The Development of Comprehensive Disaster Reduction Work in China

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National Plan for Comprehensive Disaster Reduction (2006-2010)

National Commission for Disaster Reduction

1st Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Reduction

International Natural Disasters Reduction for Ten Years


Transition

National Disaster Reduction Plan (1998-2010)

China International Disaster Reduction Committee

Whitepaper: China's Actions for Disaster Prevention and Reduction

China Committee for International Disaster Reduction for Ten Years

42nd Session of the UN General Assembly
8 Priorities for Action

1. System and Mechanism
2. Legislation
3. Comprehensive Plan
4. Disaster Risk Management
5. Engineering Construction
6. Community-based DRR
7. Publicity and Education
8. International Cooperation
5 Major Changes

1. Departmental Disaster Management → Comprehensive Disaster Management
2. Disaster Relief → Disaster Reduction and Relief
3. Disaster Reduction → Disaster Risk Reduction
4. Engineering Measures → Engineering and Non-engineering Measures
5. Rural Disaster Relief → Urban and Rural Disaster Relief
The Plenary of China National Commission for Disaster Reduction on 12 May 2013
The National Comprehensive
Disaster Prevention and
Reduction Plan (2011- 2015)

Promulgated by the State Council, P.R.China
November 26, 2011
Lushan earthquake with magnitude 7.0 in Sichuan province on 20 April 2013.

- 117 counties and 2.84 million people affected
- 832000 people evacuated
- 196 dead, 21 missing, 14000 injured
- Direct economic loss: RMB 65.94 billion yuan
4 Outstanding Characteristics

1. Highlight local governments' major responsibility
2. More efficiently and effectively
3. Scientific disaster rescue and relief
4. More transparent and open
THANK YOU!