

# Newsletter

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## APEC Resilience Week

30 September-2 October; Taipei, Taiwan

The APEC Resilience Week was held from 30 September to 2 October in Taipei City. NCDR invited disaster managers, governmental officers, and researchers of the APEC region to attending the conference that focused on science technology applications of disaster risk reduction to enhance the regional resilience. There are 13 economies attendance, including Chile, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, Thailand, The United State, and Viet Nam.

In the opening ceremony, Dr. Dar-Bin Shieh, Deputy Minister of Ministry of Science and Technology delivered the welcome remarks and mentioned the importance of this event especially during the Typhoon Mitag' attacking in Taipei. Shieh said: "According to the definition by the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, resilience means the ability of a system, community or society exposed to hazards to resist, absorb, accommodate to and recover from the effects of the hazard in a timely and efficient manner, including through the preservation and restoration of its essential basic structures and functions. Based on the definition mentioned above, the APEC Resilience Week especially focuses on exploring feasible and applicable approached for engaging all key stakeholders in our society to map out a pathway of sustainable and resilient developments."



Opening Remarks by Deputy Minister Shieh

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Among the all sessions, “Plant back better” (PBB) initiatives is an APEC-funded project which is proposed by Chinese Taipei with support of the Ministry of Science and Technology. The PBB project expects to mitigate vulnerability and facilitate self-sufficiency through disaster-resilient plantation of vegetable and flowers. The PBB initiative aims at community-based capacity building and preparedness for quick recovery of micro economic activities through public private partnership before disasters hit. This project is also teamed up with the World Vegetable Center and KNOWN-YOU SEED CO., LTD and carried out in Iloilo City of Philippines, to incorporate the implementation of the best practices and toolkits with sharing local knowledge and regional resources to facilitate Livelihood Continuity Plan before or after disasters. PBB functions to boost up micro economic momentum to tackle future challenges on climate change adaptation.



Panel of “Plant back better”

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Booths Exhibition

Full spectrum of agenda covering the following topics for experts, policy makers, practitioners, researchers and government officials to collect brainstorming on enhancing regional resilience:

1. Project outcomes of “Plant Back Better” initiative (PBB initiatives): The best practices sharing of PBB pilot community in Iloilo City, the Philippines.
2. Holistic and extensive policy dialogue on natural disasters and climate extremes for enhancing emergency preparedness and resilience
3. Cross-fora collaboration under APEC for sustainable development and inclusive growth.

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The keynote speeches were delivered by Professor Janet Benini, University of Washington, and President Antonia Yulo Loyzaga, National Resilience Council of Philippines, to share the topics on “APEC Resilience and Smart Agriculture” and “Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships for Disaster Resilience: Moving Science to Action”. Especially, President Loyzaga emphasizes that the collaboration between NCDR and the Philippines is to introduce into the evidence-based disaster risk reduction and emergency response system in Iloilo City, to enhance the bilateral partnership.



Keynote speeches and group photo

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Panel discussions and field visit in NCDR

For more information about the APEC Resilience Week:

<http://www.apecrw2019.com>

## Upcoming Events:

- DPRI-NCDR Workshop

November 25-26, 2019

For more information:

<http://www.ncdr.nat.gov.tw/home.aspx?WebSiteID=873f5b27-b86d-4d5c-a356-c369768bffe9>