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

Regards,
APMN team

News

[1] Attention on Himalayas at summit

November 3, 2009

Despite attention on the Polar Regions as hot-spots of climate change, the effects of global warming on the Himalayas have largely been ignored. The melting of the Himalayas, which hold about 0.77 percent of the total snow in the world, goes largely neglected, even though billions of people living in the region are highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

Source:

http://www.ekantipur.com/news/news-detail.php?news_id=302408

OR

<http://tinyurl.com/y14gx82>

[2] Snows of Kilimanjaro could vanish in 20 years: study

November 2, 2009

The snows capping Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's tallest peak, are shrinking rapidly and could vanish altogether in 20 years, most likely due to global warming, a US study published Monday said.

Source:

http://www.terradaily.com/reports/Snows_of_Kilimanjaro_could_vanish_in_20_years_study_999.html

OR

<http://tinyurl.com/y14ydqz>

[3] New heritage park declared in the Philippines

November 1, 2009

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has declared Mt. Kitanglad mountain range in Bukidnon, Southern Philippines as the newest Heritage Park in the Philippines. The park is home to the Philippine Eagle, the Philippines' national bird.

Source:

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/article/281461>

OR

<http://tinyurl.com/yzl9qzn>

[4] Weather station network to serve South Asia

October 26, 2009

Countries in South Asia are to benefit from a network of weather stations that will monitor climate variations and improve preparation for the impact of global warming.

Source:

<http://www.scidev.net/en/news/weather-station-network-to-serve-south-asia.html>

OR

<http://tinyurl.com/yzaxps2>

[5] Nepal, Japan team up for Himalayan climate research

October 26, 2009

Climate change and environmental research in the Himalayas are set to receive a boost with the announcement of a new research partnership between Japan and Nepal.

Source:

<http://www.scidev.net/en/news/nepal-japan-team-up-for-himalayan-climate-research.html>

OR

<http://tinyurl.com/yk8xz8t>

[6] Flood-hit farmers face hunger in Laos

October 26, 2009

Farmers in southern Laos who lost their harvests to floods caused by Typhoon Ketsana face a year of hunger if they do not receive rice seeds soon to replant their crops, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) warns.

Serge Verniau, the FAO's representative in Laos, said Ketsana had destroyed the harvest intended to feed families for the next six months, as well as seed stocks for the next cropping season in November, and the harvest from March to April 2010.

Source:

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?Reportid=86736>

OR

<http://tinyurl.com/yfevvh7>

[7] ADB to fund eco-tourism in China's bio-diverse mountainous region

October 23, 2009

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) Friday said it is helping China set up botanical gardens, wild-life parks and a giant panda center in the northwestern Qinling Mountains to protect the region's biological diversity.

The Manila-based development lender said in a press release that it will provide a \$40 million loan to fund the Shaanxi Qinling Biodiversity Conservation and Demonstration Project which aims to use ecotourism to generate a sustainable source of funds to protect and restore the environment.

Source:

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2009-10/23/content_8840813.htm

OR

<http://tinyurl.com/yg75hjj>

[8] Tajikistan faces uncertain future with growing food shortages

October 16, 2009

Tajikistan's greatest commodity is perhaps the water running off its mountains but now, 18 years after the fall of the Soviet Union, shortages are creating regional tension and food supply problems.

The water crashes off the towering Pamir mountain range down to the great rivers below which flow west through Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and into the Caspian and Aral Seas.

Source:

http://www.alertnet.org/db/an_art/59567/2009/09/16-114304-1.htm

OR

<http://tinyurl.com/yhl6epx>

[9] Bagong Mountain tourism festival gives Huainan a boost

October 10, 2009

The opening ceremony of the Bagong Mountain Tourism Festival was held in Huainan, east China's Anhui province, September 12,2009.

Folk arts shows, bean curd and of course Bagong itself were the highlights of the 9th Bagong Mountain Tourism Festival, which wrapped up in Huainan, Anhui Province.

Source:

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/regional/2009-10/10/content_8776542.htm

OR

<http://tinyurl.com/yf2ouok>

Events:

[1] International GMBA-DIVERSITAS conference "Functional significance of mountain biodiversity" Switzerland, 27- 30 July 2010

More information: <http://gmba.unibas.ch/2010conference/2010conference.htm>

[2] World Summit on Food Security: 16-18 November 2009, Rome

More information: <http://www.fao.org/wsfs/world-summit/en/>

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