

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on 'Mountain Livelihood and Technology', Issue 6 from the Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN).

Regards,
APMN team

News

[1] Food storehouse proposed to build in remote Tibetan areas

January 13, 2010

Zhu Zhu, delegate for the 9th Tibetan Regional People's Congress proposed to set up food storehouse in remote areas in Tibet to cope with natural disaster.

According to the delegate, Bianda County is the remotest county in Chamdo Prefecture in eastern Tibet, which is about 700 kilometers away from Lhasa. With poor road condition, the county often suffers from landslide, debris flow and other natural disasters. In the whole county there are around 120 places prone to landslide.

Source:

http://eng.tibet.cn/09index/xwtt/201001/t20100113_536871.htm

OR

<http://bit.ly/5oT9P7>

[2] 70 loan and 30 grant for inter-govt. projects in Bhutan

January 11, 2010

Apart from the ongoing Punatsangchhu I, all future inter-governmental projects to produce 10,000 MW by 2020 will be built on a 70 percent loan and 30 percent grant basis, Bhutan and India have agreed recently.

The two governments have also estimated that the 10 projects for the 10,000 MW project would cost around Nu 500 bn. This figure is based on current costs and may go up with inflation. As a start, the 1,000 MW Punatsangchhu II (Nu 37.7 bn) and 720 MW Mangdechu (Nu 28.9 bn) projects will start on a 70-30 basis immediately after an agreement is signed in March.

Source:

<http://www.kuenselonline.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=14458>

OR

<http://bit.ly/5kgxoO>

[3] Vietnam predicts drought and rising sea level, damage to crops

January 8, 2010

Serious drought in the north and rising sea levels in the south may cause significant losses to farmers in the winter-spring harvest, according to a forecast by the National Centre for Hydrometeorology Forecasting.

Source:

<http://www.asianewsnet.net/news.php?id=9473&sec=1>

OR

<http://bit.ly/4CAO78>

[4] South Asia: 'Harness Untapped Renewable Energy Sources'-Experts

January 7, 2010

With its vast renewable energy potential, South Asia can lead the world in achieving energy security.

But sources within the region said it needs technological and financial support from the developed countries before it can tap its rich energy resources.

Source:

<http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=49906>

OR

<http://bit.ly/4unek0>

[5] Philippines: Mayon quietens, but threat remains

January 6, 2010

Thousands of evacuees from the area around Mayon volcano in the Philippines have returned home as the mountain gradually calmed down three weeks after it began spewing lava and ash. Meanwhile, the National Disaster Coordinating Council warned the public on 5 January that the threat is not over. The lowering of the alert level, it said, should not be misinterpreted as "that the unrest of the volcano has ceased.

Source:

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?Reportid=87644>

OR

<http://bit.ly/8TTckl>

[6] World Bank to partner India in solar mission

January 6, 2010

The World Bank on Wednesday said it was trying to partner with Indian government's ambitious national solar mission that proposes to add 20,000 MW solar power capacity by 2022.

Source:

<http://www.mydigitalfc.com/economy/world-bank-partner-india-solar-mission-367>

OR

<http://bit.ly/75pP0j>

[7] Combined efforts contributes to sound environment in Qinghai-Tibet Plateau

January 6, 2010

The Qinghai-Tibet Plateau has benefited a lot from the ten-year great development in China's western regions in terms of ecological environmental protection.

In recent years, China has made great efforts to improve the ecological environment in its west regions, the fragile environment in the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau in particularly. Known as the water tower of China, the Sanjiangyuan Area lying in the hinterland of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau at an altitude of 4,000 kilometers, is the source of Yangtze, Yellow and Lancang rivers.

Source:

<http://chinatibet.people.com.cn/6860938.html>

OR

<http://bit.ly/71n19N>

Events

[1] The Third International Conference on Water Resources and Renewable Energy Development, 29- 30 March 2010, Malaysia

More at: http://www.hydropower-dams.com/hd_73_0.htm

[2] International Conference on Environmental Sustainability with Green Building Technology , 15 - 17 March 2010, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

More at: <http://www.icesgbt10.org/>

[3] 1st International Green CEO Summit, Green Techno Conference, Enviro Eco-Tourism Expo, 8-11 March 2010, Bali, Indonesia:

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More at: <http://greenceosummit.com>

[4] World Sustainable Energy Days 2010, 3 - 5 March 2010, Wels/Austria

More at: <http://www.wsed.at/en/world-sustainable-energy-days/>

[5] The 2010 International Conference on Environmental Science and Development (CESD 2010), 26-28 February, 2010, Singapore

More at: <http://www.iacsit.org/cesd/index.htm>

Announcements

[1] Call for Applications: 2010 EAERE-FEEM-VIU European Summer School in Resource and Environmental Economics, July 4-10, Venice, Italy

Application deadline: February 1st, 2010

More at: <http://www.feem.it/ess/>

[2] 2010 Summer Institute on Climate Information for Public Health

Application deadline: January 31, 2010

More at: <http://iri.columbia.edu/education/summerinstitute10>

[3] Announcement of Opportunity: Ecosystems Services for Poverty Alleviation (ESPA) Programme

More information at: <http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/programmes/espa/events/ao4.asp>

It is also available on the ICIMOD website at <http://www.icimod.org/?page=721>