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## Workshop on Science for Managing Disaster Risk

9 March 2016, PJ Hilton, Petaling Jaya

The Workshop on Science for Managing Disaster Risk on 9 March 2016, at PJ Hilton, Petaling Jaya. The workshop was convened under the aegis of the National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA) and led by Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia's Southeast Asia Disaster Prevention Research Initiative (SEADPRI-UKM) and MCSC-University of Cambridge, in conjunction with partners such as Malaysia Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT), Malaysian Association of Risk and Insurance Management (MARIM), University of Malaya's Department of Geology, the Geological Society of Malaysia and the Institute of Geology Malaysia, among others. The objective was to understand the scientific needs and priorities of financial entities for managing disaster risks and identify barriers that limit the penetration of disaster risk insurance in Malaysia. About 40 scientists, government officials and representatives of financial entities participated in the workshop.

The Workshop commenced with an officially opening by the Director General of NADMA. This was followed by a keynote address from the Science Advisor to the Honourable Prime Minister, YBhg. Professor Tan Sri Zakri Abdul Hamid. The panel session devoted to viewpoints on Science and Market Needs for Disaster Risk Reduction involved presentations by Professor Lord Julian Hunt from University of Cambridge, Professor Johnny Chan from City University of Hong Kong, Dr. Arpah Abu Bakar from Universiti Utara Malaysia as well as a representative from MARIM. The discussion focused on challenges in harnessing science for disaster risk insurance. Participants from the private sector highlighted current practices in the insurance sector and made recommendations to promote science for risk insurance for current and future climate. The workshop findings will be published shortly for wider dissemination to encourage further development of science based products and services.



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