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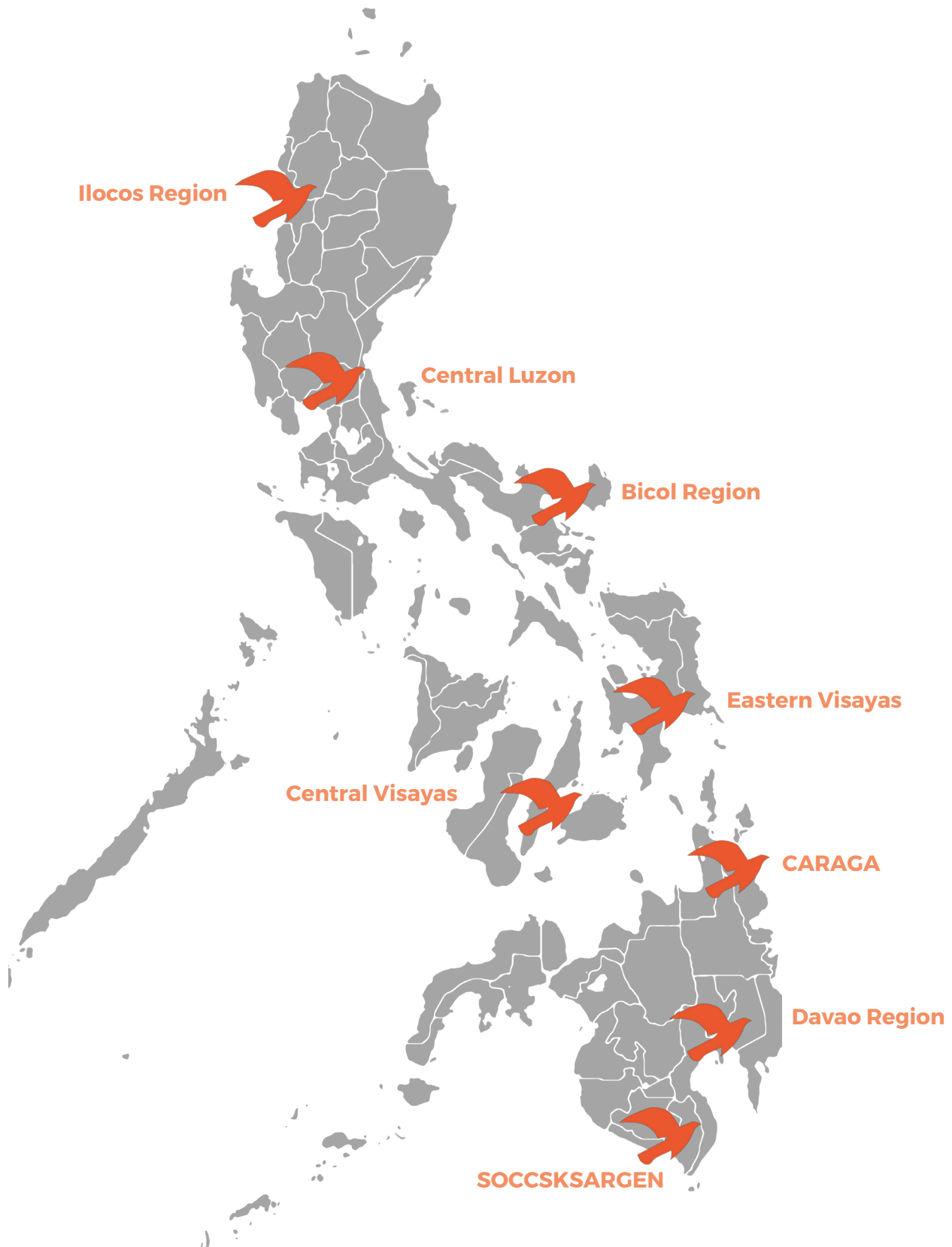
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FOREWORD

The Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management - Philippines (A-PAD PH) created this publication to document the discussions that took place at the International Symposium 2022 held at Jen Manila by Shangrila on August 4, 2022. The topics discussed were the best practices for enhancing multi-sectoral partnerships for the immediate delivery of emergency response in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic. During the event, participants shared their experiences from both the Philippine local regions and the Asia Pacific region.

Ms. Kaori Neki of A-PAD Japan spoke about COVID-19 disaster relief activities. Mr. Jangwoo Lee of A-PAD South Korea addressed fund-generation practices during the pandemic to assist other country members. Ms. Sinta Kaniawati of A-PAD Indonesia shared their experiences with the private sector's participation in strengthening resilience and economic recovery. Mr. Firzan Hashim of A-PAD Sri Lanka spoke about public and private partnerships in disaster preparedness and management. Ms. Sadia Samad Mou of A-PAD Bangladesh spoke on Zoom about strengthening disaster collaboration with the medical sector. Finally, Dr. Elmer Lorenzana of A-PAD Philippines discussed the practices of multi-sectoral collaboration in disaster risk management in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The aforementioned symposium was held at A-PAD Philippines invitation and is part of the project - Strengthening Community Resilience through Multi-Sectoral Collaboration - supported by the People of Japan through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Representatives and partners from the local and international communities were present.

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The COVID 19 pandemic has been, by far, the most disastrous pandemic that the world has experienced in the last 100 years. The pandemic has resulted in economic and social crises and has vastly impacted the healthcare system, causing the deaths of many.

In the early days of the pandemic, strict quarantine measures and community lockdowns were implemented in the country, which lasted for almost a year. This affected the local business sector in providing goods and services to the community. The hardest hit are the micro small medium enterprises (MSME) which comprise about 99.51% of all the businesses in the country. In November 2021, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) stated that around 10% of the MSMEs in Metro Manila were still closed despite easing the community quarantine in the region. The healthcare sector in the country was greatly challenged due to a lack of facilities and resources. The education sector was also severely affected as schools were closed for almost 2 years, forcing learning institutions to conduct online classes with poor internet connections and the lack of equipment for most of the students. Civil society organizations were likewise unable to reach out to communities because of travel restrictions and prohibitions on social gatherings. Thereby limiting their role to augment the capacity and effort of the government in mitigating the risks of COVID-19 given its unprecedented speed and scale of infection.

