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### **ICC participates in tsunami recovery and reconstruction**

International Code Council Board President Frank Hodge and CEO James Lee Witt are on a two-week mission to Asia to evaluate the damage from December's earthquake and tsunami. The two are part of a group assessing long-term recovery and reconstruction in Thailand, Sri Lanka and Indonesia.

The mission is an opportunity to rebuild Southeast Asia with stronger and more sustainable communities and to lessen the impact of future disasters, Hodge said. It also allows the International Code Council to share its knowledge and experience in building safety to aid in reconstruction efforts. The trip is sponsored by the US-ASEAN Business Council, a group of private American businesses dedicated to strengthening US-Asian relations through strong economic and commercial ties.

The International Code Council, a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states that adopt codes choose the International Codes developed by the International Code Council.

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