

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on 'Mountain Livelihood and Technology' from the Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN).

Regards,
APMN team

News

[1] China builds quake monitoring station at Everest

October 19, 2009

Chinese scientists have begun operating an earthquake monitoring station at the foot of Mount Everest in a bid to learn more about the world's highest peak, an official said Monday.

Source:

http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/nationworld/2010091963_apaschinamounteverest.html

OR

<http://tinyurl.com/y1gba8l>

[2] Dhaka needs \$100b to reduce poverty by half

October 16, 2009

Bangladesh will require more than US\$100 billion for attaining the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in order to reduce poverty by half by the year 2015.

Source:

<http://www.thefinancialexpress-bd.com/2009/10/16/81715.html>

OR

<http://tinyurl.com/yg5wu5v>

[3] ADB approves \$100 million loan to aid poverty reduction in Vietnam

October 15, 2009

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will provide a \$100 million loan to Viet Nam to support policy reforms aimed at fostering economic growth and reducing poverty.

Source:

<http://www.adb.org/Media/Articles/2009/13040-vietnamese-poverties-reductions/>

OR

<http://tinyurl.com/ykwwg3c4>

[4] Switzerland leads in preventing natural disasters

October 14, 2009

All around the world, glaciers are melting as a result of global warming. Switzerland has begun preparing itself for the effects of this process and boasts an exemplary catastrophe-prevention strategy.

Switzerland spends around 2.5 billion Swiss francs (\$2.45 billion) on preventing damage resulting from natural disasters.

Source:

<http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,,4786458,00.html>

OR

<http://tinyurl.com/yjzhxcl>

[5] Most glaciers receding, but some in western U.S. growing

October 13, 2009

Glaciers cover 15 million square kilometers of the earth's surface, or a little less than the total area of the South American continent. Most of the world's glacial ice is in Antarctica and Greenland, but glaciers are found on nearly every continent, even Africa.

Source:

<http://www.voanews.com/english/Science/2009-10-13-voa27.cfm>

OR

<http://tinyurl.com/ygv5j5b>

[6] Melting glaciers threaten India and Pakistan's water supply

October 13, 2009

Increasing winter temperatures are causing the Himalayan glaciers in Kashmir to melt at an "alarming" rate, harming water supplies to areas of India and Pakistan, says a new study.

Source:

http://www.redorbit.com/news/science/1768690/melting_glaciers_threaten_india_and_pakistans_water_supply/

OR

<http://tinyurl.com/yfgsz37>

[7] A new method to assess avalanches

October 11, 2009

Snow and Avalanche Study Establishment (SASE) under the Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) have successfully deployed the nearest neighbor's method to assess avalanche occurrence probability in most parts of Western Himalayan region.

Source:

<http://www.thestatesman.net/page.arcview.php?clid=2&id=303887&usrss=1>

OR

<http://tinyurl.com/yhfnskx>

[8] Huge gas hydrate deposit found in Qinghai-Tibet plateau

September 27, 2009

Gas hydrates were discovered in the Qinghai-Tibet plateau, the Ministry of Land and Resources announced at a press conference Friday. The hydrates, which are also known as combustible ice, can help provide the equivalent of 35 billion tons of oil in energy.

Source:

<http://chinatibet.people.com.cn/6769323.html>

OR

<http://tinyurl.com/ykkvsrp>

[9] Mountain size affects extinction

September 24, 2009

The future changes to Australia's mountain ranges could have a direct impact on our ability to save many threatened plants and animals from extinction.

Researchers have long debated whether Australia's highlands are set to double in height or are shrinking.

Source:

<http://www.sciencealert.com.au/news/20092409-19845.html>

OR

<http://tinyurl.com/yfq54e>

Events:

[1] Glacier Hazards, Permafrost Hazards and GLOFs in Mountain Areas: Processes, Assessment, Prevention, Mitigation: 10-13 November 2009, Vienna

For more information: <http://www.geo.uio.no/remotesensing/gaphaz/home.html>

[2] Swiss-South Africa Joint Scientific Conference on Mountain Observatories, 2-6 Nov. 2009

For more information: <http://mri.scnatweb.ch/events/mri-events/-swiss-south-africa-joint-scientific-conference-on-mountain-observatories-2-6-nov.-2009.html>