In the last quarter of 2020, still reeling from the economic shock brought by the pandemic, the country was battered by three successive typhoons, in a matter of two weeks, that brought devastation to a large swath of Luzon. And in the following year faced with intermittent community lockdowns and a surge of covid 19 cases, another strong and devastating typhoon-affected 11 of the total 17 regions in the country. In all of these adversities, different sectors despite enduring the effects of pandemic have responded both independently and collectively. In areas where there are existing multisectoral formations, partners were able to leverage their available resources and expertise to provide responses in areas where it is badly needed and least served.

The multisectoral collaboration work has been the most effective and efficient, especially in situations where resources are scarce and barriers are in place because of the pandemic but this will not be possible without the key elements and components for partnerships to effectively work.

It is with this context that the Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management – Philippines conducted a symposium and gathering to discuss and present the best approaches for enhancing multi-sectoral partnership for the immediate delivery of emergency response in the context of COVID-19 pandemic at the local level.

A-PAD Philippines presented the International Symposium 2022 marking its 1st year as a newly registered non-government organization and its 6th year since the A-PAD Philippines National Platform gathered to develop a framework for disaster-relief work enhanced by the existence of a pre-agreement and cooperation among different actors. Representatives and partners from local and the international community participated in the symposium.

The event was supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Japan.

Mr. Rene S. Meily is the President of the Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation. PDRF is the Philippines' major private sector vehicle and coordinator for disaster resilience. PDRF currently operates the world's only national private sector Emergency Operations Center. Since 2016, A-PAD Philippines and PDRF have worked hand in hand in the delivery of relief aid to communities affected by disasters. More importantly, A-PAD Philippines and PDRF have pursued MSME resilience through the conduct of Business Continuity Planning Trainings and Seminars.



Rene S. Meily
President, Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation

COVID-19 pandemic has been a cruel disease. Many of us have seen our friends and our family members get sick and die. I lost my own mother a year ago today and I would have to excuse myself briefly after my remarks to attend her one year death anniversary, Zoom mass. I myself just recovered from COVID a few days ago.

At one point 70% of MSMEs in the Philippines are closed during the pandemic. As we slowly recover from the effects of the disease, we can look back with pride at the many relief efforts that APAD and others mounted in 2020, 2021, and 2022 despite facing the threat of the disease.

We meet today for the first time in over three years, attempting to finally make concrete, the relationships that bind us together that make A-PAD what it is. I remember as I look out at you, our many activities over the years. I recall visiting Sri Lanka twice and touring by train even to the city of Jaffna, which was the rebel capital. And I remember asking, if it's safe for us to go there. But that was a beautiful trip. We visited Jakarta, New Delhi. I remember our visits to Naga and Cebu to launch the A-PAD regional platforms there. PDRF has been working closely with A-PAD in supporting MSMEs through the resilience core group, a public-private sector consortium and in conducting business continuity training sessions all throughout the pandemic in different parts of the country.

Whenever I see A-PAD gathered together and all the representatives from the many different countries and the many regions of the Philippines, I'm filled with a sense of hope for the future. If we can come together to prepare for and respond to disasters, then surely the world can work its way out of the current situation of war, economic difficulties, and a continuing health emergency – from COVID, monkeypox, and other assorted threats. I am fond of quoting someone I admired when I was growing up, Bobby Kennedy, who said: "But we can perhaps remember, if only for a time, that those who live with us are our brothers, that they share with us the same short moment of life; that they seek, as do we, nothing but the chance to live out their lives in purpose and in happiness, winning what satisfaction and fulfillment they can."

If there is one thing that we have learned from the pandemic, it's that we are all connected. Whether we live in Wuhan, Jakarta, or Navotas. Let us face the future together knowing that we are stronger together, and that together there is nothing that we cannot accomplish.[1]

Mr. Gilbert Albero is the president of the Board of Trustees of the Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management- Philippines. He is currently serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Metro Naga Water District, and as the current president of the Philippine Retailers Association. From 2015 - 2017, he served as the president of the Metro Naga Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Mr. Albero is the person instrumental to the establishment of the local A-PAD multisectoral platforms and subsequently, the A-PAD Philippines NGO.



Gilbert Albero **President, A-PAD Philippines**

To our distinguished guests, Ms. Yumi Yamada, Third Secretary of the Embassy of Japan, Dr. Minerva Calimag and the Executive Officers of the Philippine Medical Association, Dr. Ma. Lourdes Monteverde from Davao Chamber of Commerce and Industry on zoom, to Mr. Butch Meily of Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation, representatives from A-PAD National Platforms – my colleagues, Mr. Firzan Hashim of A-PAD Sri Lanka, Ms. Sinta Kaniawati of A-PAD Indonesia, Ms. Kaori Neki from A-PAD Management office in Japan, Mr. Jangwoo Lee of A-PAD Korea and Ms. Sadia Samad Mou of A-PAD Bangladesh who are both via Zoom, my colleagues in A-PAD Philippines, partners from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, friends, ladies and gentlemen, a very pleasant morning to all of us!

Today on behalf of the A-PAD Philippine team, I welcome you all to this International Symposium. This is a highlight activity of A-PAD Philippines since its inception in the year 2015. This has been an effective venue in sharing the best practices of different countries in terms of multi-sectoral collaborations as well as the challenges encountered and lessons learned in every country where A-PAD exists. The last two years restricted all our movements due to COVID-19 Pandemic including A-PAD activities.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been, by far, the most disastrous pandemic that the world has experienced in the last 100 years. It really concretely stopped everything. Not to mention the economic and social crises it resulted in. What makes the situation worse is that in the middle of the pandemic with the surge of cases, devastating typhoons hit the country. But amidst all these, different sectors have responded both independently and collectively, easing the burden of the most affected communities.

The multisectoral collaboration work has been the most effective and efficient in these situations especially where resources are scarce and barriers are in place because of the pandemic.[2] But this will not be possible without the key elements and components for partnerships to effectively work.

