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PUBLICATIONS AND LIBRARY



UNCRD publications have changed considerably over the years, according to the prevailing needs and the organizational structure within the Centre, but a common thread has been present since the beginning which is that published output has the principal aim of informing policymakers, scholars, and practitioners of the results of UNCRD research, training, and special projects and programmes. Important constituencies being reached through publications are national and local governments, research and training institutions, bilateral and multilateral agencies, and the academic community.

The output is structured into three distinct types of publications: journals and periodicals; informational materials; and the general publications series. To accommodate a local readership some informational material is published in Japanese. Japanese publications are produced by the Centre's External Affairs Office.

Journals and Periodicals

Regional Development Dialogue

The main publication of this type is *Regional Development Dialogue (RDD)*, the Centre's longest-running publication. This journal is the principal means for the Centre to disseminate the results of its research and is intended to serve as a forum for critical discussion of local and regional development problems, issues, and experiences in both developed and developing countries, as well as transitional economies. A major objective is to stimulate dialogue among

scholars, practitioners, and policymakers on local and regional development. RDD is published twice-yearly with each issue focusing on a single topical theme reflecting ongoing research at UNCRD.

Regional Development Studies

A second journal, entitled *Regional Development Studies (RDS)*, which has been published annually since 1994, has a different objective to RDD, and constitutes an entirely separate journal. Conceived as a multidisciplinary, externally-refereed journal, RDS is a major channel for disseminating the research findings of the Centre's research and training staff as well as a forum for external contributors to publish their research findings in areas related to the overall mission of UNCRD. The original intention was to provide an outlet for in-house research staff at the beginning of their careers to present their research findings to an international audience within the confines of an established journal. To this end, attempts are made to balance the contents of each issue equally between in-house contributions and externally-solicited material. A UNCRD RDS Committee conducts in-house vetting of all papers before sending them to recognized international referees.

Comprehensive cross-referenced Indexes are published for both *RDD* and *RDS* at regular intervals.

Informational Materials

This type of publication is aimed at a general readership and is designed to provide information on all programmes and activities at UNCRD. The *UNCRD Newsletter*, *UNCRD Annual Report*, and occasional brochures are produced for this purpose. To create a better understanding of its mission within the local community and within Japanese research and training institutions and



government agencies, *UNCRD Highlights* and a Japanese version of the UNCRD Annual Report are also published.

UNCRD Newsletter

The Newsletter (published every six months) is a regular means of communicating between UNCRD and its former research, training, and meeting participants; with national, regional, and local government agencies, research and training institutions, other UN agencies, and the international development community who are interested in UNCRD programmes and activities. The Newsletter is disseminated free of charge and provides information and updates on all UNCRD's current and future projects as well as other activities, new publications, new staff, and a calendar of events. Recent Newsletters are: no. 51 (January-June 2001); no. 52 (July-December 2001); and no.53 (January-June 2002).

UNCRD Annual Report

The Annual Report is published in both English and Japanese and presents the current status of the Centre's research and training programmes and describes both recent and forthcoming events. In addition to general information about the Centre, the Annual Report also contains a full staff list, a financial statement, and a calendar of events and is designed to present a concise summary of the year's achievements to a wider audience of both specialist and nonspecialist readers.

UNCRD Highlights

This is a news bulletin, published every quarter, and in Japanese only. It has the aim of providing updated information on the Centre's activities to the local community, with the intention of involving interested individuals, as well as local government agencies and institutions in the Centre's research and training activities.

General Publications Series

This series is comprised of Research Reports, Textbooks, and Training Materials. As their name suggests, **Research Reports** are additional means to inform policymakers, researchers, planners, and the international development community at large, of the results of the Centre's research projects. Such reports should contain syntheses and analyses of case studies, as well as conclusions and recommendations in order to be of use and relevance to the Centre's constituency. **Textbooks**, on the other hand, have the objective of improving training in regional development and related fields and to assist trainers to improve their capacity. Additional **training materials** are also produced such as the *UNCRD Case Study File* which are designed as additional knowledge bases for the training of both trainers and trainees.

UNCRD Publications on the Web

A comprehensive, cross-referenced index of all UNCRD publications over the last thirty years is available at <http://www.virtualref.com/uncrd/>. This index, listing approximately 1,800 items, provides numerous ways of browsing UNCRD materials and is a useful way to gain access to the Centre's output. Future development will include abstracts of works.

