

SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES

“Live to tell in Korea”

Building the Capacity of Incheon City Officials to Implement Disaster Risk Reduction and the Making Cities Resilient campaign

11 October, Incheon, Republic of Korea

On Tuesday, 11 October 2016, 100 city officials from Incheon Metropolitan City gathered to learn about the UNISDR Making Cities Resilient: ‘My city is getting ready!’ disaster resilience campaign and its ‘Ten Essentials for Resilient Cities’ checklist to strengthen disaster risk management and Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction implementation within their city. The Framework was adopted by UN Member States including the Republic of Korea as the global blueprint for reducing disaster risk and increasing resilience in March 2015.

The seminar also celebrated the 2016 International Day for Disaster Reduction under the theme ‘Live to Tell’ – which focused on target (a) of the Sendai Framework to reduce global mortality due to disaster events, and provided an orientation on social disasters and the disaster system in the Republic of Korea.



Incheon Metropolitan City officials (Republic of Korea), with UNISDR ONEA-GETI presenter

Incheon Metropolitan City Disaster Risk Reduction Profile

Incheon’s greatest hazard risks are flood and storm, and its motto “Be Prepared, Be Aware, Be Ready”.¹ The city’s *Developing and Implementing City Resilience Action Plan in Rep of Korea* outlines the city’s efforts to mitigate natural disaster including flood management, collaborative projects with central government, multi-purpose development projects, a multi-hazard risk reduction approach, preparedness and early warning.

¹ Incheon city profile: <http://www.unisdr.org/campaign/resilientcities/home/cityprofile/City%20Profile%20Of%20Incheon/?id=509>

About the Seminar

Participants were then introduced to the basics of understanding disaster risk, hazard, vulnerability and exposure; the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the importance of its implementation at local level; and the 'Ten Essentials for Resilient Cities', a tool of the UNISDR Making Cities Resilient global campaign. Through case studies for each essential, participants increased their understanding of what it takes to implement disaster risk reduction.



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About the Making Cities Resilient Campaign

The Making Cities Resilient (MCR) campaign offers guidance, tools and a community of local authorities and other relevant stakeholders to help support implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 at the local level.

Outcomes

Overall, participants' improved their understanding of disaster risk reduction, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, and the role of local authorities in its implementation. City officials' also improved their understanding of social disaster and cooperation within working divisions in the Republic of South Korea, as well as the Korean disaster management system during disaster situations.

Regular training seminars have been requested to continue to support the capacity development of city officials in implementing the Sendai Framework at local level as part of Incheon's commitment to Making Cities Resilient.

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