This year's International Symposium aims to help the local partners and the international community to share the good practices, lessons, and challenges among A-PAD National Platforms on a multi-sector collaboration on disaster risk management and emergency response. A-PAD Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Philippines will be sharing their best practices on multi-stakeholder collaboration on disaster risk management and emergency response during COVID 19 pandemic. With this sharing, may we be able to learn and identify common points that could be helpful in the process of improving the delivery of our emergency response from other countries' experiences.

Thank you so much and have a wonderful and fruitful ahead of us. Mabuhay tayong lahat, magandang umaga.

Dr. Quazi Quamruzzaman, MD is the chairperson of the Dhaka Community Hospital Trust which he founded in 1988 in an effort to bring affordable, high-quality tertiary health care to the underprivileged community throughout Bangladesh. He is also the Chairperson of the Community Initiative Society (CIS), a community-based organization that supports human rights, social empowerment, disaster risk reduction, and management, climate change, and health risk management.



Dr. Quazi Quamruzzaman
A-PAD Chairperson

Good morning, and very warm greetings to everyone. Honorable Ambassador Mr. Koshikawa Kazuhiko, Embassy of Japan, Manila; Asec. Joselito Alejandro IV from the Office of the Civil Defense; to Dr. Minerva Calimag from the Philippine Medical Association, to Dr. Ma. Lourdes Monteverde from Davao Chamber of Commerce and Industry, to Mr. Rene Meily of Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation, leaders and representatives from National Platforms from the different parts of the Asia-Pacific Region, A-PAD from different countries, delegates from the different sectors of A-PAD Philippines National Platform led by its president Mr. Gilbert Alberio and representative from business, academe, NGOs, CSOs, government agencies, media, faith-based organizations, and volunteer, my warmest greetings to each one of you.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my great pleasure and honor to participate in today's International Symposium on multi-sectoral partnerships on disaster risk management and emergency response during the COVID-19 pandemic, organized by A-PAD Philippines. I would like to welcome you all to today's International Symposium. The last two years have been indeed the most challenging time not only for the Philippines, but for the whole world. Each one of us has learned our own way of surviving the pandemic. It has taught us to go beyond our usual plans in disaster risk management and not only focus our attention on the typical human-induced and natural hazards. We faced a lot of challenges during the pandemic, but what's important was the effort of sharing the knowledge and resources and working together to provide the most immediate support needed by our beneficiaries and to the partners to recover from the economic loss and health crisis.[3]

The Asia-Pacific region is battled with different calamities every year – earthquakes, massive flooding, typhoons, and now the pandemic. And it has become a one-time bigtime challenge to all of us but working collectively was proven to be the most effective practice in strengthening disaster risk management as one compliments what is lacking in others resulting in more resources and bigger impacts.

And today, we are all gathered here in this venue to share the best practices in the past two years of how we are working towards becoming pandemic-resilient. While some of us here have been in the field of disaster response, we hope that the sharing of practices of speakers from the Asia-Pacific region would broaden our understanding and knowledge, that there is yet the best equation to become resilient. It may be a long journey to find the best procedure, but the learnings are always just along the way.

I now officially open this year's International Symposium 2022 with the theme Pandemic-Resilient: Multi-sector Collaboration on Disaster Risk Management and Emergency Response.

I thank all the distinguished and honorable guests and participants who are here today for giving their valuable time and joining us. I also thank the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan, who always extend their kind support for A-PAD. I thank the organizer of A-PAD Philippines and participants for home and abroad. I wish you all a very enjoyable and successful international symposium.

Thank you so much and mabuhay.

Dr. Maria Minerva Calimag, MD is the President of the Philippine Medical Association. In 2014, fellow physicians voted her to lead them as the 93rd President and the 7th woman President of the Philippine Medical Association in its 111th year. She was re-elected as the 97th President of the Philippine Medical Association in its 119th year, during the recently concluded PMA election in March 2022.



Dr. Maria Minerva Calimag, MD
Philippine Medical Association

Good morning everyone. To all the dignitaries here present, and to the Asia-Pacific Alliance on Disaster management teams from all national platforms, good morning and a warm welcome from the Philippines.

So indeed the timing of this summit could not have been more appropriate as our country reels from yet another devastating earthquake, just a week ago. This multi-stakeholder collaboration on disaster risk management and emergency response to promote disaster resilience comes at the most opportune time.

The Philippines is prone to natural disasters, particularly typhoons, floods, landslides, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes and tsunamis, lying in an active volcanic region known as the Pacific Ring of Fire. The Philippines, however, also suffered significantly human costs and environmental degradation including loss of our agricultural lands, deforestation, soil pollution, air and water pollution, improper disposal of solid and toxic waste, loss of coral reefs, mismanagement and abuse of coastal resources, human driven and natural loss of trees, deforestation that affects wildlife, ecosystems, water patterns, and even the climate. As the climate changes, mosquito and tick vectors adapt to new environments, which leads to shifts in the spatial distribution, seasonality, and incidence rates of disease-carrying mosquitoes and ticks as they move to different regions. The incidence of dengue fever, malaria, Zika, and Chikungunya has increased throughout the years. We have seen a surge during the last month.

The 2015-2016 El Nino triggered disease outbreaks across the globe. Fluctuations in climate variables such as temperature, relative humidity and changes in precipitation, land surface temperatures, and vegetation created and facilitated conditions for transmission of diseases, resulting in an uptick in reported cases that influence the spread of infectious diseases, mutating variants and some variants of COVID-19. Other viruses and antimicrobial-resistant bacteria likewise cause for concern, leading to emerging and reemerging infectious diseases of pandemic proportions. And in all of these, we know how social inequities exist globally. And we see how the poorest of the poor and most vulnerable people are likely to be the most affected by these environmental disruptions. From ancient times, nature has revealed an interconnected life force to humans in the form of rhythms and patterns and cycles, but as man progresses, we have forgotten the life-giving forces of nature, and instead of protecting it, many chose to exploit it.

Last October 13th, 2021, during the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction. Mami Mizutori, the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Disaster Risk Reduction and head of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, emphasized the need for a world in crisis to engage in international cooperation. He focused on a topic that has been pushed to the fore by debates, ranging from the faltering response to planetary emergencies, such as the COVID 19 pandemic, climate change, the destruction of protected ecosystems, and more.