Dissemination of UNCRD Publications

UNCRD journals are available through subscription, direct sales, and on an exchange basis. They are promoted through periodicals indexing, exchange of advertisements and through commercial booksellers. Appropriate articles appearing in past *RDD* issues are indexed and/or abstracted in periodical indexes such as the *Asian-Pacific Economic Literature*; *Ekistic Index*



of Periodicals; Geo Abstracts; GEOBASE; Index to International Statistics; International Labour Documentation; International Regional Science Review; Monthly Bibliography, Part II, issued by the United Nations Library at Geneva; *Rural Development Abstracts; Sage Human Resources Abstracts; Sage Urban Studies Abstracts; Social Planning, Policy and Development (SOPODA); and Sociological Abstracts (SA)*. Limited numbers of RDD articles are reproduced and distributed on the Internet through an agreement between UNCRD and the Public Affairs Information Service (PAIS), Inc., New York. A worldwide network of related institutions is maintained on the mailing lists, through which information and publications are exchanged. The network includes around 250 institutions, information centres, and libraries in both developed and developing countries.

The UNCRD Library

The UNCRD library collection consists of some 25,000 volumes (including basic texts, reference books, geographic or country studies, government documents, and developing countries' development plans), 330 English language serials and periodicals on development and planning and related fields, and sixty English language newsletters issued by UN and other international, governmental, and nongovernmental organizations.

The UNCRD Library maintains computerized bibliographic data bases for books and periodical articles which contain approximately 20,000 and 6,000 entries, respectively.

The Library provides the following services to its staff: reference, current awareness service, information searches, and loan of library materials. Outside researchers are welcome to borrow library materials (apart from periodicals and reference books) through personal or interlibrary loan. An "Introduction to the UNCRD

Library" brochure is available upon request.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS



The External Affairs Office (EAO) conducts its outreach activities in order to enhance the cooperative relationships with local communities, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and other UN organizations in Japan. In addition to maintaining a support programme to promote education for international understanding, the EAO has been organizing seminars and photo exhibitions, undertaking a volunteer programme, maintaining the UNCRD homepage, releasing press statements, and disseminating informational materials, all of which are designed to increase the visibility of the UN, and UNCRD in particular.

United Nations Day Commemorative Programme

In the context of the "United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations" — Let Us Discuss among Ourselves: Building a Culture of Peace

UNCRD held a UN Day commemorative programme in October 2001 which consisted of a symposium and a seminar in the Aichi Arts Center, Nagoya. The programme was designed to provide members of the general public with an opportunity to deepen their understanding of the role of the United Nations and Japan in the international community. Since the year 2001 had been proclaimed as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations, the programme also afforded an opportunity to explore through dialogue how citizens can build a culture of peace

while nurturing respect for all civilizations. Both events were cosponsored by the UNCRD Cooperation Association, United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the *Chunichi Shimbun* newspaper, and supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan, and Chubu International Center, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA-CBIC), together with the Aichi, Gifu, and Mie Prefectural Governments, and Nagoya City Government.

(1) Symposium

At the symposium held on 25 October 2001, keynote speeches were delivered by Misako Konno, UNDP Global Goodwill Ambassador, and Hatsuhisa Takashima, Director of UNIC Tokyo. Konno, in her speech, shared some impressions on sustainable human development gained during her missions to Cambodia and the Middle East, while Takashima provided a timely talk on existing international issues in relation to the United Nations. In the round-table session which followed, the audience was arranged in circular fashion, and Konno, Takashima, and Yo Kimura, then UNCRD Director, discussed issues on development cooperation. The discussants also responded to various opinions and questions raised by the audience. At the press briefing, held prior to the symposium, Takashima explained the current international situation from the point of view of the United Nations. About 200 people participated in this symposium.

(2) Seminar — International Organizations: The Stage for Your Activities

With an attendance of approximately 180 persons from a variety of backgrounds, the seminar was held on 10 November 2001 for the purpose of providing detailed information and advice on how to become involved in international cooperation activities. The seminar included



keynote speeches by Mitsuko Ito, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan, and Naoki Ishihara, former staff member at United Nations Headquarters (UNHQ) in New York. Ito outlined the recruitment system of international organizations such as the UN, and Ishihara shared his work experience while serving at UNHQ. The panel discussion which followed involved four panelists: Ishihara; Chika Kitajima, Assistant Programme Officer, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Ho Chi Minh City; Hidenori Miyazaki, former United Nations Volunteer (UNV) and Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer (JOCV); and Tomoko Kuroki, former JOCV. Each explained how they became engaged in international cooperation activities, and provided useful advice by outlining their experiences. A question-and-answer session was held at the end of the seminar for the audience to obtain personal responses from the panelists and UNCRD staff members. This programme was held to increase an awareness of international cooperation activities within the local community.

Support Programme for the Promotion of International Education

As part of its public relations activities, UNCRD has made considerable efforts to support schools and universities in the local community in promoting education for international understanding. This programme aims to provide the younger generation with the opportunity to learn about the roles and activities of the United Nations and, in particular, UNCRD. UNCRD staff members deliver special lectures to the students, and visitors are also welcomed to UNCRD. The programme comprises both student visits to UNCRD and school visits by UNCRD staff, which are organized at the request of local schools and universities.

