

# Lower Mekong Initiative

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## Pacific Resilience Disaster Response Exercise & Exchange Initial Planning Conference Storyboard (27-30 Jan 2014)



Purpose: To discuss and prepare the initial concept for a civil-military HA/DR event that promotes multilateral coordination, communication, and cooperation between the United States, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. The event will support LMI's multinational effort to enhance capacity in disaster risk management (DRM) practices, with a focus on trans-boundary water issues and collaborative flood response.

### Highlights

- All major Thai civilian and military stakeholders participated in successful discussions to refine the 2014 DREE focus and concept.
- FPC and DREE dates shifted to allow greater Thai stakeholder participation and ensure resource availability.
- Site visit to Ayutthaya industrial estate (flood-prone area of 2011 flood) to examine the estate perimeter flood wall and implemented disaster risk reduction measures.

### Way Forward

- 2014 LMI PR DREE will focus on water-related issues to distinguish it from other HA/DR events.
- FPC dates currently scheduled for 17-19 Mar 2014.
- DREE dates currently scheduled for 28-31 Jul 2014.
- Exercise scenario complexity remains at the Table Top Exercise (TTX) level.
- Continue to build enduring partnerships with LMI member states in order to enhance cross-border combined disaster preparedness and response in the Mekong delta.



COL Wuttisak (RTARF) and LTC Siegler (351 CACOM) discuss Foreign MIL support in disaster response.



COL Apirdet (RTA), Ms Thitiphon (ADPC), Ms Somjai (ActionAid), Mr Santi (DDPM), Ms Aimee (DDPM) refine DREE objectives.



LMI PR DREE IPC participants inspect the Bang Pa-In Industrial Estate flood protection system in Ayutthaya Province.