

Typhoon Committee

The Typhoon Committee is an intergovernmental organization established in 1968 and headquartered in Macao. It is jointly managed by ESCAP and WMO. Its main objectives are to reduce damage caused by typhoons, strengthen cooperation in meteorology, hydrology, and disaster prevention, and coordinate the planning and implementation of typhoon-related measures. Fourteen countries and regions are currently members. From Japan, ICHARM participates alongside the MLIT Water and Disaster Management Bureau, the Japan Meteorological Agency, and others.

The Typhoon Committee meets annually for an annual session, in which member countries gather to report on activities and set future directions. It consists of four working groups: the Working Group on Meteorology (WGM), the Working Group on Hydrology (WGH), the Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction (WGDRR), and the Training and Research Coordination Group (TRCG). The Advisory Working Group (AWG) oversees these groups and coordinates overall committee activities. Researchers from ICHARM have served as the WGH chair for many years.

At each meeting, ICHARM actively delivers presentations and leads discussions, demonstrating the strong international presence of ICHARM, PWRI, and MLIT. These efforts help strengthen international collaboration and technical exchange among Typhoon Committee members and contribute to Japan's leadership in hydrology in particular.



Photo 1 Participants in the 58th Annual Session (Mar. 2026)



Photo 2 Senior Researcher Miyamoto reporting on WGH's activities