Student Visits to UNCRD. During the report-

ing period, thirty-one students from three universities, four students from a professional school (Nagoya YMCA Gakuin), eight students from two high schools, a total of eighty-one students from eight junior high schools, and thirteen pupils from two elementary schools visited UNCRD to learn about the UN and UNCRD through lectures, video shows, and guided tours of the Centre.

School visits by UNCRD staff. UNCRD dispatched staff members to two junior high schools, and two elementary schools. UNCRD staff members also provided lectures on the UN and UNCRD, as well as regional development and environment-related topics. The total number of students who attended these special lectures amounted to 167 at the junior high school level, and 210 at the elementary school level.

Participation in Outside Events

UNCRD is ready to respond to requests to provide the Centre's materials for display; distribute UNCRD publications and brochures; and lend videos and panels depicting UN and UNCRD activities. Between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2002, UNCRD participated in twelve events/festivals (see table 1).

UNCRD informational publications were distributed to introduce the Centre's activities at each of these events. Special lectures were delivered at some of these events by UNCRD staff members. The booths were set up for the display with staff members providing face-to-face consultations for visitors who were interested in the Centre's training/research activities. These events contributed to enhancing the Centre's visibility in a broader regional context, including the Chubu region in which the Centre is located.

TABLE 1. UNCRD PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS AND FESTIVALS, JULY 2001 - JUNE 2002

<p>2001</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 September 2001, IRIS Aichi, Nagoya Lecture on international exchange • 6-7 October, Hibiya Park, Tokyo International Cooperation Festival 2001 • 13-14 October, International House, Osaka One World Festival • 10-11 November, Nagoya International Center, Nagoya 18th International Cooperation Friendship Festival 2001 • 27 November, Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto International Symposium: Global Environmental Governance in the 21st Century <p>2002</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 February 2002, UST TSU, Tsu, Mie Mie International Exchange Foundation; 10th Anniversary Fiesta 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 March, Okazaki Office, National Life Finance Cooperation, Okazaki, Aichi Lecture on UNCRD's activities • 25 May, Will Aichi Center, Nagoya Will Aichi Seminar • 26 May, Aichi International Plaza, Nagoya Aichi International Plaza Festival 2002 • 1 June, Harbour Park, Garden Pier, Port of Nagoya, Nagoya Nagoya Junior Chamber Inc. - Regular Meeting; June-"2 Million International X" • 1-2 June, Shonai Ryokuchi Koen, Nagoya "ECO STOCK 2002" • 8 June, Will Aichi Center, Nagoya Women's Federation For World Peace: Education Symposium
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Press Releases/Media Coverage

UNCRD has continued to disseminate information about its activities to the local media. Between July 2001 and June 2002, eighteen press releases were sent to newspapers, television stations, and a radio station comprising information on the annual International Training Course in Regional Development (ITC) and the Centre's participation in EXPO 2005, among others. In particular, information on various activities of the ITC 30 was issued in seven press releases and covered by eleven newspapers, two TV stations, and one radio programme. Reports on UNCRD's activities appeared in fifty-two newspaper articles and were featured in four TV news programmes, including individual staff members' contributions to newspapers. Through this media coverage, UNCRD's activities have been widely reported to the general public, mainly within the Chubu region, and UNCRD's visibility has thereby been correspondingly enhanced.

Informational Materials Dissemination

As part of UNCRD publication activities, the EAO is in charge of the preparation of the *Annual Report* (Japanese edition), *UNCRD Highlights* (a semiannual Japanese newsletter), and UNCRD informational brochures (Japanese editions). *UNCRD info*, a bimonthly broadsheet on UNCRD activities, was discontinued in March 2002. Forthcoming activities now appear on the UNCRD website for timely notification. These Japanese materials are published in collaboration with the UNCRD Cooperation Association.

UNCRD Volunteer Programme

The UNCRD Volunteer Programme was begun in December 1998 with a small group of individuals. About 110 volunteers are currently enrolled including university students, office workers, housewives, retirees, teachers, and high school students, among others, from the local community. During TTC 2, fourteen volunteers were involved in teaching participants Japanese conversation and three volunteers joined the "Discover Nagoya Tour," as guides. During ITC 30, fourteen volunteers helped the training participants learn Japanese conversation, and ten volunteers assisted in introducing aspects of traditional Japanese culture. Their contribution has been invaluable in assisting the more effective conduct of UNCRD's activities.

UNCRD Homepage

In November 1998, the Japanese version of the UNCRD Homepage was designed and installed on the Internet to enhance the Centre's visibility, and to enlist the support of the Japanese as well as international community. The EAO takes charge of its maintenance, and the contents and information continue to be updated with the aim of encouraging the general public to take a greater interest in UNCRD's activities.

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