Disasters impact low and middle-income countries disproportionately, particularly in terms of mortality, numbers of people injured, displaced and homeless, economic losses and damage to critical infrastructure. We cannot eradicate poverty and hunger if we do not step up our investments in disaster risk reduction,

international cooperation for developing countries, and capacity building is essential to boost disaster resilience in the face of extreme weather events, and other natural and manmade hazards. In fact, I was recently in Abra, 11 hours before the earthquake struck and I was the first to actually report on the field, when on national television with Noli de Castro, I said there's an earthquake. This is something that really strikes us to the core and we don't really know when it will all happen.

Each year, the International Day for Risk Reduction is focused through the lens of one of the seven targets of the Sendai framework for disaster risk reduction, which was adopted during the 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan, March 18, 2015. This year's observance is centered on the target F which is enhancing international cooperation with developing countries as they seek to implement the national risk reduction strategies and reduce their disaster losses.

While rolling out vaccinations globally is critically important for ending the current pandemic, we also know that we have to inoculate our people worldwide against the infodemic. I'm one of six in the Philippines, who is being certified as infodemic manager. As of May 30, 2022, of 150 million doses administered in the Philippines, 69 million Filipinos have been fully vaccinated. But this represents only 77% of our target population. We should also address the infodemic that accompanies the pandemic that leads to high vaccine hesitancy in a population with limited health literacy.

Let us therefore adopt an open and progressive mindset. You have two choices. One is the path of inaction of glorifying the past. So coming to partisan politics that model all our issues in thwarting any attempt to move forward. The other is the path of action, of collaborating, innovating and leading the drive toward productive change.[4] This is a very welcome international forum, the PMA, together with its 119 component societies, eight specialty divisions, 75 specialty and subspecialty societies and 45 affiliate societies join the Asia-Pacific Alliance on Disaster in this forum, a worthy and collaborative undertaking. Good morning and thank you to all.

MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FROM THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT (VIA VIDEO)

Asec. Bernardo Rafaelito R. Alejandro IV, CESO IV, MNSA is the Deputy Administrator for Operations of the Office of the Civil Defense and a rank IV Career Executive Service Officer. He has been working with OCD for more than 20 years and he is also a Naval Reservist with a Rank of COMMANDER, equivalent to LTC in the Army.

He has managed several events and disaster responses since 2009 including the recent Typhoons, Rai and Megi. At present, he is part of the Covid-19 Pandemic Response Operations and manages the Task Group of Resource Management and Logistics which supports the National Task Force against Covid-19.



Asec. Bernardo Rafaelito R. Alejandro IV, CESO IV, MNSA
Deputy Administrator for Operations
Office of the Civil Defense

Our friends from the Asia-Pacific Alliance for Disaster - Philippines, resource speakers of this international forum, partners in disaster risk reduction and management from local and international communities, participants, friends, ladies and gentlemen, good morning!

It is my pleasure to join you today in this international forum that will serve as a platform for different countries to share their best practices and their multi-sectoral partnerships on disaster risk management and emergency response during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Today's discourses and sharing will enable us to look into approaches that helped us in overcoming the multifaceted challenges brought by emergencies, disasters, and the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our experiences are pushing us further to do better in the business of ensuring the lives and welfare of our respective countrymen. [5] These lessons that we learned are helping us in our continuing work to improve our delivery of essential DRRM services to our respective stakeholders.

All of these point to the value of multi-sector collaboration to the continuous improvement of our services, especially those provided to our constituents in times of emergency.

As we go through the discussions of the common points of interest and participating countries, I urge you all to make the most of this learning activity so that we can further strengthen our capacity in disaster risk reduction and management.

I thank the organizing team and our resource persons for making the time to share their expertise with us, and to all the participants, I look forward to this learning exchange. With that I wish you all a most fruitful forum. Magandang araw po at mabuhay.

MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FROM THE EMBASSY OF JAPAN IN MANILA

Ms. Yumi Yamada is the current Third Secretary of the Economic Section of the Embassy of Japan in Manila. She finished her Bachelor of Linguistics in Tokyo University of Foreign Studies in March 2017 and started her career in the Embassy of Japan in the Philippines last April 2021.

Yumi Yamada
Third Secretary, Embassy of Japan Manila, Philippines



Thank you for the introduction and good morning, everyone. Mr. Gilbert Albergo, president of A-PAD Philippines, Dr. Maria Minerva Calimag, Philippine Medical Association, Dr. Quazo Quamruzzaman, chairperson of A-PAD, Mr. Rene Meily, president of the PDRF, Ms. Sinta Kaniawati, country director, A-PAD Indonesia, and Mr. Firzan Hashim, country director, A-PAD Sri Lanka, Mr. Jangwoo Lee, A-PAD Korea; Sasia Samad Mou, A-PAD Bangladesh, and Mr. Elmer Lorenzana, Board of Trustees Secretary, A-PAD Philippines, and Dr. Ma. Lourdes Monteverde from Davao Chamber of Commerce and Industry, distinguished guests, ladies and gentleman, Magandang umaga po sa inyong lahat, good morning.

And it gives me great pleasure to be here with you all today for the A-PAD Philippines International Symposium. I extend my sincere gratitude, and congratulations to everyone who has made this possible despite the pandemic that continuously challenges us all.

And congratulations on your 10th anniversary and A-PAD and A-PAD Philippines are playing huge roles for disaster response in the Philippines. To give a recent example, they conducted a big and prompt response, in cooperation with other organizations for the victims of Typhoon Odette last year. We can say that A-PAD and A-PAD Philippines, are one of the biggest partners of Japan for disaster response. For that, please accept my great appreciation for the continued efforts

With both the Philippines and Japan as island countries in the Pacific Ocean prone to calamities, the principles we share bring us closer together amid challenging situations. Japan has always been a dependable friend and partner to the Philippines, especially during difficult times. While we cannot prevent disasters from happening, we can prepare for them and lessen the harm. This is a crucial point and the main reason that we decided to fund this project with JPY 53,484,563 or approximately PHP 25 million through the ODA scheme, "Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects."

