



# A Model of Comprehensive Disaster Preparedness and Response Training at All Levels

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# DISASTER PREPAREDNESS IN HONG KONG



# Outlines

• The establishment of the Institute HKJCDPRI

 The Scoping Study – Disaster Preparedness in Hong Kong





# STATISTICAL YEARBOOK FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC 2014

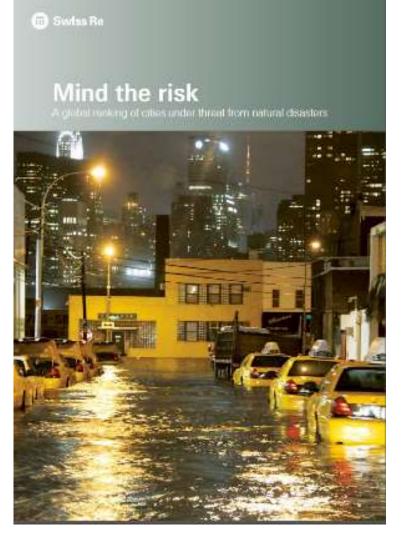
## Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific 2014 by United Nations ESCAP

*"Of the world's reported natural disasters between 2004 and 2013, 41.2 per cent or 1,690 incidences, occurred in the Asia-Pacific region,"* 

"Among the Asia-Pacific sub-regions, Southeast Asia – predominantly Indonesia and the Philippines – was hardest hit by natural disasters that killed more than 350,000 in more than 500 incidents, according to the report. During the same period, the **number of natural disasters occurring in China alone was more than twice as high as that in the whole North and Central Asia**"







# Mind The Risk: A Global Ranking of Cities under Threat from Natural Disaster by Swiss Re

"The Pearl River Delta is a densely populated metropolitan area comprising Hong Kong and Guangzhou. Situated in one of the world's most disaster prone regions, floods and typhoons put more people at risk than in any other metropolitan area in the world."

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#### Hong Kong billed as Asian country wit natural disaster risk

It's among the wettest cities in the region.

Four of the top ten cities with the highest natural disasters risk are in .

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#### How long can HK hold out?

By Cornelia Zou

HK is more vulnerable to natural disasters than its residents would like to believe. Cornelia Zou investigates if the city is equipped to cope with a calamity if it indeed happened.



From left: Branches of a 15-meter tall tree broke off and killed a 37-year-old expecting mother outside Palm Court, Robinson Road, last year. An emergency caesarian section was carried out to save the baby at Queen Mary Hospital. (Crystal Wong / China Daily)

A girl battling a strong wind at Hong Kong's Golden Bauhinia Square. (Crystal Wong / China Daily)

A cargo barge broke free from its moorings and crashed into the seawall, its crane narrowly missing an apartment block, in Heng Fa Chuen, during a storm last August. About 50 residents had to be evacuated. (Edmond Tang / China Daily)

Most Hong Kong people are conscious about protecting themselves against possible infection, since the SARS epidemic in 2003. (Provided to China Daily)









# Hong Kong

- Urbanization: 100%<sup>1</sup>
- Population: 7.24 million (mid-2014)<sup>2</sup>
- Hottest year in 2015
- Coldest day in 60 years
- 2003 SARS, 1997 Avian Influenza
- Special population in HK

