

**CO-CHAIRS' SUMMARY REPORT OF
THE ASEAN REGIONAL FORUM DISASTER RELIEF EXERCISE (ARF DIREX) 2011
INITIAL PLANNING CONFERENCE/SITE SURVEYS (IPC/SS)
MANADO, INDONESIA, 23-27 AUGUST 2010**

INTRODUCTION

1. The ARF DiREx 2011 Initial Planning Conference /Site Surveys (IPC/SS) was convened in Manado, Indonesia, 23-27 August 2010. Mr. Bernadus Wisnu Widjaya, Director for Preparedness of the National Agency of Disaster Management of Indonesia and Mr. Hiroaki Sano, Special Coordinator for Overseas Disaster Assistance, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan co-chaired the Meeting.
2. Representatives from Australia, Cambodia, Canada, the European Union, Indonesia, India, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor Leste, The United States and Viet Nam attended the Meeting. The List of Participants appears as **ANNEX A**.

OPENING SESSION

3. In his opening remarks, The Assistant to the Government for Administration and Financial Affairs of the North Sulawesi Province, Ferdinand Mewengkang, highlighted Indonesia's efforts in disaster risk reduction through concrete policies among others Law number 24 year 2007. The law describes the process of conducting disaster relief. The Provincial Government of North Sulawesi warmly welcomes this event and hope that it will produce ideas, suggestions and inputs to support the ARF DiREx 2011.
4. H.E. Ambassador Nadjib Riphah Kesoema in his keynote speech on behalf of the Indonesian ARF Senior Official stressed that IPC/SS is the second stepping stone to the ARF DiREx 2011 which will be a landmark disaster relief event in the Asia Pacific region. He underscored that through ARF DiREx 2011 participating states will verify and improve the ARF Strategic Guidance for Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief, and other relevant international and regional instruments. He invited ARF Participants to build detailed scenario and plans of exercise based on the draft Table Top Exercise (TTX) concept paper and draft concept paper of Field Training Exercise and Humanitarian Civic Action-Rehabilitation (FTX/HCA) prepared by the Co-Chairs. In addition, he also highlighted that this Exercise would empower local people in dealing with disaster. The keynote speech appears as **ANNEX B**
5. Mr. Hiroaki Sano highlighted the importance of building a system to mitigate disaster and develop an effective disaster management through a fully coordinated exercise between civilians and military. He expressed that currently member states are in an advanced stage of building a concept paper but need to move forward on detailed exercise planning. It is expected that the ARF DiREx 2011 will contribute to the enhancement of capacity in disaster management in the region.

OVERVIEW OF ARF DiREx 2011

6. The Co-Chairs explained that the ARF DiREx 2011 will be conducted in Manado, in March 2011 with the participation of ARF members and related international and regional organizations. The event is developed, based on the successful result of ARF-Voluntary Disaster Response that was co-organized by the Philippines and the US in May 2009. The potential co-sponsors meeting held in Tokyo in February suggested that a TTX should be considered to identify effective disaster relief coordination mechanism among ARF members.
7. Mr. Hiroaki Sano gave a presentation on the TTX review. He elaborated that the exercise is designed and developed to address the operational issues of multinational disaster relief operation involving ARF Participants. The framework could include but not limited to the actors, stages and aspects of disaster relief operation. The concept paper of ARF DiREx 2011 TTX appears as **ANNEX C**.
8. Ltc. Jorry Koloay from Indonesia briefed the participants on FTX. The briefing comprised of activities during the FTX, players structure and planned timeline for DiREx 2011 FTX. The concept paper of ARF DiREx 2011 FTX appears as **ANNEX D**.
9. The Co-Chairs informed the participants that Japan and Indonesia is considering to facilitate participation by all ARF participants to the exercise through funding or in-kind facilitation. The Co-Chairs asked the participants to consider supporting this effort.

BRIEFING OF WORKING GROUP AND SITE SURVEY

10. Mr. Bernadus Wisnu Wijaya highlighted that IPC/SS is a preliminary conference held to prepare for the ARF DiREx 2011 planned to be held on March 2011. IPC/SS will comprise of working groups and site survey. Mr. Hiroaki Sano further explained the working group divisions as well as its tasks and responsibilities. The working groups are expected to discuss contribution, Location Issues, Scenario and Follow up related to their respective issues. The briefing appears as **ANNEX E**.
11. Capt. Rico Sirait briefed the Conference on site survey arrangement which include Schedule of site survey, mechanism of site survey and sites to be surveyed. The presentation appears as **ANNEX F**.

SITE SURVEY

12. The site survey was conducted on 24 – 25 August 2010 in the planned location for FTX, namely: Mantehage Island, Bunaken Island, Siladen Island, Kimabajo Village, Minaesa Village, Wori Village, Maasing Village and Manado. The result of site survey were discussed and reported through the FTX working groups.

REPORTS OF THE WORKING GROUPS AND SITE SURVEYS

13. The working group of TTX briefed the conference on the development of TTX scenario. The presentation appears as **ANNEX G**.

14. The working group of Air Operation Working Group briefed the conference on the development of FTX scenario. The presentation appears as **ANNEX H**.
15. The working group of Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) briefed the conference on the development of FTX scenario. The presentation appears as **ANNEX I**
16. The working group of Land Operation briefed the conference on the development of FTX scenario. The presentation appears as **ANNEX J**
17. The working group of Maritime Operation briefed the conference on the development of FTX scenario. The presentation appears as **ANNEX K**
18. The working group of Medical Support briefed the conference on the development of FTX scenario. The presentation appears as **ANNEX L**
19. The working group of Engineering briefed the conference on the development of FTX scenario. The presentation appears as **ANNEX M**
20. The working group of Logistic Operation briefed the conference on the development of FTX scenario. The presentation appears as **ANNEX N**
21. The working group of Protocol, Public Affairs and Legal briefed the conference on the development of FTX scenario. The presentation appears as **ANNEX O**
22. The working group of Administration briefed the conference on the development of FTX scenario. The presentation appears as **ANNEX P**
23. The Executive Committee briefed the conference on the overall direction of the ARF DiREx 2011. The presentation appears as **ANNEX Q**

BRIEFING BY ARF PARTICIPANTS

24. The conference was briefed by ARF Participants on their indicative or/and confirmed contribution to the ARF DiREx 2011. The presentation appears as **ANNEX R**

OTHER MATTERS

25. The Co-Chairs briefed the Meeting on the preparation of the Final Planning Conference/Site Survey (FPC/SS) of the ARF DiREx 2011 to be held on 13-17 December 2010 in Manado.
26. The Co-Chairs informed the conference that the ARF DiREx 2011 is scheduled for 14-19 March 2011 and kindly requested the participants to prepare their participation in the exercise within that time frame. The Co-Chairs would confirm the dates at the earliest convenience.

CLOSING REMARKS

27. The Meeting thanked the Co-Chairs for the effective chairmanship and productive discussion and expressed gratitude to the Government of Indonesia for the warm hospitality and excellent arrangements.

