

Welcome REMARKS
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Colleagues from National Disaster Management Offices of
ASEAN Member States
Representative of the ASEAN Secretariat,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. On behalf of the Director-General of Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, may I welcome you all here in Bangkok to the **2018 Southeast Asia Disaster Risk Governance academic Seminar** which will be held from September 24 - 26, 2018.
2. It is great honor for Thailand to host this important regional Seminar which its objectives are to discuss on directions and needed actions to develop framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) on the “ASEAN Peer to Peer Learning: Disaster Law and Policy Platform” including discussion on future activities.
3. We all know that ASEAN has passed significant turning point in 2009 that is an effectiveness of AADMER, which sets framework of cooperation including technical cooperation and mobilization of resources in various dimensions of disaster management in ASEAN.

4. Following AADMER, work programme is introduced to disaster management for ASEAN to transform policy and plans into implementation. This includes the goal of providing a platform for dialogue, shared learning, training, and research on disaster law and policy frameworks, both in terms of development and its implementation, between ASEAN Member States..

5. The disaster law mapping forms part of the cross-cutting strategy of institutionalizing the AADMER, considered as one of the six building blocks of the AADMER Work Programme 2016-2020. It also falls under AADMER Priority Programme 3 on Advance, specifically Component 1 on “strengthening institutional capacity and policy frameworks for effective implementation of DRR and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) actions.”

6. This regional seminar provides us a ground the research on actual experiences by NDMOs, Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies and other non-government stakeholders in ensuring that AADMER provisions are supported by their domestic legal frameworks.

7. For Thailand, we have been working hard for disaster prevention and mitigation, since this would facilitate long term development of our nation. Under Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Act 2007 and National Disaster Risk Management Plan 2015, we have various programmes, projects and activities on disaster prevention and mitigation with different government agencies, private sectors and CSO.

8. Lastly, let me take this opportunity to thank ACDM Chair and Working Group on Prevention and Mitigation, which is co-chairs by Laos PDR and Thailand. Especially, I would like to convey my gratitude to IFRC, ASEC, Thammasart University

and agencies concerned both in Thailand and within AMS for their kind supports.

9. I wish the Regional Seminar results in fruitful discussion and be successful in accordance with its objectives and be applicable to strengthen and provide safety to ASEAN as a whole.

Thank you.
