 2020 TeLL-Net Forum, Japan:** Talked about disaster reduction and human renovation in Japan like disaster story telling and TeLL-Net. Disaster telling is a significant enough issue to discussion. and It is important to get knowledge for practicing. Kobe has launched the International Network of Telling Live Lessons from Disaster (TeLL-Net), They are support exchanging and cross-learning across boundaries, appealing in one voice for the importance of such conducts of telling live lessons, and contributing to the creation of disaster-resilient societies. About Dr. Yoshinobu Fukasawa's presentation, we will be able to adapt disaster story telling to local community based on local characteristics.

**Dr. Abdhesh Kumar Gangwar, RCE Srinagar:** He talked about the response of 3 questions from RCE family in APR. The three questions were; 1. What immediately comes to your mind when you hear the term 'disaster'? (in not more than 5 words); 2. How would you like to observe 'International Day for Disaster Reduction' (IDDR) 2020?  (in not more than 10 words); and 3. What message would you like to give to people on the occasion of the IDDR 2020?  (in not more than 10 words). Each of the RCE has given interesting answers. Through this survey, we found that a more diverse approach to DRR was needed.

And through questions and answers about DRR and DRM, we were able to learn more in-depth contents. Q&A session was conducted. Questions picked up from the chat box were typed out and presented on the screen for the panellists to answer them.

**Igarashi Hitoshi, Japan:** He talked about emergency management. He explained crisis and risk management from example of Indonesia. We need to understand DRM at the local and national levels. We must think and explore the practices DRM what we can do.

The presentation made in the webinar and other material is available on the web link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12xqcglemhtwVhKHHHztwCanexAhRpLd3?usp=sharing