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Official Statement - Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

On behalf of the Macau’s disaster risk reduction community, Macau Disaster Risk Reduction Association would like to thank the international community for their continuous support in Macao’s disaster risk reduction development.

As a latecomer in the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Macau Disaster Risk Reduction Association still has a lot of growth potential and it still needs to strengthen its capacity and network for effective implementation of various projects. With further development, the Macau Disaster Risk Reduction Association is confident that it can contribute to the efforts of HFA2.

Macau is plagued seasonal typhoons and chronic flooding. The city is paralyzed during these predictable and reoccurring disasters, yet the Macau government’s lack of a coordinated and organized responses to these disasters. The delayed responses to these disasters are damaging to the city and are causing grieves in the local community. The Disaster Risk Reduction Association would like to take this opportunity invite interested parties in the international disaster risk reduction community to join our on going efforts to mitigate these disasters.

The Macau Disaster Risk Reduction Association will continue its capacity building local action project. The aim of the local action project is to coordinate different stakeholders in Macao and develop the capacity of the local community. The goal is to create an enabling environment in Macao so that the local citizens are able to make the city more resilient with minimal external support.

The long-term vision of the Macau Disaster Reduction Association is to grow together with the international community and share Macau’s experiences with the world. It takes different partners in different parts of the world to make the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction a success and the Macau’s disaster risk reduction community is ready and to do its part for the world.

Sincerely,

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