

# **20th CODATA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

# Ladies and Gentlemen:



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# **Proposal for New Task Group**

# **Establishment**

## of the Comprehensive Information System on Natural Disaster Mitigation (CISDM)

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**1.1 We face various natural disasters** 

- **1.2 Global efforts to disaster mitigation**
- **1.3 Summary of our own work in CAS**
- **1.4 Recent major disasters**

### **1.5 IAP and ICSU'S ACTIONS**

# 1.1 We are facing severe natural disasters







# **1.1 Global Major Natural Disasters**

From 1950 to 1999 (Murchener Ruck Munich Re Group, 1999), all kinds of sudden natural disasters (excluding drought) have resulted in:

### <u>A death toll of up to 1,400,000</u> • Economic losses up to US\$ 960 billion

☆ The Categories of major sudden disasters:

X Storms (including tsunamis, typhoons, storm tides, etc.)



Earthquakes

K Floods

X Others (volcanoes, geological disasters, biological disasters, fires, etc.)



### **1.1 Loss ratio variation in China**





# Background

## **1.2 Global efforts to disaster mitigation**

 Various engineering or non-engineering Countermeasures;
 Modern S&T application;

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International activity





#### **World Weather Information Service**

Official Observations. Official Forecasts.







# **Global seismograph network**

Global Seismograph Network





- **1.** Meteorological system:
  - 2,633 stations
    - 957 rainfall stations
    - 400 meteorological radar stations
- 2. Hydrological system:
  - 3,172 hydrological stations
  - 15,368 rainfall stations
    - 1,149 water level observatories
  - 13,648 well water level observatories

1,900 monitoring stations

- 3. Seismic system: 1,300 earthquake stations
- 4. Oceanic system:
- 5. Agro-system:
- 6. Forestry system: 1,898 plant disease and insect pest stations
- 7. Forest-fire prevention system:

6,132 fire monitoring stations

**104 oceanic observing stations** 

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# Radar network in China





# **Remote sensing airplane of CAS**





# **Tidal Gauge Stations** in China





### Oceanic observing & monitoring system in China





## **Satellite observing systems**



# Great progress in disaster mitigation

Since 1949, China has 3,400 billion Yuan RMB economic profit from disaster mitigation in big rivers valleys, over 10 times than the investment on it.





# **SUMMARY OF OUR EFFORTS**

- In 1975, I took the lead in sparkplugging "modern disaster mitigation" in China and has endeavored to realize it for 30 years;
- In 1989, I strongly suggested to set up China national center for disaster reduction, and it was constructed and start to work in the summer of 2003;
- During 1991-1996, I led more than 200 scientists and technicians from various units over China to establish a comprehensive S &T system for disaster reduction for the first time in our country.
- Since 1990, strived to convince our government to set up disaster reduction satellite system, it did be adopted and a national project of this system was decided in Sep. 2003;
- Advocate and push forward to establish our national modern system for disaster mitigation.



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### Awarded by CAS 1<sup>st</sup> place S&T progress









### Awarded by the 2rd place national S&T progress





# Prof. Wang Rewarded by UN





### **Project document**

### **Foundation ceremony**



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### The construction site

### The main building





# Not mighty enough

# We have done a lot, but we are still so weak before hatural disasters

I.4 Recent Severe Scenario of Natural Disasters

#### Recent Serious Major Natural Disasters Continuously Threaten Human Being

- a. Great Tsunami in Indian Ocean Killed nearly 300,000 People. (There had no pre-warning, no awareness, no preparedness, no response system)
- b. Hurricane Katrina Hit USA Last Sep. Over 1,000 people killed, more than US\$ 100 Billion lost (Exact prediction, but weak Preparedness)
- c. Huge earthquake in South Asian last Oct. caused a death toll of 76,000, 4.0 million people homeless (No prediction, no pre-warning, no preparedness)
- d. Disastrous Landslide in the Philippines this year buried about 1,800 people there.
  ( Lack of pre-warning, awareness, preparedness emergency response system)
- e. Flood in south Asia(2,200 deaths,summer 2004)





# **1.4 Disaster of Hurricane Katrina**

# Displaced population : over 1 million Death toll : 1417

Insurance compensation : \$US 34.4 billion

Economic loss : \$US 100 - 200 billion

Recover & reconstruction : > \$US 300 billion

Resulted in : (1) approximately 400,000 unemployed persons (2) USA's economic growth rate drop down 0.5% in the 2rd half year of 2005



