## **ASEAN Regional Forum**

# Enhancement Training on USAR Capacity Building and Comprehensive USAR Drill

### 1. Background

Since the beginning of the new century, major disasters such as the 2004 Indonesia Earthquake and Tsunami and the 2008 Wenchuan Earthquake of China, frequently attacked the ARF participants, bringing great losses of lives and properties. Key measures to save lives to the largest extent after the disaster are proper search and rescue activities, nationally on one hand, internationally and regionally on the other.

Many of the ARF participants have built effective and efficient national capacity in emergency response as well as search and rescue. Sharing of the good experiences in national capacity building will promote the comprehensive capacity of all the ARF participants, enhance mutual understanding and foster an effective coordination network in the region.

To this aim and based on the achievements of Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Capacity Building Training in 2017 and 2018, China proposes to

host the Enhancement Training of USAR Capacity Building, and Comprehensive USAR Drill.. The enhancement USAR training and comprehensive USAR drill will provide a good communication platform on USAR skills for participating countries, and also a chance to promote the USAR teams' cooperation capacity and International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG) standard operation procedure. After the training and drill, the delegates will be invited to visit earthquake sites such as Wenchuan and Lushan County in Sichuan province. On-site research and exchange of relief capacity in earthquake and other natural disasters will also be a good way to enhance the capacity of disaster prevention, reduction and response.

#### 2. Content

- •Enhancement USAR skills training
- •Comprehensive USAR drill
- On-site visit (Earthquake)

#### **Format**

- Lecture of USAR skills
- Practice of USAR skills

- •Comprehensive USAR drill
- Field investigation and survey

Experts from China International Search and Rescue (CISAR) Team and relevant disaster response management organizations will deliver the training lectures.

## 3. Participants

We will invite 2-3 ARF participants which had been trained in 2017 and 2018 to send up to 5 delegates of each and other ARF participants which have basic USAR skill to send up to 2-3 delegates to attend the training. Delegates should come from their national disaster search and rescue team or other relative teams.

## 4. Date, Venue and Language

The training is scheduled to be held in the Second half of 2019 in Beijing and Sichuan. English will be the working language.

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## **5. Contact Information**

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