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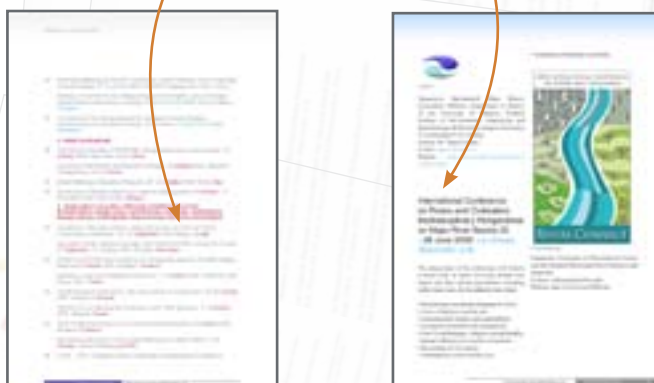
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FUUH newsletter includes an index and a descriptive record for each activity such as dates, title, summary and contact person.



Forum UNESCO - University and Heritage network is your network. Thus you are invited to participate in this newsletter and publish your projects and/or activities. To do so, send us the title and abstract (maximum 500 words) with a contact address in at least one of the following languages: English, French or Spanish. Publishing in FUUH Newsletter will provide dissemination and visibility about your activities among the academic community worldwide.



IN FOCUS...

UNESCO, the National Science Museum of Thailand and the Japan Water Forum join forces to establish the Asia-Pacific Water Museum

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Left to right: Mr. Kotaro Takemura, Mr. Pichai Sonchaeng, Mr. András Szöllösi-Nagy, Amb. Suwit Simasakul © A. Otte

exchange on water resources management and technology, providing education and awareness raising programmes on water issues, whilst commemorating His Majesty's achievements in this field.

The construction of the Museum is expected to begin in 2008 and to last 4 years, under the direction of the National Science Museum of Thailand, with support from various partners across the region. UNESCO Sectors for Natural Sciences and for Culture provide interdisciplinary scientific advice: on water issues, in particular pertaining to the history and cultural diversity of human-water interactions; and on establishing and maintaining the museum's collections. The government of Thailand is providing the core funding for the Asia-Pacific Water Museum.

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Based on an interdisciplinary approach, the Asia-Pacific Water Museum will present scientific, historical and cultural information related to water. The Museum will serve as a regional platform that can make a valuable contribution to sustainable water management by educating the public about the complex human-water interrelationship in Asia and the Pacific. Hence, it dovetails closely with the objectives of the Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF) and its lead organizations, among them UNESCO and JWF, to increase the region's access to improved water supplies and sanitation, protect and restore river basins, and reduce people's vulnerability to water disasters.

The Asia-Pacific Water Museum will convey knowledge about water, water resource management and ecology, from the historical past to future developments. Case studies from His Majesty King Bhumibol's projects in water management will demonstrate best practice. The museum seeks to contribute to solving the region's urging water issues by becoming a leading center of information and





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