

3.5 "End-to-End Action Plan" Presenter: Masahiko Murase, ICHARM Chief Researcher



Dr. Murase delivers presentation

At the the International Flood Initiative (IFI) end-to-end session, the spiral-up actions for (1) Data & Statistics, (2) Risk assessment, (3) Risk change identification, (4) Support in sound policy-making, and (5) Support in community of practice were discussed based on the reports from the Asian Water Cycle Initiative (AWCI) and the Network of Asian River Basin Organizations (NARBO), followed by

the presentations on flood early warning systems and flood disaster risk reduction.

After the ten-year anniversary of IFI from 2005, contributions from support partners are expected through delivering best to local practices.

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洪水セッションのサブセッション3.5である国際洪水イニシアチブ(IFI)の取りまとめセッションではアジア水循環イニシアチブ及びアジア河川流域機関ネットワークの参加国からの報告、洪水早期警戒システムや洪水リスク軽減に関する発表を受けて、(1) データと統計、(2) リスク評価、(3) リスクの変化把握、(4) 政策提言及び(5) コミュニティ実践の支援をスパイラルアップして進めていくことが議論されました。

2005年の開始から10年あまりを経て国際洪水イニシアチブの促進に向けた各機関の積極的な貢献が期待されます。

6.2 "ICHARM Capacity Building" Chair: Katsuhito Miyake, ICHARM then-Chief Researcher

The capacity development session was held on March 2, 2016. ICHARM has operated one-year master's course in disaster prevention since 2007 as a joint effort with JICA and GRIPS, and graduated 97 students with a master's degree in the last eight years, who are now practicing their expertise in their home countries. A doctoral program has also been offered since 2010, and four students have graduated. Seven master's program graduates were invited for this session from Serbia, Nigeria, Nepal, Bangladesh, Thailand, Pakistan and Guatemala, as well as Dr. A. W. Jayawardena, who was once the research and training advisor of ICHARM and is currently a professor emeritus of Hong Kong University.

The session opened with a greeting by Mr. Yamanouchi, the director general of the Global Environment Department of JICA, which was followed by a presentation on the 10-year history of ICHARM. Each invited graduate spoke about their current work and future goals, and joined the discussion afterwards with other panelists.



Capacity Building session

These graduates are now active professionals committed to disaster management in their countries, maximizing education they received at ICHARM. Some have been promoted after earning a master's degree at ICHARM. Many are using the Integrated Flood Analysis System, a tool for effective disaster management developed by ICHARM. The session was a good opportunity to know that the graduates are doing great work at home, taking advantage of knowledge and skills they learned at ICHARM, and gradually assuming more important responsibilities in their organizations. ICHARM will continue enhancing the network of graduates and ex-trainees as part of the effort to strengthen the collaboration between ICHARM and international professionals and organizations in disaster management.

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ICHARMでは2007年よりJICA及びGRIPSと連携した一年間の防災学マスターコースを組織しており、既に8期97名の修士号取得者が各国で活躍しています。また2010年より開設された博士コースは4名の卒業生を出しています。2日に行った能力開発セッションでは修士コースOBから7名、また前ICHARM研究・研修指導監であるJayawardena氏(現:香港大学名誉教授)をお迎えしたセッションを実施しました。7名の修士OBの出身国はセルビア、ナイジェリア、ネパール、バングラデシュ、タイ、パキスタン及びブータンでした。

セッションではJICA山内地球環境部長からの祝辞に続き、10年間の振り返りのプレゼンテーション、各卒業生から現在の活動及び今後への抱負についてプレゼンテーションが行われ、最後にパネルディスカッションが行われました。

各卒業生は各国での水災害に向き合う現場のプロであり、ICHARMでの修士を得ることにより母国でプロモーションをした者、またICHARMで開発されたツールであるIFAS(統合洪水解析システム)を各国で応用している者も多い等、ICHARMで教育を受けたことをアドバンテージとして各国で着実に力を発揮し、徐々に中堅幹部としての地位を固めつつあることが分かりました。今後とも研修生OBのネットワークを維持発展させ、ICHARMの海外との連携強化の一助とする所存です。