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14.10.2014

Administrator of the Sasakawa Award
United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)
9-11 Rue de Varembe
CH1202 Geneva,
Switzerland.

Dear Adminstrator of the Sasakawa Award,

Nomination for the Sasakawa Award

It is with great pleasure that I wish to nominate, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), Thailand for the 2015 – “The Sasakawa Award for recognizing excellence in reducing disaster risk for a safer, more sustainable world”. ADPC has proven to be a center of excellence on capacity building to Asia- Pacific region.

ADPC has extended their fullest cooperation and invaluable contributions to the Government of Sri Lanka and the Asia-Pacific Region through capacity building of Government officials and the stakeholders engaged in disaster management activities since 1985.

ADPC is recognized for its resources and the approaches which derived from local knowledge and capacities. It is also being recognized by the member states in Asia-Pacific Region, as the regional center dedicated for building safer communities by implementing disaster risk reduction initiatives through science, systems and applications.

In Sri Lanka, ADPC have being worked with the Government Ministries, Agencies, Universities, Non-government Sector organizations to support DRR interventions. It has made great contributions in building disaster resilience.

In addition, as the member of the Governing Board of SAARC Disaster management center I know that ADPC has made significant contributions in reducing the disaster risk not only in Sri Lanka, but throughout the South Asia.

In the above context, I highly recommend Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), Thailand for the prestigious 2015 Sasakawa Award.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Thanking you,
Yours sincerely,

S M Mohamed
Secretary
Ministry of Disaster Management

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Recognizing excellence in reducing disaster risk
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Questionnaire for those submitting nominations

Please note: Once you have nominated an individual or institution for the award, your nominee must provide supporting documenting to be considered for the award.

Please fill out this section only if you are nominating an institution

Institution name: **Asian Disaster Preparedness Center**_____

Address of headquarters: **SM Tower, 24th Floor, 979/69 Paholyothin Rd, Phayathai, Bangkok, Thailand**

Address of nominated institution if different from headquarters _____

Date of creation **1986** Main fields of activity **Disaster Preparedness** _____

Size **100 Staffs** _____ Organization structure **Non-Profit Organization** _____

Annual budget and sources of income **12 Million USD, through Bi-lateral Agreements and Income from Fee Based Training Courses etc.**

Name and title of chief executive officer **Mr. Shane Wright, Executive Director** _____

For those submitting nominations, please provide your details

Nominator's name **Ms. S. Marina Mohamed**_____

Address **Ministry of Disaster Management, Vidya Mawatha, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka**_____

Email **siththymarina@yahoo.com**_____

Present position **Secretary of the Ministry of Disaster Management**_____

Previous posts and functions _____

Previous Posts :

• Secretary Ministry of Disaster Management	From 26.04.2010 to up to date
• Additional Secretary Ministry of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services	From 15.02.2006 to 25.04.2010
• Senior Assistant Secretary Ministry of Resettlement	From 01.09.2005 to 14.02.2006
• Senior Assistant Secretary Ministry of Interior / Public Security Law & Order	From 01.08.2002 to 31.08.2005
• Director (Administration) Department of Census & Statistics	From 17.04.2002 to 31.07.2002
• Director (Administration) Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, Colombo	From 05.02.2001 to 08.04.2002
• Deputy Director (Administration) Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, Colombo	From 25.06.1997 to 04.02.2001
• Deputy Secretary (Internal Administration) Ministry of Public Administration & Home Affairs, Colombo	From 27.06.1996 to 24.06.1997
• Deputy Secretary (Home Affairs) Ministry of Public Administration & Home Affairs, Colombo	From 26.05.1995 to 26.06.1996
• Asst.Secretary, Ministry of Education, Provincial Council, Sabaragamuwa	From 18.05.1995 to 23.05.1995
• Deputy Chief Secretary (Admin) Provincial Council, Sabaragamuwa	From 01.11.1993 to 17.05.1995
• Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare, Co-Operatives and Women's Affairs, Provincial Council, Sabaragamuwa	From 23.05.1993 to 30.10.1993
• A.G.A Head Quarters, Kachcheri Ratnapura	From 01.01.1990 to 22.05.1993
• Asst.Director (Social Services), Kachcheri Ratnapura	From 23.09.1986 to 31.12.1989
• Asst.Secretary (Training), Ministry of Home Affairs, Colombo	From 01.03.1985 to 22.09.1986
• Sri Lanka Administrative Service Induction Training Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration	From 01.03.1984 to 28.02.1985

Functions :

1. Policy Implementation
2. Management and Administration
3. Project Management
4. Social Welfare
5. Disaster Management
6. International Affairs
7. Capacity Development

In less than 400 words, please describe the remarkable and innovative effort carried out by the nominee to reduce the impact of disasters and build disaster resilience under the theme *"Shaping the Future."*

I wish to acknowledge the vital role being played by ADPC through policy interventions, capacity building, early warning system development and sector based mainstreaming for *"Shaping the Future of disaster risk reduction (DRR) in Sri Lanka"*.

After the devastating Indian Ocean Tsunami in December 2004, our government worked relentlessly to establish an institutional structure and coordination mechanism for DRR in the country. ADPC has made great contributions through technical assistance for establishment of the Disaster Management Center (2005) and subsequent interventions for institutional development of the Ministry of Disaster Management. Furthermore, ADPC has provided valuable strategic contributions for developing "Roadmap for Disaster Management towards Safer Sri Lanka" in 2005 and introducing guidelines for safer construction after witnessing the Tsunami devastation to the housing sector.

ADPC is well recognized in the region for its expertise in capacity building in DRR themes, which are selectively tailored to meet the expectations and needs of the target countries. Disaster Resilience Leadership course initiated in Sri Lanka since 2011, stands out as an innovative intervention, which addresses the leadership gaps for strengthening disaster resilience. This course has brought together multi-stakeholder practitioners from different ranks of hierarchy, ranging from senior to middle management.

ADPC has promoted the utilization of science-based information to deal with potential extreme events through capacity enhancement of the Department of Meteorology. This has considerably improved the reliability of weather forecasts and timely dissemination of early warning to communities at risk. In addition, ADPC has assisted local governments in Eastern Sri Lanka in empowering communities to respond to early warning effectively and improving preparedness capacity, which is a good replicable model elsewhere.

MunichRE RISK Award 2014 has chosen ADPC initiated project on "Mainstreaming climate information application for enhancement of ecosystems functions for DRR", as one of the best projects. This project aims at enhancing the resilience of vulnerable farming communities in Nilwala river basin, introducing an innovative system by technology integration for Climate Change Adaptation.

ADPC recognizes the need for highly talented professionals representing different disciplines for countrywide development. ADPC has achieved this objective by extending dedicated support to the Postgraduate Institute of Science in University of Peradeniya in helping to institutionalize a Masters Degree course in Disaster Management. This competitive postgraduate course is contributing towards creating skilled local professionals in DRR, who have the potential for shaping the future of Sri Lanka by contributing through safer development practices.

In less than 100 words, please describe how the nominee's work is funded.

Currently ADPC program administration, resource mobilization and institutional management are being carried out as per institutional policies of the Foundation. ADPC has significantly expanded its resource base and programs over the last 28 years. To date ADPC has around 100 professional staff employed in Bangkok office and country offices. The main income sources of ADPC is through bi-lateral cooperation with several donor countries and other income is generated through conduct of regular regional level capacity building programs, training and consultancy services. Given ADPC's established professional standing, its growing viability with diversified support, ADPC has demonstrated its capacity to harness and mobilize financial resources in a sustainable manner.