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Daruma dolls in Japan are used to wish luck at the start of the year. The eyes are intentionally left blank as one eye is painted when making a wish and the other is made when the wish is fulfilled. The word Daruma comes from the Sanskrit word Dharma, meaning doing good to others.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020!
CYO WISHES EVERYONE MUCH PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY IN THE NEW YEAR.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

New dates announced for APMCDRR/ CityNet Disaster Cluster Seminar

This is to inform all CityNet Disaster Cluster members that the new dates for the **Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on DRR (APMCDRR)** will be taking place from **June 29 – July 2, 2020**. Please save your dates for participation.

In conjunction with the APMCDRR, CityNet Disaster Cluster Seminar is also scheduled to be organized (pending budget confirmation). All participants will **MUST** register directly on APMCDRR web site in advance if you are planning to attend. Separate invitation and registration form from CityNet will be sent in March.

APMCDRR Registration can be done at the following site:

<https://www.unisdr.org/conference/2020/apmcdrr/home>

I. CityNet Yokohama Project Office receives Certificate of Appreciation

Nishi Fire Station handed over the Certificate of Appreciation to CityNet Yokohama Project Office amid an annual ceremony held at the station to recognize services provided to the station.

Yokohama fire Bureau's Nishi Fire Station is taking initiatives to respond to the growing needs of non-Japanese calls which also includes preparation for some scheduled Olympic games to be held in Yokohama later this year.

In order to make their first responders, in particular the paramedics, better acquainted in using the language, Nishi Fire Station requested CityNet Yokohama Project Office to help in understanding English used in 'VoiceTra', which is an application that helps translate foreign languages into Japanese. As the application may not accurately translate or relay the correct message from the patient or caller, English speaking interns of CityNet Yokohama Project Office helped in understanding the common usage of certain words that may help diagnose the condition of the patient better. Two such trainings for the first responders were conducted last year.



The annual ceremony recognizes services provided to the station as well as achievements of the staff members.

II. Iloilo city conducts workshop on Creating Active CBDRM Framework in Lalitpur

CityNet Yokohama Project Office organized a workshop aimed towards building capacity of the community DRR volunteers in Lalitpur on January 31st. For the workshop, the Head of Iloilo City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (CDRRMO, Ms. Donna Magno was invited as the expert trainer. The activity was held in the Disaster Management Center in Ward No. 8 in Lalitpur. The building was constructed by JICA.

The Disaster Management Division of Lalitpur Metropolitan City is undergoing various levels and types of capacity building process which also involves search and rescue, prevention and mitigation as well as policy development. Already, each ward in Lalitpur has been allocated a DRR specific budget which can be used for such trainings and workshops.

The **specific objectives included** describing the hazard, exposure, vulnerabilities and capabilities of the local government unit, identifying the worst disaster event and how it changed their community, rediscovering the strengths of the community that led to recovery and rehabilitation, formulating an action plan that will guide stakeholders to work for community resilience, and sharing Iloilo City's CBDRRM and highlight its pathways to resilience as well as its best practices.

More than 40 participants including from JICA Nepal office and NSET attended the workshop which concluded with a fun-filled team building exercise.

Previously, Ms. Donna Magno managed the CBARAD project with CityNet and was instrumental in bringing city's various departments as well as stakeholders together to form a strong network of DRR supporters



It was the first time for Lalitpur DRR volunteers to attend a highly interactive session. Ms. Donna Magno's facilitation skills have been recognized both at home and abroad.



which has propelled Iloilo City's DRM capabilities to be recognized nationally. Earlier in the day, Ms. Magno also visited Mitra Disaster Risk Reduction Learning Center (MDRRLC) in Lalitpur which was inaugurated last December. The center replicates examples of hazards that was first developed in Iloilo for their KABALAKA Gallery (Gallery for DRR material).

This is **the first initiative for CityNet Disaster Cluster** where lessons learnt from Japan was transferred to Nepal through a third country. This **south-south cooperation activity** is highly encouraged among CityNet Disaster Cluster members and CityNet Yokohama Project Office seeks members who wish to engage in such knowledge sharing process.



Ms. Magno quizzes participants on their creative skills during a teambuilding exercise.



Ms. Magno appreciates the informative boards on various hazards at MDRRLC in Lalitpur that was replicated from Iloilo.

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