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Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation
between
Asian Disaster Reduction Center in Kobe, Japan
and
Center for Emergency Situations
and Disaster Risk Reduction in Almaty, Kazakhstan
(hereinafter the "Parties")

Considering that the Parties:

have decided to make Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation (hereinafter - Memorandum) in order to promote, facilitate and strengthen international cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction and emergency response,

authorized for signing of the Memorandum the Executive Director of the Asian Disaster Reduction Center represented by Sasahara Akio and the Director of the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction represented by Dzhergalbek Ukashev,

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Aims of the Memorandum are to establish functioning relationship between the Parties, based on equality and mutual benefit, strengthen the capacity of the Parties in the field of disaster risk reduction and emergency response, and implementation of joint activities of mutual interest.

Main objectives of the cooperation are the creation of favorable conditions for exchange of experience, scientific and applied development, information and technologies, organization of joint research and development of projects.

Article 2

Based on the availability of funds and human resources, the area of cooperation to be promoted may include the following areas:

- a) consolidation and joint efforts in development of the Central Asian Early Warning System for disasters, taking into account the existing advanced experience and practice of Japan;

- b) planning and implementation of measures in the field of disaster risk reduction and emergency response by initiating, development, promoting and participating in the implementation of national, interstate and international programs and initiatives;
- c) qualification enhancement of experts and specialists of Central Asian countries, international and non-profit organizations, scientific institutions and other stakeholders,
- d) taking the necessary measures on introduction of innovative information and communication systems in monitoring, prevention and assessment of disaster risks in Central Asian region based on the experience and practice of Japan;
- e) updating estimates of the key risk factors of large-scale, transboundary disaster on the regional level and identification of possible social and economic consequences in case of their occurrence;
- f) development, improvement and implementation methodical materials, unified terminology, standardized forms and system of data collection, processing, storage, protection and analysis and exchange of information;
- g) other areas of mutual interests and agreed by both Parties.

Article 3

External organizations and individuals, who shares the aims of the Memorandum, may be incorporated in this Memorandum upon mutual agreement of the Parties.

Article 4

Parties consider this Memorandum as declaration of voluntary intentions, not entailing any legal and financial commitments for the implementation of joint activities.

Parties understand that no action within the framework of this Memorandum should infringe on the authorities and rights of any of the Parties.

Article 5

Any corrections or/and amendments of the Memorandum require the written consent of the Parties and shall be attached to the current Memorandum.

Article 6

This Memorandum is drawn up in English language, one copy for each party.

Article 7

This Memorandum enters into force upon signature by both Parties and shall be valid for five years. After this period, the Memorandum will be automatically extended for the next five-year period, unless the Parties decide otherwise. The Memorandum may be amended or supplemented by mutual agreement of the Parties. Each Party may withdraw from this Memorandum by sending written notice to the other party no later than 90 days before withdrawal.

If, any ongoing work on any program or project within the framework of an additional memorandum, which is a part of the Memorandum, exists at the moment of termination of the Memorandum, then all respective work must be completed regardless of the termination period of this Memorandum.

All Parties shall make reasonable efforts for proper implementation of this Memorandum.

Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction

Director



_____ **D. Ukashev**

15 August 2022



Asian Disaster Reduction Center

Executive Director


_____ **A. Sasahara**

1st September 2022

