

Message from the Winner

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It is a great honor to have my name listed as a recipient of the JDR Award for the Most Downloaded Article, alongside Professor Miho Ohara. This paper was published during our collaboration at the International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management (ICHARM) under the auspices of UNESCO, PWRI, Japan. The award-winning paper summarizes the state of disaster response organizations in the Philippines and identifies issues for improving risk reduction efforts. In formulating a disaster risk reduction plan, it is vital for all parties involved, including national and local governments, to clearly define their roles, share responsibilities, and coordinate effectively. This approach enhances the overall impact of their efforts by grounding them in scientific analyses of natural hazards. Following the publication of this paper, ICHARM has consistently conducted various activities in the Philippines in partnership with national and local governments. These initiatives aim to support their risk reduction efforts and raise residents' risk awareness of potential hazards. For example, hazard maps have been created on-site to help residents understand water-related risks better. I am deeply grateful to the JDR for this recognition, and I look forward to continuing my contributions to the JDR.

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