



CDM

Media Advisory

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 28, 2004

MEDIA CONTACTS/RESERVATIONS:

OES Sheryl Tankersley (916) 845-8458

cell: (916) 996-0577

CARD Ana Marie Jones (510) 451-3140

International Delegates to Present Disaster Expertise at California Disaster Resistant California Conference

SACRAMENTO – The Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Collaborative for Disaster Mitigation invite foreign language media to attend the fourth annual Disaster Resistant California conference in Sacramento May 3-5. Disaster experts from around the world will be providing presentations and are available for media interviews upon request.

Foreign-language media within the United States and abroad are invited to examine the conference brochure online at www.drc.ca.gov for a wide variety of topics and audiences. Presentations by international delegates and the two press conferences are listed below. Media are admitted free. Please register by contacting Sheryl Tankersley at (916) 845-8458 or tanker@oes.ca.gov. If the mailbox is full, please e-mail IPA@oes.ca.gov. Provide your full name and title, the name of your media outlet and phone number. When you arrive, please check in at the Media Registration Table.

Monday, May 3,

10 a.m. Earthquake News Conference: Fact vs. Fiction

Experts will define the real earthquake risk in California and explain what is being done about it.

Governor's Office of Emergency Services

U.S. Geological Survey

California Geological Survey and California Earthquake Prediction Council

Seismic Safety Commission

3:30 p.m. Pacific Rim Challenges: Volcano Mitigation and Earthquake Resistant Dams

Tadahide Ui, Crisis & Environment Management Policy Institute, Tokyo, Japan will speak about preparedness measures for the next eruption of the Usu volcano. It is one of the most active volcanoes in Japan, yet more than 10,000 people live within the flow hazard zone and the hot-spring resort nearby attracts nearly 2 million people a year.

Han Wenfeng, Professor, Institute of Resources and Environment at Lanzhou University, Gansu Province, China, will share the earthquake safety considerations in constructing large dams and reservoirs. Specifically, he will discuss the DaLiushu Dam in the HeiShanxia Gorge and the smaller DaLiushu Dam in the HeiShanxia Gorge. His studies draw from the lessons of famous earthquakes such as Northridge (1994), Kobe (1995), Izimit (1999) and Chi-Chi (1999).

Paul Hsu and Kuang-Hua Hsiung, Director, Taipei City Fire Department, will discuss the mobilization and operation of Taipei Urban Search & Rescue Team.

Tuesday, May 4

10 a.m. Hazard Mitigation News Conference: Fires and Floods

Realistic and practical methods for California residents strengthen their families, homes, schools and workplaces against fires, floods and other disasters. The talk also includes measures emergency managers are taking to protect residents.

Governor's Office of Emergency Services
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
California Department of Water Resources
National Crime Prevention Council (invited)

10:30 a.m. Mitigation Efforts in Taiwan

Community-based Disaster Management

Liang-Chun Chen, Professor, Graduate Institute of Building and Planning, National Taiwan University will discuss community-based disaster management.

Debris Flow Monitoring *Professor Ko-Fei Liu, Dept. of Civil Engineering, NTU, Professor Fan-Chieh Yu, Dept. of Water and Soil Conservation, NCHU, and Tien-Chien Chen, Associate Researcher, NCDR.*

Integration of Precipitation Monitoring and Inundation Potential Maps for Flood Emergency Response,

Shiuan-Hung Chen, Associate Researcher, NCDR, Professor Ming-Hsi Hsu, Dept. of Bioenvironmental Systems Engineering, National Taiwan University, Hsin-Ya Ho, Executive Secretary, NCDR, and Chen-Jia Huang, Research Assistant, NCDR

Wednesday, May 5,

California Success Stories from Around the World

International and National Emergency Management Success Stories with Origins in California.

International disaster experts will describe hazard mitigation measures developed in California that have been adopted and are being examined overseas. They will also share their experiences in collaborating and exchanging information with California's emergency managers through conferences and staff exchange agreements.

Saving Lives and School Children from Earthquake Hazards in Turkey,

Prof. K. Ercin Kasapoglu, Hacettepe University

The California-Shizuoka Exchange: A New Partnership and New Ideas

Taizo Nakatani, Section Chief, Disaster Prevention Administrative Office, Shizuoka Prefectural Government

Non-structural Hazard Mitigation Reduces Damage at Boeing, Corp.

Erny Ekblom, WorkSafe Technologies

Earthquake Hazard Mitigation Program in NCDR (Taiwan) and Future Collaborative with CA,

Professor Liang-Chun Chen, Dept. of Civil Engineering, National Taiwan University and Director of NCDR

To learn more about these presenters click <http://www2.sjsu.edu/cdm/drc04/plenary5.html>