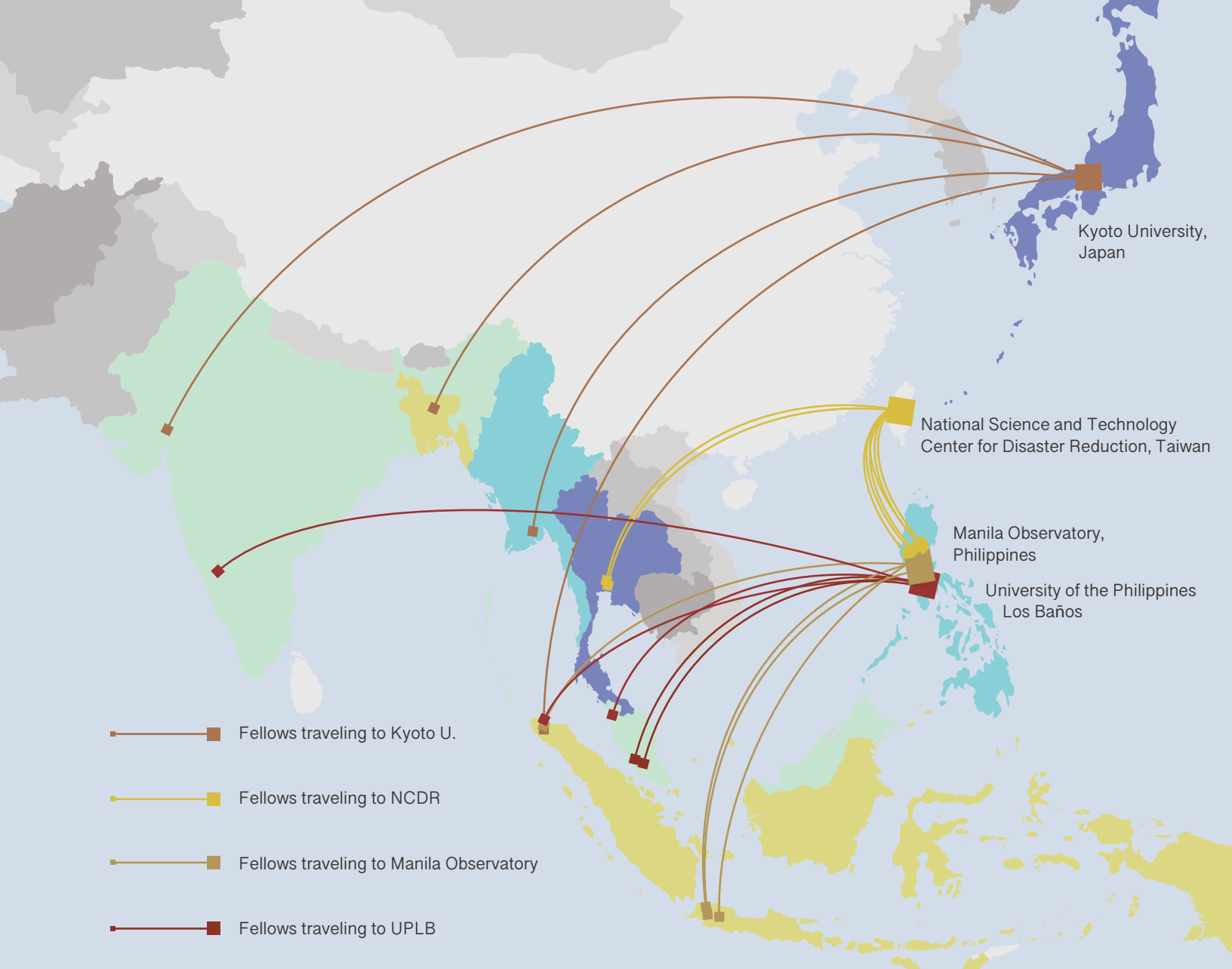




The PARR Network

A total of twenty-two fellows from seven countries participated in the Pan-Asia Risk Reduction (PARR) fellowship program, a yearlong fellowship experience which included an immersive one- to three-month stay at a host institution in Asia. A competitive process granted additional funding to select fellows to carry out independent research projects. Fellows produced manuscripts for submission to peer-reviewed journals, policy briefs for local government, or communications materials targeted to local stakeholders and communities.

START led two fellowship rounds between 2014 and 2018, with the support of the United States National Science Foundation, the Oscar M. Lopez Center, the Asia Pacific Network for Global Change Research, the IRDR International Center of Excellence (ICoE) Taipei, and strategic direction from the PARR Alliance, a consortium of science-focused research, education, and capacity building institutions in Asia.

Learn more at: start.org/programs/PARR



NURTURING TALENT TO ADVANCE RISK REDUCTION

3 questions to
Prof. Rajib Shaw

Why are programs like PARR important for the region?

PARR provides a cross learning experience to young professionals and practitioners. It is a unique process, which nurtures these young talents by engaging them in action research and exposing them to state-of-the-art disaster risk reduction facilities in the host institutes.

What has PARR's biggest achievement been in your view?

PARR has created a network of motivated researchers and practitioners, who have jointly pursued innovative research and published peer reviewed journal articles. Seed funding has also allowed them to conduct cutting edge action research.

What would be your advice to young researchers and practitioners starting their career in disaster risk reduction in Asia?

Young researchers are the key to a successful implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development Goals. Thus, my message to them is to keep motivated, continue co-designing risk reduction solutions along with other stakeholders, and finding appropriate options for their implementation.

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