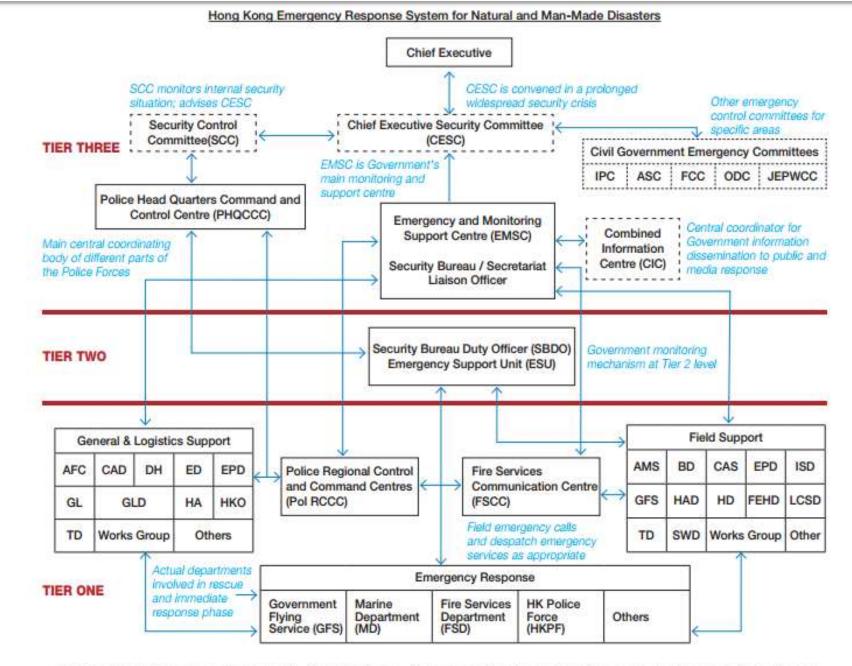
<sup>1</sup> United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division. World urbanization prospects: The 2014 revision, highlights (ST/ESA/SER.A/352). United Nations: New York; 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Information Services Department. Fact Sheet: Hong Kong. April 2015.





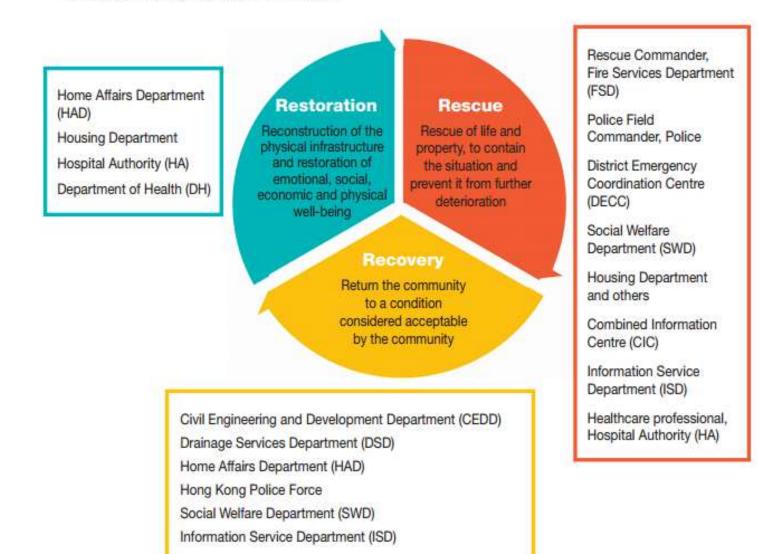
# **RISK = HAZARD X VULNERABILITY**



Adapted from Emergency Support Unit, Security Bureau, Government Secretariat. The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Emergency Response System: emergency response procedures. May 2000. Page 10, Annex 4.1. Encl. (45) in SBCR 1/1866/91 Pt.6.

#### **Government Emergency Response Phases**

The Government emergency response system is designed to handle the three main phases: rescue, recovery and restoration.<sup>6</sup> The circle shows the purpose to be achieved in each phase and the boxes list the major responders.



*Ref: Policy Brief. Hong Kong's Emergency and Disaster Response System. Emily YY Chan, May PS Yeung, Sharon TT Lo, CCOUC. October 2015.* 





#### Restoration Reconstruction of the physical infrastructure and restoration of emotional, social, economic and physical well-being

#### Rescue

Rescue of life and property, to contain the situation and prevent it from further detenoration

#### Recovery

Return the community to a condition considered acceptable by the community

# What can be added on?

- Comprehensive training for healthcare professionals in their roles during emergencies
- Common platform for all players in disaster response
- Community engagement
- Synergies among among multiple players including academia in disaster preparedness and response
- Systematic practice for evaluating disaster response and institutionalizing the learning