# **1.4 Hurricane Katrina Disaster**







- Direct economic losses caused by disaster in 2005 in China
- yearly total loss: Y 2042 billion 100.0 %
- Typhoon: ¥ 800 billion 39.2 %
- Flood:
- Drought:
- Others:

- Y 773 billion
   37.9 %
- **Y 213 billion 10.4 %** 
  - **Y 256 billion** 12.5 %

In 2005, for the first time Typhoon jumped to the most serious disaster



☆ ICSU: define a major program on natural disaster mitigation for a decade or more,
 ☆IAP: a initiative on disaster mitigation

 (2005--)
 ☆China government:

Satellites for disaster mitigation;
national emergency control and command center;
international cooperation, aid and international training course for developed countries.



### **ICSU:**

- ☆ The ICSU General Assembly in 2005 established an International Planning Group on Natural and Human-Induced Environmental Hazards and Disasters;
- ☆ begun the process of defining a major program of research aimed at strengthening international science to provide a firmer basis for policies to prevent natural hazards from becoming disasters.
- The international collaborative research program, lasting a decade or more, would combine the insights of the natural, health, social and engineering sciences.



#### **1.5 IAP Initiative**

of "Global Natural Hazards and Disaster Reduction"





### Flow chart for disaster mitigation



# The primary intention of IAP Program



DONESIA





# 1.5 China's response

### **China government:**

Satellites for disaster mitigation;
national emergency control and command center;
international cooperation, aid and international training course for developing countries.

# Functions of minor satellite constellation



# Emergency communications





#### THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM IN BEIJING





# **Objective**

CISDM Task group will work on : The major natural hazards and disaster mitigation, Establishment of natural disaster database (including historic database and the real-time database),



- Iset-up of the integrative scientific and technological model system for disaster preparedness and disaster mitigation in one or two developing counties or regions.
- Incouraging and facilitating worldwide knowledge sharing and co-operating in natural disaster mitigation of scientific and technical data.
- I organizing meetings on science and technology of disaster mitigation, disaster management, standardization and quality control of the disaster database.



# The main contents of the research

main researches:

- understanding of natural hazards
- monitoring and prediction
- integrated risk analysis
- Modeling, ……

Comprehensive information service gateway

Uniform resource access interface (Web service)

information resource database Natural Disaster model database

Natural Disaster information standards Natural Disaster comprehensive nformation system



# Main tasks

# **1.The study and formulation of the standards;**

# 2. The development of information resources;

3. Establishment of comprehensive information system gateway for natural disaster



# **Implementation** solution

## **1.Organization**

- **※ International expert group**
- **※ International working group**
- **X Local working group**
- **2. Technical route** 
  - **※Formulating standards of natural disaster information**
  - **Construction and application of the database**
  - **X technical routine of the natural disaster comprehensive information system gateway**



# **WORKING PLAN**

- Stage1: the start of the project (Jan. 31, 2006 --Dec 31, 2006)
- **1** To establish preparatory group
- **2** To submit proposal
- ③ To coordinate and organize the survey on natural disaster information resources
- ④ To initiate the investigation of relevant standards for natural disaster information resources data



# **WORKING PLAN**

- Stage2: Implementation (Jan. 31, 2007 -- Dec 31, 2007)
- **1** To set down the metadata and data standards of natural disaster information resource
- ② To initiate and accomplish the formulation of uniform access interface standards and protocol for natural disaster information resources
- **③** To initiate and fulfill the construction of the comprehensive information system gateway,
- **④** To initiate the study and establishment of natural disaster model and natural disaster model database



# **WORKING PLAN**

## Stage3: Application (Jan. 31, 2008 -- Dec 31, 2008)

- 1 To enhance the accumulation, integration and conformity of the natural disaster data resources
- 2 To initiate and accomplish the development of **quality controlling and evaluation criterion** for natural disaster data and to scientifically evaluate, conform and modify the natural disaster database
- ③ **To modify** data model of the natural disaster development according to the feedback of application services, **to study** and develop application interface and web service based on the practical needs, such as alarming and predicting system, comprehensive analysis system and basic scientific researches.





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### **Grants and Contracts :**

US\$20,000 – from CODATA to support the effort over two years. CODATA funds will be used to supplement workshops and travel mainly for members from developing countries to attend Task Group meetings.

Chinese Academy of Sciences may provide financial supports to organize the CISDM conference and make a data resource survey.

### In kind support:

IAP(The InterAcademy Panel on International Issues) will financially support some international exports workshops on Natrual Disaster Mitigation.



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