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UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme

Progress Report

Period of activity: April 2007-March 2008

UNESCO Chair in Cultural Heritage and Risk Management

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I. Activities

1. Academic activities

Training

During the 2007-2008 activity year, the UNESCO Chair offered workshops on Disaster Risk Management of Cultural Heritage Sites.

Target group: academics, researchers and public administrators.

2. Conferences/Meetings

Cultural Heritage and Earthquakes: Are we really prepared for protection?

Date and Place: November 2007, Kyoto

3. Books

Title: *Proceedings of the International Training Course on Disaster Risk Management of Cultural Heritage 2007.*

Author: Research Center for Disaster Mitigation of Urban Cultural Heritage

Publisher: Ritsumeikan University

Year: 2007

Language: English

4. Partnerships

UNESCO World Heritage Center

International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM)

II. Impact

The UNESCO Chair in Cultural Heritage and Risk Management organizes international training on disaster management for academics and public administrators in charge of world cultural heritage sites in Asian countries. Through these trainings, participants create risk management plans for heritage sites in their countries of origin. The Chair cooperates with the UNESCO World Heritage Center in local and international initiatives of world heritage preservation.

III. Forthcoming activities

The Chair will organize additional workshops and training sessions on disaster risk management for administrators of world cultural heritage sites in Asia. The Chair will dictate lectures on cultural heritage and plan an international conference at the Asia/Pacific Cultural Center for UNESCO.