The Establishment of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Disaster Preparedness and Response Institute (DPRI)

- Launched in August 2014
- Under the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine



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# Goals

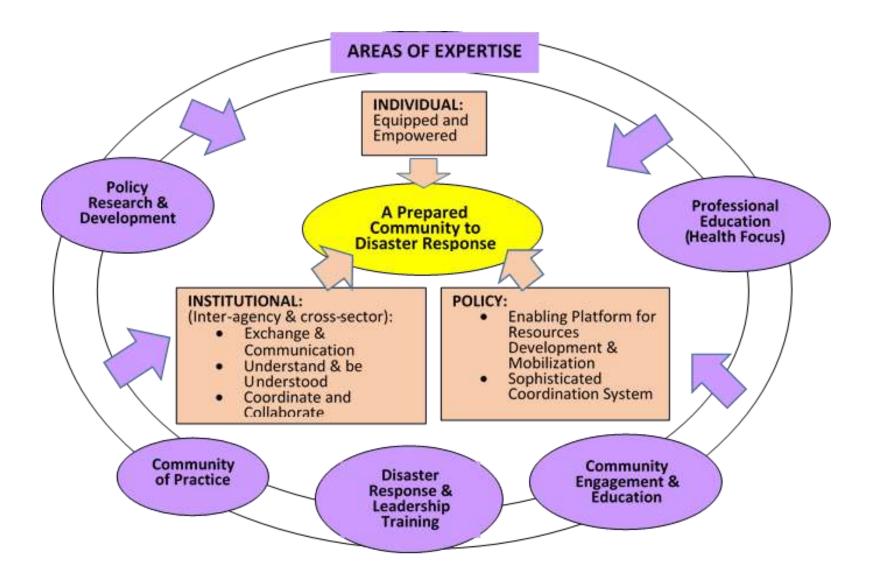
- Generate *leaders* in disaster preparedness and response for Asia Pacific
- Promote *community* resilience
- *Centre* of excellence

# Focuses

- Capacity building (professional & health)
- Research & policy studies
- Engaging communities
- Knowledge and consultative platform







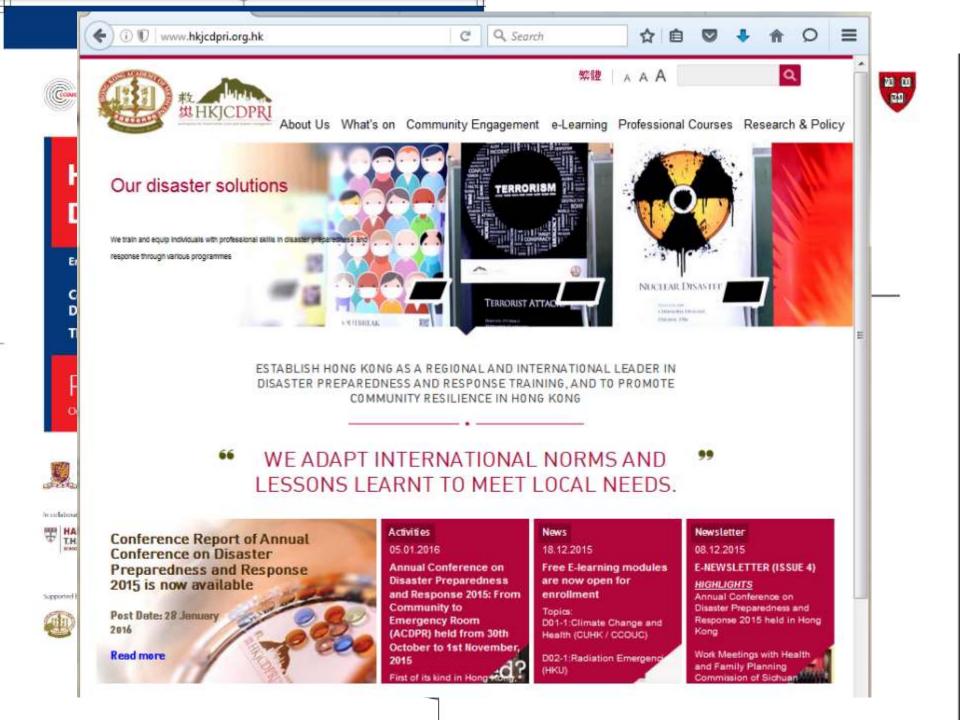
Training for post-graduates & undergraduates



