

Disaster and Risk Reduction in Thailand

Thailand has been fully aware of the increase of hazards and the impact of disaster. As the consequence, various disaster and risk reduction activities have been continuously implemented by all government agencies concerned both at national and local levels, and in harmony with Yokohama Strategy and Plan of Action for a Safer World.

In 2002 A.D. Thailand has established the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, under the umbrella of Ministry of Interior, to be the principal government agency shouldering the role of disaster management coordinator among all agencies concerned at all levels. In the context of disaster and risk reduction, Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM), Ministry of Interior, and other main government agencies concerned namely, The Meteorological Department (TMD), Ministry of Information Technology; Royal Irrigation Department (RID), Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives; and Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment; have interpreted Yokohama Strategy and Plan of Action into practice which can be delineated as follows;

Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, Ministry of Interior

So as to be assured that the people will be systematically, equitably and timely benefited, DDPM has launched most by non-structural activities concerned such as;

1. Introduction of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) System for Disaster Management.

The adoption and development of this system aims at enhancing the Department's disaster management capacity and efficiency in terms of disseminating and receiving disaster related information, exchanging and sharing information with all government and non-government agencies concerned at national and local levels. This ICT system includes network systems, data base systems and telecommunication systems.