

The ASEAN Regional Forum Disaster Relief Exercise 2013

The Initial Planning Conference

Table – Top Exercise



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Royal Orchid Cheraton, Bangkok, Thailand

Presentation Outline

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Background

- *The Table Top Exercise (TTX)* is one of the main component of the ARF DiREx 2013, to be conducted at the simulated disaster affected area.
- *Focus* - on addressing strategic issues related to existing national and regional procedures and coordination mechanisms for large-scale disaster management
- *Main objective* - to test and identify gaps and challenges of existing strategic-level procedures and protocols related to civil-military coordination in large-scale disaster response of THAILAND, ASEAN, ARF members and international humanitarian community (e.g. the UN, IFRC, INGOs)

Approaches and Design (1)

- Group(s) Discussion
- Prepared set of questions to stimulate discussion and decision making according to “real-life” roles and functions
- Based on relevant documents (SASOP, ARF Guidelines, Oslo Guidelines, etc.)



Approaches and Design (2)

- TTX will be run and supervised by a multi-agency team, composed of;
 - a. Control group
 - b. Facilitators
 - c. Data collectors
 - d. Logistic officers
- Anticipated participants of TTX
 - a. Stakeholders : Civil defense and military officers representing ARF member countries, embassy and consular, international organizations and non-governmental organization
 - b. Observers

Scope of Exercise

- Address the diverse strategic issues of multinational disaster relief operations involving ARF Participants based on the agreed ARF DiREx 2013 Concept Paper and the major scenario of an earthquake and the resultant tsunami.
- The TTX will also address practical, realistic issues and strengthen linkage/relevance with the FTX element.
- The exercise will address several stages of large-scale multinational disaster response based on relevant regulations and coordination mechanisms.

Exercise Schedule

TTX will be composed of two main activities and two optional activities :

7 May	Academic Session + TTX Briefing	ALL
8 May	TTX	ALL
9 May	a. FTX Site Visit	by individual interest
	b. TTX Summary and Meeting with AAR Team	by individual interest

Expected Outcomes

- Identified gaps, challenges and recommendations for the further development and improvement of relevant strategic issues and products.
 - For example, national laws and regulation, SOP/protocols/tools/guidelines and documents of host country, ARF participants and participating international organizations
- Strengthened HADR collaboration and coordination among ARF participants and participating international organizations.
- Increased understanding of civil and military coordination mechanisms and processes in order to more effectively utilize civil and military assets for HADR-related activities.

Issues for IPC Discussion

- Define “Strategic level” and its coverage
- Grouping for TTX discussion
- Phases
- Initial set of questions for TTX day
- Sessions for Academic Day

Q & A

THANK YOU

