

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on 'Water and Hazard', Issue 16 (12 November 2010), prepared for members of Mountain Forum and Mountain Partnership network.

Regards,
Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN) team

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News from Regional Member Countries (RMCs)

1. MoneyGram Donates \$200,000 for Flood Victims

11 November 2010

Money Gram International (NYSE: MCI), a leading global money transfer provider, is continuing its commitment to the global community and coming to the aid of countries hit by natural disaster. The company announced that it has donated \$200,000 to the American Red Cross to assist in flood relief efforts in Pakistan, says a press release.

Source: <http://bit.ly/9Te1D>

2. Chinese Mainland, Taiwan to Enhance Co-Op in Disaster Response

10 November 2010

The Chinese mainland on Wednesday said it would work with Taiwan to enhance cooperation in disaster response after 20 mainland tourists died in landslides on the island last month.

Source: <http://bit.ly/bv9I2u>

3. China Announces 10-Million-Yuan Cash Aid to Disaster-Hit Indonesia on Top Legislator's Visit

08 November 2010

China on Monday announced 10-million-yuan aid in cash to disaster-devastated Indonesia. "To help Indonesia with disaster relief and reconstruction, China decided to offer 10-million-yuan humanitarian aid in cash to Indonesia," top Chinese legislator Wu Bangguo said in the talks with Speaker of House of Representatives of Indonesia Marzuki Alie on Monday afternoon.

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

4. Pakistan Flood Victims Need Urgent \$2 Bln

07 November 2010

Speaking to the AA in Islamabad's UN office, Ambassador Soysal said that Pakistan was facing great natural disaster. To date, 718 million USD were collected as assistance to Pakistan. Yet we need two billion USD to meet the urgent requirements of the flood victims in Pakistan, Soysal said.

Source: <http://bit.ly/b7Ldqe>

5. India Ferry Disaster Kills Scores

02 November 2010

Search teams in the Indian state of West Bengal have recovered at least 74 bodies three days after an overcrowded ferry capsized in the Hooghly River. Police say at least 220 people were on the vessel when it sank - four times the number it was meant to carry.

Source: <http://bbc.in/dADZPj>

6. Vulnerable' Asia Seeks to Reduce Disaster Risks

29 October 2010

Even as Asian ministers discussed ways to reduce disaster risks here, news broke of a twin tragedy in Indonesia – a tsunami triggered by a 7.7-magnitude earthquake, and the eruption of the country's most active volcano, Mount Merapi, whose name means "mountain of fire". Speaking to journalists at the Fourth Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held here on Oct. 25- 28, Sugeng Triutomo, deputy chief of Prevention and Preparedness at Indonesia's National Agency for Disaster Management, remained optimistic that the country's "spirit" will not be broken.

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

7. Myanmar Cyclone Kills 27, Thousands Displaced

25 October 2010

A cyclone that struck Myanmar's western coast late last week killed at least 27 people, damaging thousands of buildings and displacing tens of thousands of people, state television reported Monday. Cyclone Giri arrived from the Bay of Bengal on Friday evening with winds of up to 110 mph (180 kph), lashing several coastal areas of western Rakhine state that are home to poor families who live mostly in bamboo huts. It later moved into central Myanmar.

Source: <http://bit.ly/bmlw2L>

8. UNDP Recognises Bangladesh as Leader in Disaster Management

20 October 2010

UNDP recognised Bangladesh as a leader in disaster management considering her significant resilience in the face of previous disasters and tremendous success in the first phase of CDMP (Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme), officials said.

Source: <http://bit.ly/ct6msk>

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Global News

1. Drought-Hit Areas to Get U.S. Help

11 November 2010

The governor decided to make the declaration Wednesday after saying the "excessive heat and drought reduced crop yields in many localities causing farmers hardship and impacting their operations.

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

2. Turkey Begins Construction on Dam to Supply Water to Northern Cyprus

10 November 2010

Turkey broke ground last week on a dam that will be used to supply water via an undersea pipeline to the Turkish-controlled section of the divided island of Cyprus, Famagusta Gazette reported. The pipeline will be one of the longest seafloor water lines in the world. Several island countries already get water supplies from mainland connections, but none as long as the one planned for Northern Cyprus.

Source: <http://bit.ly/cZ2G0K>

3. Cholera Deaths in Hard-Hit Haiti City Add to Toll

10 November 2010

A three-week-old cholera epidemic that has killed more than 640 people in Haiti is spreading quickly in the northwest coastal city of Gonaives, authorities said on Wednesday.

