



Official National Statement by Brunei Darussalam

Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

Madam President,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, allow me to convey His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's sincere apologies for not being able to be here today due to a prior commitment.

Thank you to the Government and people of Japan for their warm and generous hospitality accorded to us. Our congratulations to the government and people of Japan on the successful organisation of this significant event. The presence of His Majesty the Emperor Akihito and Her Majesty Empress Michiko during the opening ceremony of the third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction signified the importance of this conference to not only Japan, but also the rest of the world.

Brunei Darussalam is not a disaster prone country. We are committed to being actively involved and have taken part in supporting and carrying out post-disasters relief operations in the region.

Since the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) was adopted a decade ago, we have seen notable accomplishments especially for us. Our own Strategic National Action Plan is based on the five priorities of the HFA. Preparedness activities, disaster response programmes and risk mitigation projects are the basis of our Strategic National Action Plan Framework.

In line with our ASEAN commitment, Brunei Darussalam attaches importance on implementing the ASEAN Agreement of Disaster Management and Emergency

Response (AADMER) and manifesting the region's commitment to the implementation of the post 2015 HFA.

The ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise (ARDEX) in Brunei Darussalam next year seeks to evaluate and review the regional mechanism for mutual assistance and response procedures as well as ensuring synergy in responses from relevant stakeholders.

In 2013, we hosted the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM)-Plus Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief and Military Medicine Exercise that promoted military-to-military relations in enhancing regional disaster response capacity in the region. The presence of the participating 18 countries including some of the world's major powers shows their commitment to working together towards humanitarian welfare and this sends a good message to the international community.

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Brunei Darussalam remains committed to supporting and implementing the new Post-2015 framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Madam President I thank you.

Delivered by The Honourable Pehin Dato (Dr.) Mohammad Yasmin Umar, Minister of Energy at the Prime Minister's Office, as representative of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.