Free e-learning modules on disaster topics



# Game-based simulation learning Training





#### 5月「一人一急救」 冠毛思君

#### 活動一: 基本急救課程(IFA)

對象: 關注精神健康人士16人

次數: 一節課程 4/小時

内容: 教授基礎急救理論,意外受傷的即時處理方法等 裝備參加者急救能力

天水靈班: 日期: 2016年 5月5日 (星期四) 時間: 上午11:00 - 下午3:00 場地: 天水圍體育館小活動室 油麻地班: 日期: 2016年 5月6日 (星期五) 時間: 下午12:00 - 下午4:00 場地: 梁頫利油輝地社際中心

#### 活動二:成人心肺復蘇法語言思程 (ACPR)

對象: 關注精神健康人士14人 次數: 一節課程 3小時 內容: 教授成人心師復蘇法和睡塞處理、 心臟病的認識和預防,裝備參加者 急救能力。

天水圍餅: 日期: 2016年 5月19日 (星期四) 時間:上午11:00 -下午2:00 場地:天水闡體育館小活動室 油購地餅: 日期: 2016年 5月20日 (星期五)

日期: 2018年5月20日(星期五 時間: 上午12:00 - 下午3:00 場地: 梁颢利油幕地社區中心

# 2015災難防護應變會議: 從社區到急症室的應變

Annual Conference on Disaster Preparedness and Response 2015: From Community to Emergency Room

30/10 - 1/11/2015 首港醫學專科學院育馬會大樓 HONG KONG ACADEMY OF MEDICINE JOCKEY CLUB BUILDING









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# The Scoping Study











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#### About the Study

The Scoping Study is a mixed methods needs assessment aimed at assisting HKJCDPRI in identifying priority areas for research, training and partnerships, in its early years of inception.

The inquiry succeeded in reaching almost 2000 respondents, including 26 senior government officials and healthcare administrators, over 600 frontline agency personnel, and over 200 healthcare professionals. Using a community-cluster randomization technique, the survey included a random sample of 1000 residents of Hong Kong. This website presents some of the key findings from the community survey respondents) and from the agency personnel survey.

# A Scoping Study

- Led by Harvard University
- Aims:
  - To elicit information on interagency coordination
  - Assess information across agencies and the community
  - Gauge public attitudes towards preparedness
- A cross-sectional needs assessment on over 2,300 respondents in Hong Kong







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# 1. Key Stakeholder Interviews

26 senior officials in HK's key disaster response agencies and institutions

- 2. The Agency-Personnel Survey Online survey to over 600 responders from HK Police Force, HK Fire Services Dept, Auxiliary Medical Service, and Civil Aid Service
- 3. The Healthcare Personnel Survey Online survey to 199 responses from physicians and nurses

#### 4. The Community Survey

1,023 surveys conducted using 1,533 randomly generated GPS points in each district proportional to the district population





# **Disaster Preparedness in Hong Kong – A Scoping Study**

# **Recommendations:**

- 1. The need to engage members of the general Hong Kong community to raise awareness of disaster risk, improve preparedness efforts, and provide guidance on where to find information in the event of a disaster
- 2. The need to invest more resources in training and professionalization of the Hong Kong response sector, including healthcare personnel
- 3. The opportunity to include less familiar and infrequent disasters in training exercises and disaster drills for disaster preparedness and community engagement
- 4. Use of mobile technologies and the Internet for disaster communication and coordination.





# Thank you!