Source: <http://reut.rs/doydBH>

4. Flood Victims in Civil Service Can Make Natural Disaster Insurance Claims: Malaysia

10 November 2010

Flood victims in Kedah and Perlis who are civil servants and have housing loans to pay are advised to make natural disaster insurance claims from the relevant insurance companies.

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

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Events

1. 29 -30, November 2010

Virtualisation & Cloud Computing Executive Summit, Birmingham, UK

This event brings together senior executives and analysts to network and learn from the latest case studies and develop their own nimble 'on demand' infrastructure. Conference, accomodation and meals are free to qualified delegates.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: Rob Dean, events@techtouchstone.com, Tel- +44 (0) 20 8973 2402, Fax- +44 (0) 20 7504 8211

Event Website: <http://bit.ly/9c4VpB>

2. 25 - 27, July 2011

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

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. 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.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: Alice Jones, imoreno@wessex.ac.uk, Tel- 44 (0) 238 0293223, Fax- 44 (0) 238 0292853
Website: <http://bit.ly/aySaQU>

3. 11 - 13, May 2011

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

The second International Conference on Disaster Management has been reconvened following the success of the first meeting held at the Wessex Institute of Technology in the New Forest, UK.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: C A Brebbia, enquiries@wessex.ac.uk, Tel- 44 (0) 238 0293223, Fax- 44 (0) 238 0292853
Event Website: <http://bit.ly/dbPM24>

4. 23 - 25, May 2011

6th International Conference on Sustainable Water Resources Management, Call for papers, Riverside, California, USA

Papers are invited on the topics outlined and others falling within the scope of the meeting. Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted as soon as possible. Abstracts should clearly state the purpose, results and conclusions of the work to be described in the final paper.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: imoreno@wessex.ac.uk, Tel- 44 (0) 238 0293223, Fax- 44 (0) 238 0292853
Event Website: <http://bit.ly/9QJbpJ>

5. 01 - 02, December 2010

The Mine Water Use Challenge, Call for participation, Perth WA

Water Management in Mining is committed to addressing the fundamental role of sound water management in achieving environmental best practice.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: registration@iqpc.com.au, Tel- +61 (2) 9229 1000
Event Website: <http://bit.ly/aKWzCP>

6. 17-21, January 2010

Asian-Pacific Aquaculture 2011 (APA 2011), Call for participation, Kerala, INDIA

The participants in APA2011 will represent some of the world's best-known names in fisheries and aquaculture technologies, education, research, marketing, and business. Three full days of presentations and the trade exhibition will enrich your knowledge and experience, and will be particularly useful for Indian participants to enable more and better international acclaim to their research, and open up doors for more effective international collaboration.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: apa2011kochi@hotmail.com, Tel- +91 484 2700596, Fax- +91 484 2700337
Event Website: <http://bit.ly/aMHtTD>

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Organisations working in Water and Hazard

1. Disaster Roundtable of the National Academics

The Disasters Roundtable (DR) facilitates the exchange of ideas among scientists, practitioners, and policymakers to identify urgent and important issues related to the understanding and mitigation of natural, public health, technological, and other disasters.

URL: <http://bit.ly/9JeerV>

2. Water Information centre

Use this portal to explore over 100 reports from the National Academies offering independent, objective advice on water-related issues in the United States and abroad.

URL: <http://bit.ly/aCIUrY>

3. World Water Organization

The World Water Organization (WWO) is a not-for-profit institution made up of concerned people from international organizations, governments, NGOs, academic institutions, and corporations – a multifaceted global movement.

URL: <http://bit.ly/9MawtO>

4. Association of Drainage Authorities (ADA)

URL: <http://bit.ly/94GU6U>

5. Water Research Centre (WRc)

URL: <http://bit.ly/bHJ2zz>

6. National Disaster Management Organisation

The National Disaster Management Organisation is responsible for the management of areas affected by disasters and similar emergencies, for the rehabilitation of persons affected by disasters and to provide for related matters.

URL: <http://bit.ly/c00JyM>

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Opportunities

1. Vacancy for Program Director (Ecology) at The Garrison Institute Garrison, NY United States

Job Type: Administration/Management/Operations, Education & Training, Grants administration, Marketing & Communications, Operations, Facilities, Maintenance, Other, Programs (all mission types), Public Policy, Public Relations, Sales/Customer service.

