

EVENT SNAPSHOT



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President Masa meets RISE local communities in Indonesia



EVENT DETAILS

Monday, 02 March 2020. Makassar, South Sulawesi, Indonesia

Representatives from ADB, Makassar City and Monash University:

- **Mr Masatsugu Asakawa**, ADB President
- **Mr Bambang Susantono**, ADB Vice-President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development
- **Mr Ramesh Subramainam**, ADB Southeast Asia Department, Director General
- **Mr Winfried Wicklein**, Country Director, ADB Indonesia Resident Mission
- **Mr Iqbal Suhaeb**, Mayor, Makassar City
- **Prof Rebekah Brown**, RISE Program Director, Monash University
- **Ms Kerrie Burge**, CRCWSC International Engagement Manager, Monash University

WATER-SENSITIVE URBAN DESIGN FOR RESILIENT AND LIVABLE CITIES

The first DMC visit of the new ADB President, Mr Masatsugu Asakawa, included a small informal settlement community in Makassar, Indonesia where ADB, with funding from the Urban Climate Change Resilience Trust Fund (UCCRTF) and in collaboration with the Makassar City Government and Monash University, is implementing the Revitalization of Informal Settlements and their Environment (RISE) Project.

On 2 March 2020, President Masa was warmly welcomed by the residents at Batua community, RISE's demonstration site, and learned how the project is making an impact on their lives.

"This project demonstrates how collaboration with big donors like ADB and leading research institutions like Monash University can make people's lives different. I hope we will enhance our collaboration not just here, but everywhere."

- ADB President Masatsugu Asakawa

Batua is submerged in floodwater for several months every year during the monsoon season. RISE uses a decentralized approach for diversifying water resources through rainwater harvesting and introducing nature-based flood mitigation and wastewater treatment infrastructure. The residents were happy to report that they no longer need to self-fund and use makeshift bamboo rafts to get in and out of the community during flooding episodes.

Representatives from 6 other informal settlement communities which will benefit from the RISE Project also had the opportunity to interact with President Masa.

URBAN CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE LESSONS

Collaboration between donors and academe can make tangible impacts on people's lives. Working together on testing out innovative approaches opens up more opportunities to replicate and develop new projects elsewhere.

Communities are development partners and not merely beneficiaries. Co-design of the project together with affected stakeholders leads to empowerment.

Nature-based solutions for water and wastewater management and flood risk reduction have co-benefits including improving road access, enhancing aesthetics and thus sense of place, and advancing health and well-being.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Lara Arjan, SDCC. Email: larjan@adb.org
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- Regional: RISE using a Water-Sensitive Approach. <https://www.adb.org/projects/51290-001/main>
- INDONESIA: RISE. <https://www.adb.org/projects/52350-001/main>
- RISE website. <https://www.rise-program.org/about>

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