

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on ‘Mountain Livelihood and Technology’, Issue 4 from the Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN).

Regards,
APMN team

News

[1] Kyrgyzstan: Fewer glaciers = more deserts

November 16, 2009

Rapidly melting glaciers in mountainous regions of Kyrgyzstan over the next few decades could lead to increased desertification and land degradation, according to experts.

By the end of the century, we could see temperatures rising 4-6 degrees centigrade, and by 2050 the number of glaciers could fall from 8,200 to 142, Zukhra Abaikhanova, environment programme adviser with the UN Development Programme (UNDP) in Kyrgyzstan, told IRIN.

Source:

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?Reportid=87051>

OR

<http://bit.ly/QWLWf>

[2] South Asia taps tourism potential for inclusive and sustainable growth

November 16, 2009

Efforts by Nepal, India and Bangladesh to take advantage of the tourism potential of their rich natural and cultural attractions, including many of the world’s major Buddhist sites, are getting support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Source:

http://finchannel.com/news_flash/Travel_Biz_News/51948_South_Asia_Taps_Tourism_Potential_for_Inclusive_and_Sustainable_Growth/

OR

<http://bit.ly/3VXCEx>

[3] Indonesia project to step up poverty reduction drive in rural villages

November 13, 2009

Indonesia, with support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), is expanding its national poverty reduction program that will boost services and infrastructure and build social capital in some of the poorest rural communities in the country.

Source:

<http://www.adb.org/Media/Articles/2009/13061-indonesian-rural-developments/>

OR

<http://bit.ly/42zlgP>

[4] Glacier-capped Mountains in Tibet seen from Space

November 12, 2009

Nicknamed “the Third Pole,” Asia’s Tibetan Plateau contains the world’s largest persistent ice mass outside of the Arctic and Antarctica. On January 5, 2007, the Advanced Spaceborne Thermal Emission and Reflection Radiometer (ASTER) on NASA’s Terra satellite captured this image showing part of a glacier-capped mountain chain about 110 kilometers (70 miles) west-northwest of the Tibetan city of Lhasa.

Source:

<http://spacefellowship.com/2009/11/12/glacier-capped-mountains-in-tibet-seen-from-space/>

OR

<http://bit.ly/2jWNPE>

[5] Artificial glaciers to ease water shortages

November 11, 2009

Faced with a dwindling supply of water for agriculture as northern India’s glaciers recede, a retired civil engineer has come up with an innovative adaptation to the pressures of climate change: artificial glaciers.

Source:

<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/12579427768.htm>

OR

<http://bit.ly/9FD2L>

[7] Melting snow shrinks Mont Blanc

November 6, 2009

Western Europe’s tallest mountain is 18in (45cm) shorter than two years ago, according to a survey.

Mont Blanc — on the three-way border of France, Italy and Switzerland — now stands at 15,782ft, a little over half the height of Everest in Nepal.

Source:

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/science/earth-environment/article6905478.ece>

OR

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

[8] Nepal listed one of top 10 travel destinations in 2010

November 4, 2009

Nepal has found its way into the list of top ten travel destinations in 2010 in the world, local newspaper reported on Wednesday.

"Trekking in Nepal is one of those travel benchmarks, like seeing the Taj Mahal, or diving the Great Barrier Reef, or the first time you eat fried locusts. By the end of your trek, you may vow never to climb anything higher than the stairs around your home town, but the experience of the Himalaya will stay with you for a lifetime," local newspaper The Rising Nepal cited The Lonely Planet's list as reporting.

Source:

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2009-11/04/content_8912938.htm

OR

<http://bit.ly/Z7m91>

[9] Mount Kitanglad named an ASEAN Heritage Park

November 2, 2009

Environment officials of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) declared the Mt. Kitanglad Range Protected Area in Bukidnon as an ASEAN Heritage Park, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) announced.

DENR Secretary Jose Atienza Jr. said the declaration was made during the recent 11th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Environment held in Singapore.

Source:

<http://www.mb.com.ph/articles/227575/mount-kitanglad-named-asean-heritage-park>

OR

<http://bit.ly/MQhaL>

Events

[1] Global Change and the World's Mountains, 27 Sept. - 1 Oct. 2010, Perth, UK

Deadline for paper/poster submissions: 1 March 2010

More information: <http://mri.scnatweb.ch/events/mri-events/global-change-and-the-world-s-mountains-27-sept.-1-oct.-2010-perth-uk.html>

[2] Delhi Sustainable Development Summit (DSDS), 5-7 February 2010, New Delhi, India

More information: <http://dsds.teriin.org/2010/>

[3] Governance for Forest Nature & People, 23 November – 4 December 2009, Bogor, Indonesia
More information: <http://portals.wi.wur.nl/forestpolicy/?page=1490>