



BATSTATEU HOSTS ACEDRMCCA 2018

In collaboration with the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) and the National University of Kaohsiung (NUK), the BatStateU ACTION Center hosted the 2018 ASEAN Conference and Exposition on Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation (ACEDRMCCA) on July 25-27 with the theme, “Converging with the ASEAN Community in Managing Disaster Risks and Climate Change for a Resilient Community”. The conference aimed to provide an avenue for local and international DRM officials, personnel, researchers and academicians to discuss emerging issues and international and local policies on disaster risk management and climate change adaptation.

Undersecretary Ricardo B. Jalad, Executive Director of NDRRMC, delivered the keynote message during the opening ceremonies of the conference and quoted that regardless of the negative impacts of calamities, these somehow teach people the value of working together to effectively withstand such catastrophes.



OFFICIAL LAUNCHING OF DREAM ACADEMY

A significant feature of the three-day conference was the official launching of Disaster Risk Education for Adaptation and Mitigation (DREAM) Academy on July 25, wherein representatives from the local government units showed their support and commitment to the university, including Batangas Province Governor Hon. Hermilando “Dodo” I. Mandanas, and Batangas City Mayor Beverley Rose A. Dimacuha represented by Atty. Victor Reginald Dimacuha.

PLENARY & PANEL SESSIONS

Renowned experts from both local and international institutions also shared their knowledge and expertise in the field of Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation during a series of plenary and panel sessions. Selected speakers included representatives from the local DRM community, as well as experts from Malaysia (Universiti Teknologi Malaysia) and Taiwan (National Kaohsiung University and Kaohsiung City Government).



Speakers (L-R) Vice President for Administrative Affairs, National University of Kaohsiung, Taiwan Dr. Hsing-Lung Lien; Undersecretary for Disaster Risk Reduction –Climate Change Adaptation, DOST and Officer-In-Charge, PHIVOLCS Dr. Renato U. Solidum, Jr.; and Head of Research Group, Structural Earthquake Engineering Research (SEER), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia Dr. Azlan Adnan engage in the Q&A session with the participants.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE SIMULATION

One of the highlights of the conference was a mass shooting simulation, which was held at the BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I grounds. BatStateU faculty members, personnel and criminology students, in cooperation with partner government agencies, actively participated in the said drill.



SIGNING OF THE STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

On the last day of the conference, the signing of the Statement of Commitment for Cooperation in Building a Disaster Resilient Community was done between BatStateU, the Office of Civil Defense, the City Government of Kaohsiung, Taiwan, and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia.

The Statement of Commitment is a symbol of partnership between the parties in promoting and strengthening community resilience.



ASEAN communities come together to build a disaster-resilient future. (L-R) BatStateU President Tirso A. Rongillo; OCD Representative Ms. Josefina T. Persil; Executive Secretary I-Chuan Liu of Kaohsiung City Government, and Lt. Kol. Mohamad Fazli Sardi of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia present the Statement of Commitment of Cooperation in Building a Disaster Resilient Community.