

The Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response Collaboration with the U.S.

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On 17 January, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States and the American Institute in Taiwan signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the "Establishment of a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response Working Group", and have identified the National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction (NCDR) and the Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance (CFE-DM) to be jointly responsible for following implementation.

Joseph D. Martin, Director of CFE-DM, visited Minister Tsung-Tsong Wu, National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) on 1 February, to exchange views on promoting the follow-up work.



Figure 1 NSTC Minister Wu (the right) met CFE-DM Director Martin (the left) and discussed bilateral cooperation

Minister Wu said that through the science and technology on disaster reduction to strengthen the Humanitarian Assistance, is a real action to carry out the issue of resilience and sustainability. NSTC places importance on the S&T of disaster reduction and hopes to share Taiwan's experiences with international partners.

Director Martin appreciated Taiwan's positivity and efforts for disaster risk reduction and response, and did hope based on the MoU to work together to connect the capacity between the U.S and Taiwan to facilitate regional collaborations.

Director Martin also visited the Tzu Chi Charity Foundation and met Mr. Po-Wen Yen, Chief Executive Officer of Tzu Chi in Hualien. Director Martin was very impressed by Tzu Chi's contribution for the humanitarian as well as their smart measures to assist people immediately when disasters occurred.



Figure 2 CFE-DM Director Martin visited the Hualien Tzu Chi Charity Foundation

The 11th DPRI-NCDR Workshop

March 2023; Kyoto, Japan

The 11th DPRI-NCDR Workshop was held on 18 March in Kyoto, Japan. Hence the MoU signed between Disaster Prevention Research Institute Kyoto University (DPRI) and National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction of Taiwan (NCDR) from 2010, Director Hongey Chen led NCDR teams to Kyoto and had comprehensive discussion on Meteorology, Geological and Hydrological Hazards and Social System to advance bilateral academic collaboration with the friends of DPRI.



Figure 3 The 11th DPRI-NCDR Workshop in Kyoto, Japan

The 2nd DPRI-NCDR Workshop

March 2023; Tsukuba, Japan

The 2nd Workshop between National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction of Taiwan (NCDR) and National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Resilience of Japan (NIED) was held on 20 March in Tsukuba, Japan. Since the MoC was signed between NCDR and NIED in 2020, but due to the covid-19, this was the second time that two organizations could exchange S&T researches on disaster reduction in person. Director Hongey Chen appreciated to learn and exchange knowledge on seismic research with Japan, and had fruitful introduction from NIED. NIED President HAYASH Haru was glad and grateful NCDR' visit and hope to further each parties' collaboration.

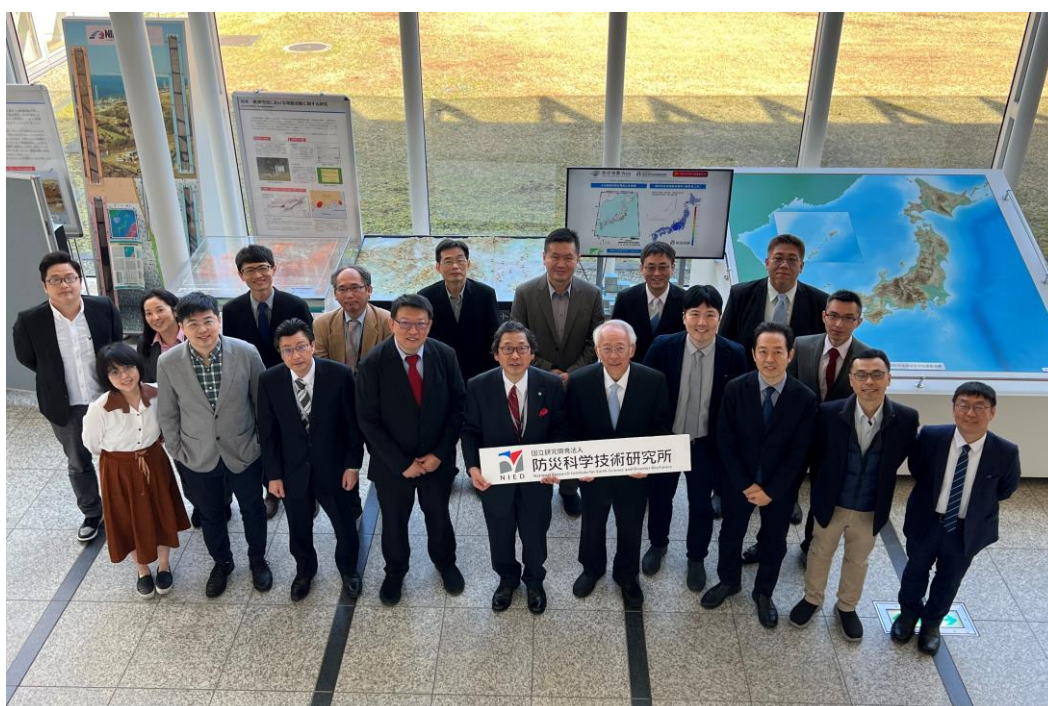


Figure 4 The 2nd NIED-NCDR Workshop in Tsukuba, Japan

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