

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on 'Water and Hazards', Issue 11 (15 July 2010), prepared for the Mountain Forum and the Mountain Partnership network members.

Regards,
Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN) team

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1. Floods force evacuation of 10,000 in E China

14 July 2010

More than 10,000 people were forced to evacuate their homes in east China's Jiangxi Province Wednesday morning after heavy rainfalls triggered flash floods and overtopping of three reservoirs.

Source: <http://bit.ly/9hB2Ly>

2. Drought and cold hit summer grain harvest

13 July 2010

Summer grain output stood at 123.1 million tons this year, down 0.3 percent, or 390,000 tons, from a year ago. The drop was due mainly to drought in China's southwestern regions earlier in the year, which brought output in Guizhou and Yunnan provinces down by 1.69 million tons, according to the statement.

Source: <http://bit.ly/9hchYt>

3. China starts draining overfilled reservoir in Qinghai

13 July 2010

Hundreds of soldiers and police are rushing to complete a drainage channel to prevent a dangerously overfilled reservoir from overflowing and flooding a city of 205,000 people in Northwest China. More than 9,000 residents in the city, with an average elevation of 2,800 meters on the Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau, had been evacuated by 11th of this month.

Source: <http://bit.ly/aU9rAv>

4. China mulls blasting dike to prevent flooding

13 July 2010

Authorities in East China's Anhui province are considering measures including blasting a dike on a swollen branch of the Yangtze River to prevent flooding of villages. A 300-strong team of armed police has been laying sandbags along the riverbank in Qingcao township, Tongcheng city to prevent water gushing out of a 200-meter-long break on the Qingcao Township Dike on the Dasha River from inundating villages, said local armed police chief Yang Fei Tuesday.

Source: <http://bit.ly/aosDAP>

5. Many afflicted by diarrhea in Chin state of Myanmar

12 July 2010

With the onset of the monsoon many people in Hakha town, Chin state western Burma are suffering from diarrhea. The disease has forced most of the afflicted into Hakha civil hospital, a report said. There have been no deaths yet from the disease, but 43 children and 31 adults are admitted to Hakha civil hospital and about 40 people are being treated in private clinics, said a doctor of a private clinic in Hakha town.

Source: <http://bit.ly/aQfgPJ>

6. India forks out Rs. 24m for river embankments

09 July 2010

India donated Rs 24.879 million to Nepal for the construction of embankments along various flood affected rivers of Nepal.

Source: <http://bit.ly/dzrYzc>

7. Scanty rainfall in Bihar worries officials

08 July 2010

Till date, rainfall in the state is 43% deficient and unless the deficiency is covered, the water resources and the farmlands will all go dry, only 67% seedlings for paddy has been sown in Bihar due to the scanty rainfall.

Source: <http://bit.ly/9YDbcV>

8. Monsoon, but not so soon

07 July 2010

Apart from thundershowers and scanty rainfall in a few places in the eastern region of Nepal, the rest of the country is bereft of rain. Rainfall was around 20 percent below normal in June when a weak surge of monsoon entered the eastern part of the country in the second week of June but it did not advance westward even after three weeks, according to Meteorological Forecasting Division (MFD).

Source: <http://bit.ly/9oCMtx>

9. Asian flood alert systems make 'significant progress

06 July 2010

A number of South Asian countries and China have made significant progress to improve the region's flood warning system, officials have said.

Source: <http://bit.ly/cTfGkJ>

10. China projects won't affect Brahmaputra water flow

05 July 2010

China has told India it will only carry out 'run-of-the-river' projects on the Brahmaputra that will not affect the flow of water. There is intimation from China that it will only carry out run-of-the-river projects, which would not affect the flow of water from the Brahmaputra in India.

Source: <http://bit.ly/971h8J>

11. Caribbean countries renew hurricane and earthquake coverage

01 July 2010

All sixteen members of the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (CCRIF) have renewed their policies for hurricane and earthquake coverage for the 2010/11 year beginning on 1 June – the start of the hurricane season. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration forecast estimates an 85% chance of an above normal hurricane season this year.

Source: <http://bit.ly/c4QwOb>

12. Interim report on success in achieving Millennium Development Goals

30 June 2010

At its meeting on 30 June the Federal Council approved the Confederation's 2010 interim report on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), summarising the results so far. Switzerland is particularly active in three areas: water, health and education.

