

Climate change is an impending crisis. Research & development (R&D), on the other hand, is a creative work, undertaken on a systematic basis, in order to increase the stock of knowledge and its use. What do they have in common? They both need urgent attention now.

* On March 6, 2009, Friday, EARTH Institute Asia, Inc. and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada, in collaboration with various organizations, will launch the New Regional Climate Change Vulnerability Map for Southeast Asia. The map shows that ALL the regions of the Philippines are among the most vulnerable regions in Southeast Asia. Are you aware of this? For more details please read [New Regional Climate-Change Vulnerability Map for Launching in Manila on March 6th](#)

The map is the result of R&D, a function that receives little attention in this country, even without any financial crisis. Few professionals are involved in R&D. Research facilities are sorely lacking. Funding is minimal.

But R&D is an investment in the future, in the country's sustainability and growth. It is crucial for understanding climate change, the most pressing issue affecting planet Earth. IDRC helps in this effort by collaborating with researchers from the developing world. The climate change vulnerability map is one product of such collaboration.

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The talk show can also be accessed on the Internet at <http://dzrh.tripod.com> or <http://dzrh.prepys.com>

Guests are Richard Fuchs, Regional Director, IDRC Regional Office for Southeast & East Asia, Singapore; Dr. Herminia Francisco, Director, Economy and Environment Program for Southeast Asia, IDRC Regional Office; and Dr. Flaviana Hilario, Weather Services Chief, Climatology and Agro Meteorology Division, Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA). EARTH Institute Asia President Dr. Cora Claudio will moderate the discussion in conversational Tagalog-English.

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