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### **Course on Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance**

The United Nations University-Institute for Sustainability and Peace (UNU-ISP) is delighted to announce the 2009 Advanced Seminar Series on 'Disaster Management and Humanitarian Affairs'. The Course is offered under the aegis of 'Asia-Pacific Initiative (API)' which is a multi-institutional/university educational programme. Partner universities from Japan, USA, Pacific, Thailand, Indonesia, India and many other countries participate in the course which is offered through a multiple site video conferencing system.

The course offers graduate students and in-service professionals interested in disaster management and humanitarian assistance issues, an opportunity to learn from a diverse faculty from throughout the region as well as distinguished guest lecturers from regional and international organizations. Students are expected to prepare for each session by completing assigned readings, web-searches and/or recommended readings. Students should be prepared to provide perspectives from their home countries related to the nature of the issues under discussion, including the legal and institutional policy frameworks that exist, or that or lacking, to address these issues. Students will be able to access the 'eCourse Management System' for reading assignments, discussion forums, quizzes and other materials and activities for this Course.

The course will begin on 29th September 2009 and run to December 2009. There will be 12 sessions in total, held every Tuesday (13.00-14.30). Classes will be hosted in the UNU Media Studio on the ground floor of the UNU (<http://www.unu.edu/access/>).

The Course, which will be offered in English, covers a range of topics. Introduction to the concepts and models of disaster management will be followed by focused lectures on specific hazards prevailing in AP Region. Discussions on social vulnerability, community resilience, early-warning, institutional response, disaster recovery and rehabilitation will help developing better understanding of this emerging discipline. Interlinkages between disaster management, climate change, poverty reduction, migration etc is also expected to arrest participants' perspective on cross-sectoral development context. A certificate of completion will be awarded to the participants upon satisfactory completion of the Course.

The deadline for applications is 21st September 2009. Please send your CV (maximum 3-4 pages), one-page write-up justifying your interest in the Course and its relevance in your future endeavor, and one relevant publication (if any). Please note that we receive high number of applications from highly qualified candidates every year. The review and selection process may involve short telephonic interview (please mention in your CV your preferred date and time for telephonic interview on working days between 22-26 September). Following this, only the selected candidates will be informed individually.

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