Deadline: Rolling (As soon as possible)

Contact: GARRISON@peopleANDsystems.com

More at: <http://bit.ly/c32ET2>

2. Donald A. Strauss Scholarship, USA

The Donald A. Strauss Scholarship is an opportunity for juniors involved in public service. Stanford has been invited to forward three nominees to Donald A. Strauss Foundation, which will award one \$10,000 scholarship to a Stanford student, along with 14 students from other select four-year institutions in California.

Deadline: 27 January 2011

Contact: Jeff Hawthorne, jhawthorne@stanford.edu

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

3. AXA PhD Fellowships, Canada

The AXA research Fund is a major commitment by the AXA Group to contribute creating the conditions for scientific progress, by encouraging innovative world-class research in well-targeted fields of general interest aligned with our core expertise. The AXA Research Fund's mission is to help understand the world's major transformations, their impact and related risks.

Deadline: 07 March 2010

Contact: graduateschool@kcl.ac.uk

More at: <http://bit.ly/c4f8z5>

4. International PhD Programme 'Molecular Cell Biology', Germany

The Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine (MDC) has established the Helmholtz Graduate School 'Molecular Cell Biology' (HGS-MCB) in 2007 to offer a unified interdisciplinary platform for structured PhD training at the MDC and its partners. We work in collaboration with Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (HU), Freie Universität Berlin (FU), and the Leibniz Institute for Molecular Pharmacology (FMP) in Berlin Buch.

Deadline: 13 December 2010

Contact: Max-Delbrück-Centrum für Molekulare Medizin (MDC), Phone: +49 (0)30 9406-0

More at: <http://bit.ly/cp97Fu>

5. 2011 Summer Internship Program for Graduate Students

Educational Measurement and Psychometrics, Validity, Natural Language Processing and Speech Technologies, Cognitive Psychology, Learning Theory, Linguistics and Computational Linguistics, Teaching and Classroom Research, Statistics, International Large-Scale Assessments

Deadline: 11 February 2011

Contact: internfellowships@ets.org

More at: <http://bit.ly/cA6aSg>

6. Postdoctoral Position in Wind Energy, USA

Applications are sought for a post-doctoral position to simulate, analyze and measure wind turbine wakes. The research will be conducted using computational fluid dynamics codes, engineering and analytical models and state of the art equipment using Doppler lidars.

Deadline: 15 December 2010

Contact: sbboohar@indiana.edu

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

7. Vacancy of senior editor at ICIMOD

The position is designed for an experienced and self-motivated person with a background in editing/ writing and production of communications materials for international development organisations, and experience of working with a corporate brand.

Deadline: 30 November 2010

Contact: hrd@icimod.org

More at: <http://bit.ly/bHLeN3>

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Resources

1. **Qadri, N; (09 November 2010) Pakistan's Flooded Fault Lines, New Matilda.com**
URL: <http://bit.ly/99mseY>
2. **Reporting the Global Water Crisis Circle of Blue WaterNews**
URL: <http://bit.ly/cbD8Lb>
3. **Infographic: Energy Used in the Water Cycle**
URL: <http://bit.ly/b7v2UZ>
4. **Peter Gleick: Sneaky Bottled Water Advertising**
URL: <http://bit.ly/b3MhOv>
5. **A Desperate Clinch: Coal Production Confronts Water Scarcity**
URL: <http://bit.ly/cUrGAN>
6. **Drinking Water: an educational booklet for the public**
URL: <http://bit.ly/b2rdvf>
7. **Natural Disaster: The ultimate Disaster Site**
URL: <http://bit.ly/blsL1b>
8. **Beyond the Crisis? Moving Water and People away from the Margins**
URL: <http://bit.ly/aE9o96>
9. **Local knowledge for disaster preparedness: a literature review**
URL: <http://bit.ly/9oV8KV>
10. **Water induced disasters, flood hazard mapping and Koshi flood disaster of Nepal**
URL: <http://bit.ly/ajFsKT>
11. **No Safe Place: Environmental Hazards & Injustice along Mexico's Northern Border**
URL: <http://bit.ly/btNM3S>
12. **World Water Accessment Programme**
URL: <http://bit.ly/cFRNOE>
13. **World Disasters Report, permanent droughts, Seasonal droughts, Contingent drought, agricultural drought, invisible drought, water balance**
URL: <http://bit.ly/diY58H>

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