Our shared objective in this regard is to make our nations more disaster resilient. Japan is glad to impart knowledge to you in moving towards achieving this goal. [6]

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting countries all over the world. Nobody can predict when a new pandemic will start even after this one has passed. Additionally, a pandemic could happen concurrently with a disaster, so we must be prepared. I hope that this symposium will help us build a stronger platform for emergency response.

Since 2002, the Government of Japan has made contracts for 57 projects in the Philippines under the "Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO projects." In addition to disaster management, projects for education, peacebuilding, and agriculture were also completed.

Lastly, we hope that this symposium will be successful and this project will serve as another testimony of the long standing of friendship and cooperation between the Philippines and Japan in pursuit of a brighter future. Rest assured of the unwavering commitment of the Embassy of Japan in providing development support to the Philippines.

Maraming salamat at mabuhay po kayo. Thank you very much.

SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE ASIA-PACIFIC ALLIANCE ON DISASTER-PHILIPPINES AND PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

To further strengthen multi-sectoral collaboration and partnership, a memorandum of understanding was signed between the Asia-Pacific Alliance on Disaster Management - Philippines and the Philippine Medical Association.

A-PAD PH and PMA believe that effective health emergency disaster risk management requires the active participation of representatives of stakeholder groups and sectors both at the local, national and international levels, and emphasis should be given to prevention, preparedness and readiness, together with response and recovery, to save lives and protect health.

Both parties also recognize the need to collaborate to strengthen cooperation of the private sector, government, and civil society organizations in reducing health risks and consequences of disasters and emergencies.




Present in the MOU signing are Dr. Maria Minerva Calimag, President of the Philippine Medical Association and its Secretary General, Dr. Marianne Ordoñez-Dobles, Dr. Gilbert Alberó, President of the A-PAD Philippines and its OIC-Executive Director, Ms. Athea Penalzoza, members of the A-PAD PH Board of Trustees and PMA Executive Officers.

ABOUT THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Since its foundation more than a century ago, it has grown to become the largest umbrella organization of physicians in the country that is recognized both by government regulatory bodies, as well as the international community of medical professionals. Its membership includes physicians in the private and public sectors duly licensed by the Professional Regulation Commission, and who joined the organization through one of the recognized component societies of the region where he or she belongs.

As one of the biggest professional organizations in the Philippines, it boasts of 40,000+ active members and 119 component societies and 8 specialty divisions, with 94 specialty societies and sub-specialties, and 39 affiliate societies. It has a Board of Governors representing almost all regions of the country. It seeks to build a strong and solid foundation, preserve the honor, and dignity of their profession, and become an active partner of the government in improving health conditions in the Philippines.

The PMA regards itself as being an outstanding professional organization in medicine, as it gives excellent service to its members and to its community. Some of these efforts include: benefits in the form of health, disability, and disaster related benefits; programs such as free dental, medical and surgical mission; socio-civic projects; and training and continuing development for the professionals. For several years now, the PMA has assured leadership in health related services here and abroad. It has co-founded the Confederation of Medical Associations in Asia and Oceania, and the Medical Association of the South East Asian Nations. It is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a non-stock and non-profit organization proud of its professional and policy-making roles.



BEST PRACTICES ON MULTI-STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATION ON DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

One of the highlights of the APAD International Symposium is the presentation of best practices from six countries – Japan, South Korea, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and the Philippines on Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration on Disaster Risk Management and Emergency Response during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

DISASTER RELIEF ACTIVITIES UNDER COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Ms. Kaori Neki has worked at Peace Winds Japan as a program coordinator assigned in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other countries from 2001 to 2009. Having worked with UN agencies and private enterprises, she was actively engaged in establishing Civic Force in 2009, which is a platform to respond in collaboration with the private sector to provide effective support to disasters in Japan.



Kaori Neki

Chairperson, Civic Force; Director, Head of Management Office, A-PAD

Ms. Kaori Neki opened the discussion by describing how the Asia Pacific Alliance on Disaster (A-PAD) was formed in the aftermath of the Great Eastern Japan earthquake after realizing that support services were brought by the private sector, NGOs, across the country, and even from overseas – and how as support grows, cooperation and coordination was needed. This is what gave birth to A-PAD.

She described A-PAD's two layers, a country or national platform, and Asia Pacific region-wide platform. She noted the importance of an effective mutual help mechanism among national platforms for effective disaster response.

She then introduced some of A-PAD's experiences in cross-border disaster responses including the Nepal earthquake in 2015; the 2018 magnitude 6.9 earthquake in northern Lombok island in Indonesia; the response to the tsunami caused by the eruption of an undersea volcano in Tonga in February 2022; and A-PAD's response to infectious diseases and manmade disasters, including COVID-19 and the Ukraine crisis. She highlighted that in all of these, A-PAD utilizes the platform to respond to disaster emergencies.

Ms. Neki also expounded on the work in Japan through the Civic Force which has been working with different sectors to provide services during disasters. She shared about SEMA (Social Emergency Management Alliance), a framework that addresses problems in service delivery including disruption of the transportation system, increasing burden on local governments, supporting and stockpiling emergency supplies, and the mismatching between the victim's needs and the available supplies. She noted the active participation of many private companies in SEMA. She also mentioned the initiative to digitalize coordination functions to respond to more severe disasters, especially amid the pandemic. The current initiative is being supported by Microsoft in Japan.

Finally, she reiterated the importance of all stakeholders participating and playing a lead role, noting that the mechanism only works after everyone participates.

FUND GENERATION PRACTICES DURING PANDEMIC TO SUPPORT OTHER COUNTRY MEMBERS

Mr. Jangwoo Lee was born in Daegu, Korea. He earned his bachelor's degree in Law from Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul. He joined Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management in 2012 to conduct relief operations in disaster affected areas in Japan. Since 2011, he has been engaged in relief activities in over 8 countries for refugees, IDPs, disaster victims and vulnerable populations.



Jangwoo Lee
A-PAD Korea

Mr. Jangwoo Lee shared the best practice for collaboration between civil society and the business sector in Korea to respond to disasters. He provided several examples such as A-PAD Korea's collaboration with Airbnb to support victims of the 2019 Great Wildfire by bringing them to Airbnb homes. After this, they have been coordinating with the business sector more closely even at the field level. He also noted the importance of having a detailed MOU (memorandum of understanding) with the private sector for better coordination.

