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UNITWIN/ UNESCO Chairs Programme

Progress Report

Period of activity: January 2007 - December 2008

UNITWIN Network on Emergency preparedness and Responses, Waseda University

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I. Activities

1. Education/ Training/ Research

Training

- Workshop on CIO for disaster management - Understanding the CIO activities in the field of disaster management

Duration: One week

Target groups: government officials and university staff

Collaboration between universities and governments of Japan, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, USA, China, Vietnam, Russia and Peru

Geographical coverage: mainly Asia and Pacific

Research

- Research on management measures for dealing with benchmarking disaster reduction
- Research on applications of mobile government with for interactive communication in disaster issues

2. Conferences/ Meetings

Title: *Regional Disaster and Environment workshop*

Dates and Place: March 2008, Keio Plaza Hotel, Tokyo

Title: *Asia Environment and Disaster Symposium*

Date: October 3, 2008

Title: *International Conference on Global e-Governance*

Dates and place: November 6-7, 2008, Waseda University

3. Publications/ Interuniversity exchanges/ Partnerships

Publications

Publications on the International Conference on Global e-Governance at Waseda University

Partnerships

- Chularongkorn University, Thailand
- University of Washington, USA
- La Salle University, Philippines
- Peking University, China
- Bandung Institute of Technology, Indonesia
- St.Petersburg State University, Russia

II. Outcomes

The UNITWIN Network on Emergency preparedness and Responses at Waseda University established in December 2005 provides assistance in looking for solutions to the various challenges of e-disaster education and offers recommendations for the improvement of e-public safety implementation.

It has successfully created an important synergy among academia, international organizations and governments, for the achievement of information society through training, education and information exchange in ICT.

III. Forthcoming activities

- Establishment of e-disaster Research and Training Center at the university.
- The Center focuses on the challenges concerning the national programs but also on the global framework.
- The UNITWIN Network on Emergency preparedness and Responses is encouraging partnership and interactive collaboration among academic institutions, government and industry in supporting HRD requirements in the area of ICT.

IV. Development prospects

Expanding activities, broadening partnerships and mobilizing resources.