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Message from the Winner

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It is my great pleasure to be awarded the JDR Award for the Most Downloaded Paper 2024 by the *Journal of Disaster Research* (JDR). This paper investigated the emergency response system in the Philippines by focusing on flood prone areas. Through both literature and interview surveys, we identified the issues with emergency response at different administrative levels, including the community, municipal, provincial and national levels.

This study was conducted at the International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management (ICHARM) under the auspices of UNESCO, PWRI, Japan. Support from the related organization in the Philippines was essential for conducting the interviews and field surveys in local areas in the Philippines. The comparison of the emergency response system between the Philippines, as target country, and Japan, as author's country, gave a lot of insights for considering a better system in the future. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all the people who cooperated with us to provide survey opportunities and support our research activity.

As the experience in this paper encouraged our motivation to comparative study among different countries, we have recently expanded our research activity not only in emergency response but also into flood disaster risk assessment in the Philippines. We hope to continuously contribute to the JDR with publications on different topics.

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