

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on 'Water and Hazards' issue 4 from the Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN).

Regards,
APMN team

News

[1] India water demand set to double by 2030: study

November 24, 2009

India's water needs are set to double by 2030, which could dry up its river basins, according to new research released Tuesday that paints a grim picture for supplies across the emerging world.

Global fresh water demand by 2030 will be 40 percent higher than current supplies and agriculture is predicted to suck up 65 percent of all resources, said the report by the 2030 Water Resources Group.

Source:

http://www.terradaily.com/reports/India_water_demand_set_to_double_by_2030_study_999.html

OR

<http://bit.ly/5z2F7Q>

[2] Some 400 villages in East Java prone to landslides

November 24, 2009

At least 400 villages in East Java are prone to landslides during the rainy season, regional disaster management coordination unit (BPPD) spokesman Mudjiono said.

He said most of the villages which are prone to landslides are located on mountain slopes with forest degradation.

Source:

<http://www.antara.co.id/en/news/1259045089/some-400-villages-in-east-java-prone-to-landslides>

OR

<http://bit.ly/8Hfx0V>

[3] Indonesia host training for Asia-Pacific disaster respond team

November 23, 2009

Indonesia recently hosted the 10th Asia-Pacific Induction Training for Regional Disaster Response Teams (RDRT) participated in by personnel from Red Cross organizations in 10 countries in the Asia-Pacific region, namely the Philippines, Thailand, Nepal, Timor Leste, China, Japan, Cambodia, Afghanistan and Malaysia.

According to a press release from Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) received here on Monday, the activity was held at Puri Khatulistiwa, Jatinangor, West Java on November 12-22, 2009.

Source:

<http://www.antara.co.id/en/news/1258971032/indonesia-host-training-for-asia-pacific-disaster-respond-team>

OR

<http://bit.ly/562mX1>

[4] EU attaches importance to Central Asia

November 19, 2009

Representatives of Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, the European Union and the UN took part in the conference on the reduction of the risk of natural disasters in Central Asia.

This cooperation demonstrates that the EU gives importance to Central Asia and its development.

Source:

<http://www.turkishweekly.net/news/93114/eu-attaches-importance-to-central-asia.html>

OR

<http://bit.ly/17zcrf>

[5] China's Yangtze River faces climate threat

November 12 2009

Environmentalists have warned that the Yangtze River basin in China is being increasingly affected by extreme weather and its ecosystems are under threat.

The Yangtze River is the longest river in China and Asia, and the third-longest in the world, after the Nile in Africa and the Amazon.

Source:

http://www.thaindian.com/newsportal/health/chinas-yangtze-river-faces-climate-threat_100273750.html

OR

<http://bit.ly/46PEbh>

[6] Melting glaciers threaten water supply for millions

November 9, 2009

Snow and ice in the Andes Mountains, high above the tropical regions of Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador and Colombia, supply the drinking water for 30 million people.

Source:

<http://www.dailynews.lk/2009/11/09/fea29.asp>

OR

<http://bit.ly/1jKGLR>

[7] Landslide risk rises near three gorges dam

November 2, 2009

China's vast Three Gorges reservoir will see an increasing number of landslides and other geological hazards as the water reaches its maximum level this autumn, a magazine report warned.

Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/latestCrisis/idUSPEK124622>

OR

<http://www.reuters.com/article/latestCrisis/idUSPEK124622>

Resources

[1] New Online Module from EPA Watershed Academy: "The Effects of Climate Change on Water Resources and Programs"

More information: http://www.epa.gov/watertrain/climate_water/

Events

[1] International Rivers conference 2010, 6 - 9 September 2010, University of York, UK

More information: <http://www.incc.gov.uk/page-4902>

[2] Istanbul seismic risk mitigation conference, 8 - 10 Dec 2009, Istanbul, Turkey

More information: <http://www.srmcistanbul.org/>

[3] Integrating approach: sustainable livelihoods, disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, 3 Dec 2009, London, United Kingdom

More information: <http://community.eldis.org/59cbb0e5>

[4] Disaster management of urban water systems under climate change course, 23-28 Nov 2009, Bangkok (Thailand)

More information: <http://www.ait.ac.th/news-and-events/2009/events/23-28-november-2009-a-short-course-on-disaster-management-of-urban-water-systems-under-climate-change>