He also shares another initiative, collaboration with Beautiful Stores Company, a department store with a strong network and adequate human resources in Korea. This collaboration and coordination with the private sector enabled A-PAD Korea to reach out to more disaster survivors through the volunteers and the department store staff to prepare all necessary items needed in disaster response.

Through this, A-PAD Korea was able to provide many non food items to survivors. A-PAD Korea played the role of organizing and reorganizing the capacity of the private sector. He also shared about their valuable partnership with iCOOP, the biggest cooperative in Korea. ICOOP provided free meals in restaurants, and free baths to disaster-affected people and they opened their facilities to survivors. He noted that partnerships through CSRs or the private sector should be stronger to have more impact on society. He believes this trend will continue in the future.

He also shared about other support delivered by business and private sectors such as the Kookmin Bank support for school construction for students in Yangon, Myanmar; the SAMSUNG C&T support medical clinic construction and operation fund in Hahiganj, Bangladesh; and the SAMSUNG DISPLAY support for safe rainwater system for island communities in the Philippines.

PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT IN STRENGTHENING DISASTER RESILIENCE AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY AMIDST THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Ms. Sinta Kaniawati has engaged in the humanitarian field since early 2010 bringing a private sector perspective. She was a former Director of Sustainability and Head of Unilever Indonesia Foundation from 2007-2019. She also served as Secretary General of Indonesia Global Compact Networks from 2010 - 2019.



Sinta Kaniawati **Country Director, A-PAD Indonesia**

Ms. Kaniawati discussed the private sector involvement in strengthening disaster resilience and economic recovery, particularly, in the tourism sector. She described Indonesia as a country prone to disasters such as earthquakes, floods, and landslides, volcanic eruptions, and liquefaction while at the same time reeling from the impacts of COVID-19. The results of these disasters is profound especially its economic impacts that brought job losses of almost 1.8 million people bringing 2.8 million under poverty line.

It is in this light that A-PAD Indonesia focused on resilience, particularly tourism resilience. Tourism is the second largest contributor to the national economy and it is one of the industries most impacted by COVID. She shared that the government, including all the stakeholders in Indonesia, have already committed to ensure recovery in the sector.

To do its work in tourism resilience, it is important to focus on: 1) Forming the Multi-Sectoral Coordination Hub; 2) Strengthen capacity of information collection and dissemination; and 3) Enhance collaboration among the private sector, local government and community in the targeted provinces to strengthen capacity of disaster risk management.

A-PAD also works with hotels and resorts to establish disaster response measures and hopes that this will also be a national standard that can be used in the tourism industry.

She also touched upon the need to relate the efforts with the sustainable development goals as she argued that effort in humanitarian activities cannot be done unless disaster risk reduction is also tackled, as well as the response attainment of the SDGs.

She described the partnership and collaboration model of A-PAD Indonesia as a penta-helix where there are five forces come together to address disaster risk reduction and management. This five forces include civil society organizations, government, private sector, academia, and the media.

In the end, Ms. Kaniawati reiterated the need to dream big if the goal is to save every single life. With this, what is critical is collaboration to create a bigger impact. Through collaboration, effective disaster risk reduction and response is possible. Alongside this, it is important to address and attain the sustainable development goals to reduce poverty, bring more resilient cities, and increase more adaptation and proper capacity for climate.

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP IN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Mr. Firzan Hashim is the co-founder of A-PAD International and heads the platform in Sri Lanka which brings together the private sector in sustainable development. He works in linking the private sector in humanitarian and development. He is a member of National Policy and Action Plans and a committee to formulate changes to the Disaster Management Act in Sri Lanka and a member of the National Disaster Management Coordination Committee representing the private sector.



Firzan Hashim
Country Director, A-PAD Sri Lanka
Chief Operating Officer, A-PAD

Mr. Firzan Hashim shared on A-PAD Sri Lanka's experience in public and private partnership in disaster preparedness and disaster management in the context of the mobility restrictions brought by the pandemic.

He started by emphasizing the importance of the private sector, to understand how coordination with them works, as well as its effectiveness, especially amid the pandemic. Private sector and companies such as HSBC supported the shifting of manufacturing from clothing apparel to producing masks and PPEs. These masks and PPEs were used both locally, and exported to the global market as well. With this private sector intervention, it did not only address specific COVID protection needs, but also supported the income of MSMEs. A-PAD Sri Lanka also supported by purchasing masks and PPEs, and then distributing them to those in need. He noted that even amid disasters, opportunities are created not only to address particular needs of the population, but also to become self-sufficient.

He reiterated the need to engage with the private sector in ensuring that we work with them. We also provide them the support not to have further issues related to losses and damages. During the first phase of the pandemic, where we were all locked down but we better prepared them to see how best they can work during that crisis. And we worked on business continuity plans, we ensured that they could work from home, they could link with the medical sector, how can they provide assistance? So that was a learning lesson for us? And whilst we were there for 18 months, we were much better off in terms of ensuring the economy and the normal life possible.

There is business continuity in all what we do. Business Continuity is not only for the private sector, it is for the government, for any type of business or services that you provide. So that's a key area that we need to look at and don't let go because economic and social issues are yet to hit the region.

We didn't forget the MSMEs. At this particular time. We were preparing during the pandemic for an exit strategy, how tourism can rebound. How can the smaller cooperatives or the SMEs or the micro industries rebound? So we brought them together. We work with UNDP, we work with the government, the tourism sector and so on, and ensure that the exit strategy is in line so that we are better prepared, yes, but then we had this economic issue right now. And we are still working with so many cooperatives, the government and the private sector as well.

Finally, it is about what we are good at, at saving lives. Next we have the search and rescue team, which comprises civil military, both military and the private sector together. We train them how to work during a pandemic, how to save lives during a pandemic, and we still continue with the training for them and ensuring that people are safe in Sri Lanka and in the future. Thank you very much.

STRENGTHENING DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MEDICAL SECTOR

Ms. Sadia Samad Mow is a Program Manager of A-PAD Bangladesh under the Capacity Building Project for the establishment and sustainable Management of Multi-sector Platform for Disaster Management in Bangladesh and Program Manager of The Project for the Construction of a community skill development center in Habiganj under the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh.



