ASEAN+3 Disaster Management Cooperation –Japan’s contribution

Goal: Building a disaster resilient society in East Asia —focusing on prevention—

<Background>
◎ Recurrent large-scale natural disasters in Asia hamper sustainable development in the region.
◎ Urban areas face greater damage risk due to the population density.
◎ Prevention is important such as improving disaster management (D.M.) capacity in each community, incorporating D.M. perspectives in development planning to reduce damage risk, as well as providing post-disaster emergency response, recovery and rehabilitation.
◎ As a result of the earthquake in Kobe and other disasters, Japan has developed D. M. Know-how and technologies, and it has recognized the important role of the community in D.M..
◎ Japan has been contributing in the area of improvement of D. M. capacity building in cities and communities in cooperation with other countries taking into account the conditions in each country.
◎ Based on the view above, Japan seeks to help build a disaster resilient society in ASEAN+3 through intensifying its disaster prevention efforts in cities and communities.

◆ On the occasion of the 12th ASEAN+3 Summit, Japan proposes to hold an international conference on improving disaster management capacity in cities and communities in ASEAN+3 in late 2010 in Japan.

<Expected Outcomes> Joint research and policy recommendation on the improvement of disaster management capacity in cities and communities will be conducted by experts in the region.

<Future Direction in ASEAN+3 D.M. cooperation> move from prevention to comprehensive disaster management cooperation

Japan’s priority area in ASEAN+3
mitigation and preparedness
- Provision of prevention technology such as antiseismic and anti-flooding measures and satellite observation
- Promotion of “a culture of prevention” (capacity building and raising awareness in cities and communities)
- Human resource development
- Building of early warning system

comprehensive disaster management cooperation

Emergency response
- Rescue operation
- Medical support
- Provision of emergency goods

Recovery and rehabilitation
- Support for recovery planning
- Economic assistance for rehabilitation