

The 14th ACP Conference

The ACP initiative continues to advance the development of human resources for safety management in disaster-prone regions across Asia since 2014.

This issue of the Newsletter features an overview of the 14th ACP Conference, held on September 2 and hosted by Universiti Utara Malaysia.

It was also announced that Thammasat University in Thailand will host the conference in 2026, followed by the University of Danang in Vietnam in 2027.



I. ACP Expert Session

Theme: Safety Management for Sustainable Asia

- Co-Creating Resilient Communities in the Digital Age-

Date: September 2nd, 2025

Venue: EDC Hotel & Resorts, Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM)

Host: UUM

Co-host: ACP Consortium

Presenters at ACP Expert Session



During the Expert Session, opening remarks were delivered by ASSOC. PROF. DR. MOHAMED NAJIB BIN SALLEH, Dean, School of Technology Management & Logistics, UUM, the host institution, followed by Mr. Mohd Faizal Abd Hamid, Senior Chief Assistant Director of the National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA), Malaysia. Then, Dr. HAMANA Atsushi (ACP Chairperson, President of Kansai University of International Studies (KUISS)), gave the keynote speech titled “The Possibility of Safety Management Using AI — Aiming for the Sum of Knowledge.”

The first part of this ACP Expert Session was a “Global Collaboration Session” featuring experts from ACP member universities, which was followed by an “ICT & Community Session” by the Asian Citizens Disaster Risk Reduction Initiative (ACDRI) members in the second part, partly as one of the Toyota Foundation project. The presenters are as follows.

Global Collaboration Session

1. Dr. Supreedee Rittironk, Vice Rector for International Affairs, Thammasat University <Online>
2. Gs. Dr. NUR SUHAILI MANSOR, Institute for Advanced and Smart Digital Opportunities, School of Computing, UUM
3. Dr. Ikaputra, Faculty of Engineering, Department of Architecture and Planning, Universitas Gadjah Mada
4. Dr. Hoang Hai, Director, The University of Danang <Online>

ICT & Community Session

5. Dr. KAWAWAKI Yasuo, Assistant to the president for International Affairs, KUISS
6. Mr. Kuo-Yu slayer Chuang, GeoThings, Taiwan <Online>
7. Mr. Muhammad Ali Sobri, Jerai Geopark Guide Association
8. Dr. Khaerunnisa, Head of Master of Architecture Study Program, Architecture Department, Universitas Atma Jaya Yogyakarta



Global Collaboration Session



ICT & Community Session



II. The 14th ACP Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Time: 15:00-16:40

Chairperson: Dr. HAMANA Atsushi (ACP Chairperson, President of KUISs)

Participants:

no.	Family Name	First Name	Middle Names	Home Institution	Affiliation (Job Title)	Attendance
1	Salleh	Mohd	Najib	Universiti Utara Malaysia	Dean, School of Technology Management & Logistics	ACP ACDRI
2	Osman	Wan Nadzri	Bin	Universiti Utara Malaysia	Deputy Dean, Student Affairs and Alumni	
3	Musa	Suria		Universiti Utara Malaysia	Program Chair, School of Technology Management & Logistics	
4	Abdul Nifa	Faizatul	Akmar	Universiti Utara Malaysia	Disaster Management Institute School of Technology Management & Logistics	ACP ACDRI
5	Chong	Khai Lin		Universiti Utara Malaysia	Disaster Management Institute School of Technology Management & Logistics	ACP ACDRI
6	Yaakob	Mazri	Bin	Universiti Utara Malaysia	Lecturer School of Technology Management & Logistics	ACP ACDRI
7	Ikaputra			Universitas Gadjah Mada	Associate Professor, Department of Architecture and Planning	ACP ACDRI
8	Khaerunnisa			Universitas Atma Jaya Yogyakarta	Head, Master of Architecture Study Program	ACP ACDRI
9	Artnonla	Surussawadee		Thammasat University	Acting Director for International Affairs	ACP ACDRI
10	Hai	Hoang		University of Danang	Director	ACP Online ACDRI
11	Hamana	Atsushi		KUISs	President	ACP ACDRI
12	Kawawaki	Yasuo		KUISs	Assistant to the president for International Affairs	ACP ACDRI
13	Tanaka	Ayako		KUISs	Associate Prof.	ACP ACDRI
14	Murata	Masahiko		KUISs	Professor	ACP ACDRI
15	Tanaka	Akihisa		KUISs	Senior Manager, Center for Global Education	ACP ACDRI
16	Fukushima	Hiroko		KUISs	ACP Secretariat	ACP ACDRI

ACP Chairperson, Dr. Hamana, reflected on over a decade of ACP activities, reaffirming their significance. Key topics discussed included:

1. Student exchange and diversity – Mixed groups foster collaboration and understanding; poster sessions were reviewed.
2. Community engagement – Students' involvement with local communities enhances learning and sustainability.
3. AI in education – Benefits and risks were considered, emphasizing responsible use.
4. Program design – Flexibility is needed to adapt to different national contexts.
5. International collaboration and funding – Leveraging ACP's network is vital for future support.



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III. ACP Gala Dinner

After the ACP Conference, UUM hosted a gala dinner where ACP members enjoyed a delightful meal. Students and other participants dressed in traditional attire, and the students performed cultural presentations. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for all participants to deepen their relationships and engage in meaningful discussions about future activities.

