

The main objective of the project is to increase the awareness and develop necessary skills in using satellite data/images of government officers in agencies involved in disaster management, mapping, space, and other agencies in ASEAN member countries (except Brunei Darussalam and Singapore) who are engaged in disaster mitigation and risk management activities. The meeting is Module 1 of the 5 modules in the project. The second module will tackle development of educational materials on Geomorphic and Information System (GIS), satellite remote sensing (RS) and Global Positioning System (GPS), including sample applications which will be translated to local languages. A 1-day seminar to reach policy makers, planners and politicians to provide platform to understand potential of GIS/RS/GPS in disaster risk mapping and post recovery operations will be conducted under the third module. For the fourth module, a 5-day technical training program based on local needs using hands-on training will be held for local agencies involved in the project. The project will culminate under the fifth module with a regional workshop in Thailand and Indonesia for disaster management agencies and space application activities to demonstrate potential of space technology in disaster risk reduction and sharing of experiences and lessons learned.

There were 23 attendees in the 26 March 2009 meeting which included agency representatives from ADRC (1), GIC (2) and Philippines (20). Philippine representatives came from the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA), Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Administration (PAG-ASA), Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR) and Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM).