

Proposal:

Mission on Policy Dialogue for High Level Administrative Policy Makers on Establishing a Tsunami Early Warning Mechanism in the Indian Ocean (Tentative)

1. Purpose

The main purpose of the Mission is for high level policy makers in the Indian Ocean rim countries, through an awareness of their countries' capacities, to acquire the necessary judgment and methods of assessment to identify items that should be addressed, such as

- an early warning announcement mechanism in each country
- establishing an early warning communication system
- identifying and publicizing high risk area
- promoting knowledge about tsunami to the public

2. Tasks

Policy makers should understand the difficulties of establishing a permanent tsunami early warning mechanism in a short time, and thus understand the benefits of establishing such a system in the Indian Ocean by sharing experience with Pacific Ocean countries, including Japan. To this end, participants will not just simply learn about Japan's current situation, but also the development of Japan's tsunami warning system throughout the 40s and 50s and the difficulties encountered therein, as well as go on an inspection tour of tsunami disaster reduction facilities. Moreover, participants should understand the provisional measures that need to be implemented until a more permanent warning system can be established, as well as identify the items that must be implemented in order to do so.

3. Organizer

ISDR

4. Partner

UNESCO/IOC, ITIC

WMO, PTWC, ADRC (Asian Disaster Reduction Center)

Government of Japan (Cabinet Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Fire & Disaster Management Agency, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, Meteorological

Agency)

5. Timing & Duration

22-24 February (3 days)

Participants will arrive in Japan on 21 Feb. and leave Japan on 25 Feb.

6. Invited Countries

Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Seychelles, Somalia, Tanzania, Kenya

7. Number of participants & Target

1 Person (Vice Ministerial level or senior official level from national governmental agency which coordinates the Ministries for disaster reduction)

8. Outline of the program