



Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction 2016
New Delhi, India
02-05 November 2016



Commemoration Ceremony of the World Tsunami Awareness Day
at Closing Ceremony
09.00-10.30 hours, Saturday, 5th November 2016

<p>Concept</p>	<p>Tsunamis are rare. But they can be extremely deadly. In the past 100 years, more than 260,000 people have perished in 58 separate tsunamis. At an average of 4,600 deaths per disaster, the toll has surpassed any other natural hazard. Tsunamis know no borders, making international cooperation key for deeper political and public understanding of risk reduction measures.</p> <p>The UN General Assembly has designated 5 November as World Tsunami Awareness Day and called on countries around the globe to mark it. The focus of the World Tsunami Awareness Day in 2016 is “Live to Tell” to promote effective education and evacuation drills.</p> <p>The UN General Assembly has tasked the UN office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) with facilitating the observance of World Tsunami Awareness Day in collaboration with the rest of the United Nations system.</p> <p>Together with the high level representatives, we mark the World Tsunami Awareness Day for the first time on 5th November at the Closing Ceremony of the 7th AMCDRR.</p> <p>On World Tsunami Awareness Day, we have to remind ourselves how important it is to reduce existing levels of risk and to avoid creating risk in the</p>
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	<p>future. Tsunamis may be rare events but are the deadliest of all natural hazards.</p> <p>The objectives of the Commemoration Ceremony are to disseminate the World Tsunami Awareness Day, to reflect on tsunami awareness and preparedness, and raise awareness of the risk which tsunamis pose in many parts of the world including parts of the world where there is no longer any folk memory of tsunamis which happened centuries ago.</p>
09.00 – 10.30	<p>Commemoration of the World Tsunami Awareness Day</p> <p>Format: Panel discussion with interactions with the audience</p> <p>Moderator: SRSG Mr. Robert Glasser</p>
09.00 – 09.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator introduces the World Tsunami Awareness Day, objectives of the session and speakers • Short video on IOWave16 – tsunami evacuation exercise in India and Seychelles
09.10 – 10.00	<p>Panel discussion on reflections on tsunami awareness and preparedness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Kiren Rijiju, Minister of State for Home Affairs Government of India and UNISDR DRR Champion - Mr. Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to India - Ms. Regina Prosper, Division of Risk and Disaster Management, the Government of Seychelles - Mr. Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and Assistant Director General of UNESCO - Ms. Laura Kong, Director, International Tsunami Information Center, NOAA IRC, USA
10.00 – 10.25	<p>Plenary discussion with the audience</p> <p>Moderator will ask for short questions to the point from the floor towards a specific speaker in the panel. SRSG will facilitate relevant speakers to respond to these questions.</p>
10.25 – 10.30	<p>Wrap up and closing of the session by SRSG as Moderator</p>