Background Information
About ASEAN Regional Mechanism on Disaster Management and The AHA Centre
The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) consists of 10 countries with 600 million people. Every year, on average, the ASEAN region experiences losses related to natural disasters estimated at US$ 4.4 billion.*

* Source: Advancing Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance in ASEAN Countries, World Bank, GFDRR, ASEAN, and UNISDR
Providing the momentum for the development of an ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER)

Testing ASEAN’s solidarity and relevance as a regional grouping

The turning points.....

2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami

2008 Cyclone Nargis
ASEAN leaders in the last three summits reiterated that AADMER is the common platform for disaster management in Asean.

“... We also encourage the various sectors and mechanisms related to disaster management in ASEAN, including those under ASEAN + 1, ASEAN + 3, East Asia Summit and ASEAN Regional Forum, to synchronise their policies using AADMER as the common platform to ensure the principles of ASEAN Centrality....”

“... We emphasized the importance of using existing mechanisms, in particular the Conference of the Parties (COP) under the AADMER, the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) and the AHA Centre, as the coordinating platform and cooperation arrangement for disaster management.”

“...We also encouraged the various mechanisms related to disaster management in ASEAN to synchronise their activities and policies using the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) as the common platform for disaster management...”
At the 19th of ASEAN Summit, witnessed by ASEAN Heads of States, the agreement on the establishment of AHA Centre was signed by the ASEAN Foreign Ministers on 17 November 2011 in Bali Indonesia

AGREEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASEAN CO-ORDINATING CENTRE FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Done at Bali, Indonesia, this Seventeenth Day of November in the Year Two Thousand and Eleven, in a single original copy in the English Language.

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For the Lao People’s Democratic Republic:

For Malaysia:

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| PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE       | 1. ASEAN Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ASEAN-ERAT)                |
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Since its establishment in 2011, AHA Centre has been responding to more than 13 disasters in ASEAN region.
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About AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme
ASEAN community continuously experience disasters of various scales

Some disasters, particularly the large-scale disasters, could exceed the capacity of the affected countries to cope, both in logistics stockpile and capacity in delivering the relief items.
Supported by the Government of Japan through Japan – ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF), the Establishment of Disaster Emergency Logistics System for ASEAN (DELSA) was initiated

- To develop a disaster emergency logistic system for ASEAN through the establishment of a regional stockpile of relief items and pre-arrangements with potential suppliers and transporters.

- To enhance the capacity of the AHA Centre and ASEAN Member States in disaster emergency logistic operations.
ACE Programme

is a six month programme which intends to provide on-the-job training and capacity building for professionals from National Disaster Management Offices (NDMOs) of ASEAN Member States who are pursuing a career in disaster management.
ACE Programme Curriculum Framework 2016

Preparing the Future Leaders of Disaster Management in ASEAN

Core Programme

Working at AHA Centre

- ASEAN Regional Mechanism
- Day to Day Work with AHA Centre
- Preparedness & Response
- Monitoring and Analysis
- ICT
- Communications
- Data Collection

Training

- Technical Skills
  - Logistics
  - ICS
  - EOC
  - Information Connectivity
  - Disaster Management
  - Camp Coordination and Camp Management
- Non-technical “Soft Skills”
  - International Humanitarian System
  - Supply Chain
  - Civil Military Coordination
  - Leadership in Crisis
  - Communication for Disaster Management Professional
  - Project Management
  - Hazard and Area BCP
  - Rapid Assessment
  - Leadership Talk Sessions
  - Table Top Exercises
  - Debates Sessions
  - Personality Development

Study Visit

- Japan: Tokyo, Sendai, and Kobe
- New Zealand: Christchurch, Wellington, and Auckland
- Indonesia: Yogyakarta, Aceh and Padang

Deployment

- During Disaster
- During Exercise

Time Allocation

- 500 hours
- 350
- 150

Evidence/Output

- A 5 to 7-pages of strategic concept paper on the existing and the future of disaster management in ASEAN on preparedness and response, as well as cooperation and coordination among ASEAN Member States, Dialogue Partners, International Organizations and United Nations Agencies.
- A post-training evaluation form which exposing the knowledge in each key learning which also includes recommendations for improvement.
- An active mailing list and social media groups which are decided, designed and managed by the ACE Programme Officers during and after the training as a media of extending coordination, communication and networking among ACE Programme Officers.
- A Learning Management Portal which stores complete ACE Programme training material is available for both participants and alumni.
- Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ERAT) certificate as the basis of evaluation regarding the contribution towards AHA Centre operations.
- A 10 minutes individual presentation on how the ACE Programme Officers as the future leaders would enhance the ASEAN regional mechanism among ASEAN community as well as with international community for a better cooperation in disaster management.
- Pilot Project Report on ASEAN Disaster Management Cooperation which captures ACE Programme Officers’ increased knowledge gained through the previous training sessions, creativity in designing projects and the teamwork among team members.
- 1000-1500 words academic essay covering the Leadership on Crisis and Exercise Management Topics. All ACE Programme Officers may be eligible for academic credit towards The University of Canterbury Graduate Certificate in Professional Studies by completing 3500-4000 Academic Essay at the end of the programme with B grade.
The third batch of the AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme commence from 7th March–6th September 2016 participated by 16 officers from 8 ASEAN Member States of National Disaster Management Offices.

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Myanmar
Thailand
Viet Nam
Philippines
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