

THE PAN-ASIA RISK REDUCTION (PARR) FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM OFFERS UNIQUE RESEARCH, TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO ASIAN RESEARCHERS, PRACTITIONERS, AND POLICY MAKERS TO ENHANCE THEIR CAPABILITIES FOR ADVANCING AND APPLYING KNOWLEDGE ON CRITICAL ISSUES OF GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE AND RISK REDUCTION IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC. THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHES A KNOWLEDGE TO ACTION NETWORK OF PEOPLE AND INSTITUTIONS CAPABLE OF DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO PLANNING AND ACTION AT LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND REGIONAL LEVELS.

THE PARR FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM INCLUDES TWO TYPES OF FELLOWSHIPS:

PARR RESEARCH FELLOWS ARE MATCHED WITH A MENTOR AT A HOST INSTITUTION WHERE THEY CARRY OUT INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED RISK REDUCTION PROJECTS WHILE ALSO STRENGTHENING COMMUNICATION SKILLS.

PARR PRACTICE-POLICY FELLOWS ARE PROVIDED WITH A MIXED EXPERIENCE OF INTENSIVE TRAINING, INTERACTIONS WITH A POLICY PARTNER, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A RISK REDUCTION PROJECT THAT IS INTEGRATED INTO THE THEIR EVERYDAY WORK.



The Fellowship has provided the Fellows with an extensive opportunity to examine risk reduction concerns and issues from multiple perspectives -- from those renowned for their expertise in developing theories and approaches field of risk reduction, from practitioners and decision-makers who have tested models of risk reduction, and from communities who live with risks (ie indigenous peoples of Taiwan).

What sets this opportunity apart is having the privilege of time to study, witness the practice, engage in discussions in the spirit of solidarity and genuine intent to complement each others' work from a range of perspectives. This is Fellowship.

- Jessica Dator-Bercilla, Manila Observatory, Fellowship at NCDR (Taiwan)

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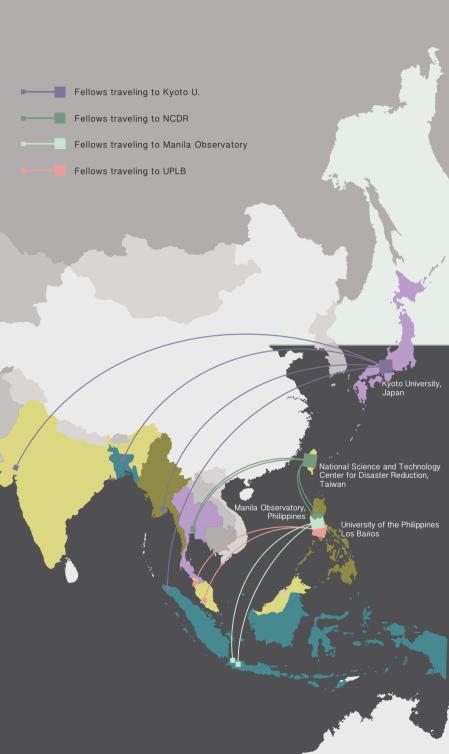
THE INAUGURAL ROUND OF THE PARR FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM COMBINED THE PARR RESEARCH AND PRACTICE-POLICY FELLOWS INTO TWO-PERSON TEAMS FOR A SIX-MONTH FELLOWSHIP EXPERIENCE, INCLUDING ONE-MONTH AT A HOST INSTITUTION. THE THEME OF THE 2014 PARR FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM WAS URBAN DISASTER RISK AND VULNERABILITY UNDER GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE.

Highlights

THIRTEEN FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED FROM SEVEN
COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT ÁSIA.
FELLOWSHIP RESIDENCIES AT HOST INSTITUTIONS
IN THE PHILIPPINES (2), JAPAN, AND TAIWAN.
INCEPTION MEETING TO INTRODUCE FELLOWS,
MEET HOST INSTITUTIONS, AND BEGIN TO BUILD A
COLLABORATIVE NETWORK.
COMPETITIVE CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR FOUR
FELLOWS TO PURSUE FOLLOW-ON PROJECT GRANTS
FOR EXPLORATORY RESEARCH, TRAININGS, OR
WORKSHOPS.
CULMINATION CONFERENCE TO SHARE EXPERIENCES
AND LEARNING OUTCOMES AND DEVELOP FURTHER
COLLABORATIONS.

## PARR INAUGURAL ROUND HOME AND HOST INSTITUTION LINKAGES

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THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF THE PARR PROGRAM IS EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED IN LATE 2015. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND UPDATES, PLEASE VISIT THE PARR WEBSITE,

HTTP://START.ORG/PROGRAMS/PARR-FELLOWSHIP-PROGRAM