Sadia Samad Mou **A-PAD Bangladesh**

Ms. Sadia Samad Mou focused on the topic of strengthening disaster risk management in collaboration with the medical sector in Bangladesh. The role of the medical sector is fundamental in managing the risks and the consequences of emergencies and disasters from all hazards, especially amid COVID-19.

She share on A-PAD Bangladesh' strategy: 1) Aimed to contribute to the reduction of disaster risks using a multidisciplinary approach to build health system and community resilience; and 2) Ensure the availability of relevant policies, strategies, and capacity to guide health sector DRM interventions, reduce the occurrence and number of emergencies that progress to disasters, and improve risk management capacities as well as preparedness, and responsiveness and recovery.

The Strategy has six components: 1) Establishment of an institutional framework for health DRM; 2) Establishment of adequate health sector capacity for risk management; 3) Establishment of a relevant framework and capacity for assessment and mapping of health risks and vulnerabilities; 4) Implementation of resilience-building interventions in health facilities and at a community level; 5) Strengthening systems for adequate preparation, and timely and adequate response to and recovery from disasters; and 6) Dissemination of relevant information on hazards and their impact on public health.

A-PAD Bangladesh also has the National Disaster Response Framework in Bangladesh. The framework consists of general preparedness, emergency preparedness, emergency response, rehabilitation. Under these segments, are the following: 1) Strengthening detection, surveillance, prevention; 2) Case detection, contact tracing, and case isolation; 3) Case detection, contact tracing, case isolation, pandemic mitigation, physical distancing, and community awareness; and 4) Response de-escalation, stringent surveillance, and functional rehabilitation.

A-PAD Bangladesh' main vision is to build a safer community for a safer society. A-PAD Bangladesh has worked in the collaboration with the medical sector in terms of the disaster risk management with the government, private and other multi stakeholder partners to review the national disaster legislation and disaster risk management strategies and policies, enhance community-based disaster preparedness program, which has significant success in this raising risk awareness to incorporate preparedness for health-related emergencies. A-PAD Bangladesh always works as a frontliner with the community in all divisions of Bangladesh.

MULTI-SECTORAL COLLABORATION IN DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT AMIDST COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Dr. Elmer Lorenzana is an Associate Professor of Bicol University, Philippines and one of the Members of the Board of Trustees of APAD Philippines. He has been engaged in various research and community extension projects in and outside the academy. This 2022, he led the research project conducted by A-PAD Philippines and Bicol University entitled: The Business Continuity Plan for Sustainability and Resiliency of Micro Enterprises in the Highly Vulnerable Areas to Natural Disaster in Legazpi City.



Dr. Elmer Lorenzana **Secretary, Board of Trustees - A-PAD Philippines**

The sharing from A-PAD Philippines focused on the experience as a disaster risk management and emergency response during the coronavirus pandemic, culling the best practices from these experiences.

Despite the challenges faced by the A-PAD Philippines, with the combination of pandemic and typhoon, it was still able to implement several disaster risk management and emergency response activities. He shared that the success of its various activities can be attributed to partnership among and between sectors in the society. In the spirit of collaboration, the partners have expressed their commitment, common goals and combined resources. It has worked into a collaborative approach and decision making and looking for the best emergency response method.

He shortens A-PAD Philippines' best practice in two words, MERGE Resilience: Multi sectoral collaboration, Efficient Response, Genuine Engagement among partners. The word MERGE is to combine, blend or unite gradually. The essence of multisectoral partnership as an approach for disaster risk management and emergency response is to combine efforts, resources and ideas in attaining disaster resiliency.

This partnership is multi-sectoral, meaning that members consist of diverse organizations, with common purpose. The purpose of this partnership is to be efficient in emergency response. Efficient response pertains to the ability to produce an intended result so that it will have a minimal waste of time, effort and resources. Resources were generated among partners, which included financial workforce resources. Another result of the partnership is genuine engagement.

To summarize, the best practice of A-PAD PH Disaster Risk Reduction emergency response can be presented in this logical direction. Context development approach outputs, and impacts. The development approach was developed based on the particular context. The development approach can produce a short term result, hence the short term result can have long term effects. The A-PAD PH operates with a double disaster pandemic and typhoon in mind. Given this background, A-PAD PH utilizes multi sectoral partnership as a development approach to implement their activities, projects, and programs. This multi sectoral approach can yield efficient response and genuine engagement among partners. In the long run, the result can make the local communities disaster resilient.

A-PAD PH has gained fruitful experience and successful implementation of activities with this the multi sectoral partnership, partnership during a global disaster, pandemic and typhoons. Why is A-PAD PH successful in multi sectoral partnership? It is because they established an alliance before the pandemic. They continuously strengthened and expanded the collaboration during the pandemic. The fruit of this partnership is an efficient response that can be measured in the efficient use of resources, financial and human health with facilitated coordination, clear communication among partners, and on time implementation of emergency response.

Dr. Maria Lourdes G. Monteverde is a medical practitioner and a realtor. She is currently serving her third term as the President of the Davao Chamber. Aside from being the President and member of the Chamber with numerous achievements, she also held a variety of roles in both the medical and real estate landscape.



Dr. Maria Lourdes G. Monteverde, FPOGS, REB, CIPS
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To the president of A-PAD Philippines, my good friend Mr. Gilbert Alberro, to the chairperson of A-PAD, Dr. Quazo Quamruzzaman; to the president of the PDRE, Mr. Rene Meily; to the keynote speaker, my very good friend Dr. Maria Minerva Calimag of the Philippine Medical Association; to the Deputy Administrator for Operations Asec. Bernardo Rafaelito Alejandro IV; to the Embassy of Japan and the Ambassador of Japan in Manila, to the distinguished guests, participants, friends and colleagues, ladies and gentleman, good noon.

Events of natural disasters are really on the rise, and Asia is one of the most affected regions. These disasters will not only disrupt people's lives and directly affect the disaster-hit areas, but they also jeopardize the entire society and economy. Disasters in developing countries aggravate poverty and are obstacles to achieving the sustainable development goals. Today, we look at this event as an indicator that we found a niche that disaster reduction is a must for sustainable development.

