



NCDR Joins PDC's Global Hazards Information Network

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Dr. Liang-Chun Chen, Director of the National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction, Taiwan, and PDC Chief Information Officer Chris Chiesa, display the annex to the PDC-NCDR Memorandum of Understanding that makes NCDR a GHIN partner.

In December 2008, University of Hawaii-PDC and the National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction (NCDR), Taiwan, signed a memorandum of understanding establishing a collaborative relationship between the two centers. That association was extended on October 21, 2010, by the signing of an annex to the memorandum that makes NCDR a partner in PDC's Global Hazards Information Network (GHIN).

Dr. Liang-Chun Chen, Director of NCDR said, "We are delighted to join PDC's Global Hazard Information Network and share important information with our disaster management colleagues in Taiwan, in Asia and around the world. This is a significant step in our continued relationship with PDC."

PDC Chief Information Officer Chris Chiesa added, "With the addition of NCDR, PDC fills a critical disaster data gap in East Asia, especially for typhoons like [Megi](#). We are also encouraged by the climate change work that NCDR is doing and hope that they become active participants in the PDC-led IPCVR."

About NCDR: The National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction (NCDR) integrates policy-planning, assistance-to-policy-making, and research-development on policy to reinforce disaster prevention and reduction through practical implementation. Key components of its mission include coordinating, planning and implementing technologies for disaster mitigation; deploying disaster reduction and disaster response technologies for disaster operations; promoting advanced developments and applications for disaster prevention and emergency response.

Current activities focus on emergency response technologies and disaster forecasting techniques, risk and vulnerability assessments, disaster information sharing, and disaster reduction and prevention education and training. For more, go to the [NCDR](#) website.

About GHIN: The Global Hazards Information Network (GHIN) equips disaster managers, planners, governments, and nongovernmental organizations with instant access to a wide range of high-quality geospatial information resources to support risk assessment, early warning, response and other disaster management activities.

Partners share data by registering metadata in a PDC-hosted information portal powered by PDC's geospatial data management environment. Capabilities include a data search engine, dynamic-content map services, data download, and interactive hazard mapping applications, via a robust, always-on environment requiring only a standard browser for access.

For more, go to the [GHIN](#) pages on [PDC's](#) website.

To learn more about PDC-NCDR collaboration, refer to these online articles:

- PDC specialists participating in NCDR training workshops in [2009](#) and [2010](#).
- The original 2008 PDC-NCDR [memorandum of understanding](#).
- [Dr. Liang-Chun Chen](#) heading a delegation that visited PDC in 2008.

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