More at: <http://bit.ly/aZAdy3>

13. Billions spent to protect world water: Study

23 June 2010

Billions of dollars -- mainly from China -- are being poured into a fast-growing global system of rewards for people who protect endangered water resources. The programs as such could help avert a looming global water quality crisis according to the report by Ecosystem Marketplace.

Source: <http://bit.ly/c3hkiQ>

14. Water depletion threat

03 June 2010

Himalayan river basins in China, Bangladesh, India and Nepal will face massive water depletion in the next 20 years, leading to mass exodus and decline in food, according to a report.

Source: <http://bit.ly/c5poMm>

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1. 11-13, May 2011

2nd International Conference on Disaster Management and Human Health: Reducing Risk, Improving Outcomes; Orlando, USA; Call for paper

Deadline: Rolling

The conference focuses on current global health risks, and how best to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters in order to reduce human health impacts.

More at: <http://bit.ly/dbPM24>

2. 07-09, September 2011

8th International Conference on Earthquake Resistant Engineering Structures

Deadline: Rolling

ERES 2011 aims to discuss the state of the art in structures subjected to earthquakes, including the geophysical aspects, the behavior of historical buildings, seismic isolation, retrofitting, base isolation and energy absorption systems

More at: <http://bit.ly/ds3owC>

3. 04-06, July 2011

4th International Conference on Safety and Security Engineering; Antwerp, BELGIUM; Call for Paper

Deadline: Rolling

The conference is aimed at engineers, scientists, field researchers, managers and other specialists involved in one or more aspects of safety and/or security.

More at: <http://bit.ly/allCOA>

4. 25-27, July 2011

6th International Conference on the Impact of Environmental Factors on Health Riga, LATVIA; Call for Paper

Deadline: Rolling

The conference aims to provide a forum for the dissemination and exchange of information on the diverse aspects of the impact of environmental factors on health across different disciplines.

More at: <http://bit.ly/bYqTIW>

Opportunities

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1. Fixed-Term Researcher - International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management (ICHARM) of the Public Works Research Institute (PWRI) in Tsukuba, Ibaraki, JAPAN

Deadline: 20 July 2010

The researcher will also be recommended as the professor or associate professor of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS).

More at: <http://bit.ly/9pfz1s>

2. Natural Disaster Volunteers Scholarships at Benedictine LISLE, IL

Deadline: 31 December 2010

The Disaster Volunteer Scholarship will be awarded to those who have volunteered their time and traveled to serve others impacted by a natural disaster that has occurred since 2005. For those who qualify, the cost of one full course will be awarded to offset tuition in any online program.

More at: <http://bit.ly/bCUldN>

3. Facilitator for training of Caribbean Results Based Management (RBM) Instructors

Deadline: 16 July 2010

CDEMA is seeking technical and financial proposals from qualified Consultants/Consulting Firm to design and facilitate training of Results Based Management Instructors.

More at: <http://bit.ly/9IA4Kz>

4. PhD studentship: Sustainable Treatment of Hazardous Substances, University of Cranfield, UK

Deadline: 31 August 2010

The underlying principle of the PhD programme is to examine wastewater treatment strategies that enhance the removal of EDCs and priority substances by heterotrophic organisms which could potentially reduce reliance on tertiary treatment processes which have a significant environmental and operational cost.

More at: <http://bit.ly/9s3Wts>

5. Restoration genetics of five endangered fish species from the Murray-Darling Basin, AUSTRALIA

Deadline: 30 August 2010

Two scholarships are available for the project "Restoration genetics of five endangered fish species from the Murray-Darling Basin".

More at: <http://bit.ly/cDjWPo>

6. NCERT Scholarship 2010, INDIA

Deadline: 31 August 2010

The scheme, therefore, covers areas like Sciences, Social Sciences, Engineering, Medicine, Management and Law. It honours and helps talented students by providing financial assistance in the form of a monthly scholarship.

More at: <http://bit.ly/d5tcnW>

7. Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral and Professional Research Fellowships

Deadline: 15 July 2010

These research fellowships, for a maximum period of nine months, are designed for scholars who are registered for a Ph.D. at an Indian institution and also for professionals with significant work experience and accomplishments applicable to all disciplines.

More at: <http://bit.ly/a8vO9b>

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