Many of us know that sharing experiences and knowledge of disaster cases and networking of various expertise is indispensable in effective disaster reduction. Before we had the World Trade Center catastrophe or the 9/11 scenario, and personally having met and admired doctors recently, a trauma surgeon who led the command center of the incident disaster, of the WTC. And then came the other disaster events from climate change, the hunger, pandemic, to terroristic activities that challenge every recovery scenario that we have.

And the most recent, the COVID 19 pandemic and its evolving bio and scientific warfare, including the most recent Ukraine Russia conflicts, and now the heatwave. What we have witnessed here today is the real life scenario that really happens in every corner of the world. We have to experience different kinds of disasters and even pandemic. This has challenged our resiliency during the disaster, and COVID-19 on how we are going to respond. That is why with the initiative of A-PAD and the Embassy of Japan, and with the collaboration of different partners, such as the chambers of commerce, this will be a great avenue to be prepared and be ready for the disaster. A-PAD's main purpose is to deliver effective and efficient disaster assistance through disaster preparedness, waste reduction, relief, and recovery.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Metro Davao Chamber of Commerce and Industry, as the premiere in the business community in the city of Davao, we congratulate A-PAD and its partner organizations, and to all those who share their best practices on multi stakeholder collaboration on disaster risk management and emergency response during the COVID 19 pandemic, from A-PAD Korea, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and the Philippines, to our partners, and also to the Embassy of Japan. Congratulations to everyone for this very successful event. Once again good noon, *madayaw, daghang salamat*.



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ABOUT A-PAD PH

The Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management Philippines (A-PAD PH) is a member of the Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management (A-PAD), a trans-national disaster aid alliance that works to facilitate cooperation and understanding between governments, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations in the Asia Pacific Region.

During the 2011 Asia Pacific Relief Summit in Tokyo, Japan, leaders of multi-sector actors from five different countries agreed to create a framework for action in times of disaster. These leaders became the founding members of a new organization called A-PAD. The establishment of A-PAD was announced at the 5th Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in October 2012 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Subsequently, A-PAD National Platforms were established in Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Bangladesh, South Korea, Japan and the Philippines.

Since the inauguration of the A-PAD National Platform in the Philippines on March 6, 2016, it has grown into a robust alliance of more than 100 partners from the media, academe, civil society, government and business sectors across the country. Through resource sharing and mutual support, it has responded to various disaster emergencies and pursued disaster preparedness, business continuity and community disaster resilience initiatives.

To further strengthen the alliance and effectively carry out its mission, A-PAD PH was formally established as a non governmental organization in the Philippines on January 20, 2021.

A-PAD PH's vision is a disaster-resilient community characterized by robust collaboration among the business sectors, civil society, and government, and its mission is to become a dynamic multi-sectoral partnership for cooperation and coordination for the purpose of delivering effective and efficient disaster risk management.

A-PAD PH has five objectives :

1. to strengthen the private sector's involvement in developing community disaster resilience through the establishment of a multi-sectoral collaborative platform;
2. to conduct trainings and seminars to enhance disaster preparedness and response;
3. to support the community in initiating immediate disaster response by mobilizing available local resources;
4. to foster regional cooperation among countries in the Asia Pacific and facilitate disaster and response;
5. to conduct disaster-related research, documentation, and information sharing.

A-PAD PH core values are stewardship, service, volunteerism, human dignity, good governance, respect, belief in the capacity of the people, and the practice of humanitarian principles. The organization focuses on four programs and services, including :

1. education, training, and advocacy.
2. preparedness, rehabilitation, and recovery.
3. emergency response; and
4. partnership development.

A-PAD CELEBRATES ITS 10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY



The Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management celebrates its 10th Year Anniversary this year.

In 2009, actors from five different countries of the Asia Pacific region, such as governments, private companies and NGOs, first gathered in Hiroshima to discuss how to respond swiftly and effectively to the possible natural disasters in the region. This initiative was hosted by the Japanese NGO for disaster management, Civic Force.

Following the conference, Civic Force took the lead in conducting a feasibility study on having a pre-agreement for actors from different sectors to work together at the time of natural disasters, with the support of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation. In the process of the study, Civic Force developed a framework for disaster-relief work which could be enhanced by the existence of a pre-agreement and cooperation among different actors.

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AUGUST 3, 2022

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Welcome Ceremonies and Networking Meeting

A-PAD NPFs Introductions
Introductions of the Delegates

AUGUST 4, 2022

07:50 - 08:15 AM

Registration

08:15 - 08:30 AM

Preliminaries

Philippine National Anthem
Opening Prayers
Introduction of the event
Security Briefing

08:30 - 08:40 AM

Welcome Address

Mr. Gilbert N. Alberio
President, A-PAD Philippines
Mr. Rene S. Meily
President, PDRF

08:40 - 08:50 AM

Opening Remarks

Dr. Quazi Quamruzzaman
Chairperson, A-PAD

08:50 - 09:10 AM

Keynote Speech

Maria Minerva Patawaran-Calimag, MD, MSc, PhD, FPSA,
FPSECP, FICS, FPCHA
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09:10 - 09:20 AM

Message of Support from the Philippine Government

ASEC. BERNARDO RAFAELITO R. ALEJANDRO IV, CESO IV, MNSA
Deputy Administrator for Operations, OCD

09:20 - 09:30 AM

Message of Support from the Embassy of Japan in Manila

09:30 - 10:00 AM

MOU Signing

A-PAD PH & Philippine Medical Association

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Sharing of Best Practices on Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration on Disaster Risk Management and Emergency Response During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Kaori Neki, Chairperson, Civic force, Director, Head of Management Office, A-PAD
Jangwoo Lee, A-PAD Korea
Sinta Kaniawati, Country Director, A-PAD Indonesia
Firzan Hashim, Country Director, A-PAD Sri Lanka
Sadiah Samad Mou, A-PAD Bangladesh
Elmer Lorenzana, Board of Trustees Secretary, A-PAD PH

11:30 - 11:50 AM

Open Forum

11:50 - 12:00 PM

Closing Remarks

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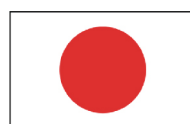




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