

2023 International Training Workshop for Youth Leadership on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief

August, 2023; Hualian, Taiwan

The 2023 International Training Workshop for Youth Leadership on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief was held from 25 to 28 August in Hualian Tzu Chi Jing Si Hall. This was the final event of series International Training Workshop in 2023, and co-held by National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction (NCDR), Buddhist Tzu Chi Charity Foundation and Tzu Chi University. NCDR has held the International Training Workshop since 2015, and this is the 18th Workshop. It is also the first time to have oversea participants to Taiwan after the Covid-19. There were 65 participants from 19 countries joining this workshop, including Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Malawi, Portugal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Nepal, Bangladesh, Thailand, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Vietnam, Pakistan, U.S., Colombia, Palau, and Taiwan.



Figure 1 2023 International Training Workshop for Youth Leadership on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief in Hualian.

The workshop that aims at the capacity building for HADR in case of Typhoon scenario and the training courses were focused on the planning and practice of the humanitarian assistance with information and technology application, and disaster relief experience. The participants can learn and use their creativity by the courses design of lectures, hand-on practice, brain storm and team work.

Keynote Speech

The workshop invited two distinguished speakers to deliver the speeches on 27 August, including: Undersecretary Diana Rose S. Cajipe, Department of Social Welfare and Development of the Philippines, and Director Joseph Martin, U.S. Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance (CFE-DM). Their speech topics were talked about climate change, humanitarian and disaster relief.



Figure 2 Usec. Cajipe and Director Martin delivered the Keynote Speeches in 2023ITW

HADR Hands-on Exercise

Participants needed to experience and practice the real disaster relief operation, including: building the temporary shelter for the victims, preparing hot meals by mobile kitchen, providing clean water and lighting, and making plans for inclusive shelter configuration and operation.



Figure 3 Participants practiced the Humanitarian Technology invented by Tzu Chi



Figure 4 Participants practiced the planning of inclusive accommodation

Typhoon Scenario Exercise

Through team discussion, participants practiced disaster risk analysis, emergency operations plan, emergency preparedness plan, and disaster recovery plan. According to a typhoon scenario background, participants served as an international organization for disaster relief, and needed to make plans for different phases of typhoon attacking.



Figure 5 Team work for typhoon table exercise

Closing Ceremony

After the excellent presentation reports from three teams, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Tzu Chi Foundation, Mr. George T. Chang, and Director of NCDR, Dr. Hongey Chen delivered the closing remarks. Director Chen mentioned that to face the uncertainty of natural disasters, we looked forward to deepen cross-border cooperation through multiparty science and technology, disaster reduction and relief training workshop, to work with INGOs to strengthen the capacity of resilience.



Figure 6 Deputy Chang(left) and Director Chen(right) delivered the closing remarks



Figure 6 Team presentations for final report

Field Visit - Jing Si Abode

In the last part of the workshop, Tzu Chi Foundation arranged all participants to visit the Jing Si Abode in Hualian, to feel and know the origin and spirit of Tzu Chi to involve in disaster relief, and visited the factory to know the design and process of Tzu Chi smart & technology products for disaster relief.



Figure 7 Visit the Jing Si Abode

APEC 16th Senior Disaster Management Officials' Forum (SDMOF) and APEC 19th Emergency Preparedness Working Group (EPWG) Meeting

August 2023; Seattle, U.S.

Dr. Tsung-Tsong Wu, Minister without Portfolio of Executive Yuan led the delegation to attend the APEC 19th Emergency Preparedness Working Group (EPWG) Meeting and APEC 16th Senior Disaster Management Officials' Forum (SDMOF) from August 1 to 2 in U.S.

Minister without Portfolio Wu advised how we co-implement a sustainable and disaster-resilient society in APEC region in the SDMOF, and introduced under multiple risks of natural hazards and environmental change, we have long-terms investments in disaster risk management and climate change adaptation through introducing outputs of science and technology. Minister without Portfolio Wu introduced three transformation of scientific and technological achievements and hope to build collaboration with APEC members:

1. Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction:
Engaging the Whole Community
2. Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning
3. Resilient Infrastructure Systems



Figure 8 Minister without Portfolio Wu led the delegation to attend the APEC SDMOF

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