



**Summary Table on ‘Disaster Management’  
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<b>1. The building of disaster response management</b>	Thailand suggests that every part of society should know how to respond to disaster situation. Therefore, each country should promote “safety culture awareness” especially among local community members, local authorities, school students and teachers. AIPA Member Countries urgently need to push more public awareness and education and improve public safety of every sector particularly those who are living in risk by enhancing people’s understanding of the threats posed by various types of disasters.

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<p><b>2. The improvement of the national disaster management system</b></p>	<p>Following the catastrophic tsunami disaster in 2004, Thailand took immediate action to establish National Disaster Warning Center, which covers the warning of both natural and man-made disasters. However, Thailand still needs to enhance the country's disaster management capacity and efficiency through the mobilization of technical assistance from foreign countries, particularly from those with experiences and expertise. To improve the national early warning, we need an accurate and user-friendly early warning system, a common approach to risk assessment and damage analysis, and a tracking system for victims. Each country should improve the potential of the National Early Warning Centre.</p>
<p><b>3. The integration of warning system at regional level</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The strong connectivity and information sharing among regional and national concerned agencies</b>            During the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in November 2011, the leaders signed the Agreement on the Establishment of ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance Centre or AHA Centre which will be the main mechanism of ASEAN in disaster management covering all kinds of large-scale disasters. Through AHA Centre, Thailand would like to see the integration of disaster management information among ASEAN Member States as well as the internal effort of each Member States to establish a stronger connectivity and information sharing system on disaster management. It is essential to develop such system through the current information communication technology, such as, SMS, facebook and twitter. During the disasters, these channels can be utilized as one of the most effective early warning, news release and social mobilization method to ensure rapid and effective disaster response.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1039 379 2040 488"> <p>• <b>the utilization of ASEAN Standard Operating Procedure for Regional Standby Arrangements and Cooperation of Joint Disaster Relief and Emergency Response Operation (ASEAN SASOP)</b>            One of the challenges that AIPA Member Countries faced is the lack of the Standard Operation during the disaster response and relief which leads to the confusion during the disaster response and relief operations. ASEAN already has the SASOP and Thailand believes that if all AIPA Member Countries utilize it and adapt it to our national policy and procedure on disaster response and relief operation along with cooperation on AHA Centre. These will be quick channels to assist AIPA tremendously in helping our people in time.</p> </li> <li data-bbox="1039 791 2040 1082"> <p>• <b>The exchange of best practices and lesson learned</b>            Thailand would like to encourage AIPA Member Countries to share their experiences, knowledge, and expertise on any aspects of disaster management. The first step is to share articles on how the disaster management in each country works, or any other topics along that matter, through AIPA website. So, AIPA could help each other to prepare for the unforeseeable disasters. This also could be a good starting point in develop our long-term goal of collaboration in such issue among AIPA members.</p> </li> <li data-bbox="1039 1091 2040 1382"> <p>• <b>The joint operation on humanitarian assistance</b>            Parliamentarians have an important role to play in enhancing both national and regional capacities in disaster management. ASEAN Member States should have domestic laws that accommodate regional joint operation on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. At regional level, AIPA should contribute to the efforts on harmonization of rules and regulations that will allow delivery of assistance to affected ASEAN Member States in an effective and timely manner.</p> </li> </ul>

