

Disaster Reduction Hyperbase (DRH) Declaration

We, the professionals and practitioners working in the field of disaster risk reduction, will work for a safer and better world.

And for these ends,

- To develop, practice and enhance implementation technology on disaster reduction
- To unite our strength to maximize utilization of our resources for a safer world
- To ensure that experiences and expertise reach the users in the communities exposed to natural hazards.
- To recognize and support to all those that contribute to the DRH initiative
- To employ an international mechanism for the promotion, development and utilization of DRH.

Have resolved to combine our efforts to accomplish these aims:

Accordingly, we as individuals and/or representatives of the respective organizations assembled in Beijing, China, who have exhibited their full powers to be in good and due form to establish an international DRH Consortium and have adopted the DRH Charter. (The idea of the establishment (formation) of DRH consortium was evolved in a meeting in Kobe, Japan on 3rd of July 2007 and further elaborated in Stresa, Italy on 17th of September 2007.)

DRH Consortium Charter

(DRH-Asia Workshop, Beijing, 22 February 2008)

Purposes and Principles

The purposes of the DRH Consortium are to make collaborative efforts toward:

1. Maintaining, upgrading and promoting use of DRH for effective disaster risk reduction in vulnerable communities;
2. Promoting the application of new technologies for disaster reduction and taking other appropriate measures to strengthen implementation technologies; and
3. Promoting international cooperation in research and education on disaster reduction.

Membership

1. The membership of the DRH Consortium is open to all individuals who work in disaster related issues and willing to carry out the DRH principles and practices. If it is needed, institutional membership is also possible
2. The membership qualification and acceptance will be decided by the Steering Body.
3. The Steering Body has the option to cancel the membership if warranted

Organs

1. The DRH Consortium will consist of a General Assembly; Steering Body and Management Group.
2. The Steering Body, as the Consortium policy body, will provide guidance and advice on the overall activities of the Consortium.
3. The Management Group, as the Consortium secretariat, will look at the daily operation of the Consortium.
4. The General Assembly, based on the advice and recommendation of the Steering Body, can make appropriate changes.

Operational details will be discussed and decided as soon as possible by the Steering Body.