

Flinders Asia Centre & Flinders Institute Asia Pacific
presents

AN OPEN FORUM

THE EAST JAVA MUD FLOW: LEARNING FROM AN UN-NATURAL DISASTER?

1 June 2007

Venue: Flinders University Function Centre

9 am to 6 pm

Morning and Afternoon Tea provided.

For catering purposes, RSVP mary.lyons@flinders.edu.au by 28 May

- One year ago a drilling operation in East Java (18% owned by Santos) tapped into a pocket of hot mud more than three kilometres below the earth's surface. Hot mud flowed from the drill site at 5,000 m³ a day, and increased to more than 175,000 m³ by October 2006. One year on, the mud has buried several villages, housing estates, farm lands, and nearly 100 factories, schools, mosques, shops, and offices. More than 50,000 people have lost their homes and many more have lost their livelihoods.
- The Forum will examine the causes, consequences and implications of the mud flow disaster and the response to that disaster. The forum and an expert workshop to follow will consider what can be learned and what steps we can take to avoid disasters or improve the long term capacity to assist victims. Speakers from Indonesia will include experts on the mudflow and its consequences, NGO leaders and journalists as well as Adelaide based experts on environmental issues and Flinders Asia Centre researchers on Indonesian environmental and political issues.



Understanding the Sidoarjo Mudflow: an Unnatural Disaster?

OPEN FORUM – 1 JUNE

1 June 2007	DAY 1 (FORUM)
08.30-9.00	Registration
9.00-9.20	Objectives of the Forum and Workshop “What do we know? What do we want to know?” Dr Jim Schiller, Flinders Uni
9.20-11.00	Chair: Dr Liz Morrell
	Session One: The Science and Engineering of Hot Mud. How did it Emerge? What Can be Done and What Will Need to be Done to Deal with the Mud? <i>The science of the mud flow:</i> Dr Mark Tingay, U. of Adelaide <i>What happened? A chronology of the disaster:</i> Bambang Istadi, (Lapindo-Brantas) <i>Dealing with the mud :</i> John Dachtar (National Disaster Mitigation Team)
11.00-11.30	Morning Tea
11.30-13.00	Chair: Ms Firdaus
	Session Two: The Impact of the Disaster: One Year On <i>What has the impact been?:</i> Dr Kresnayana Yahya Msc, (ITS - Surabaya) <i>The social impact:</i> Ir Agus Muldya (Director of Indo-Solutions NGO) <i>The human story:</i> Mr. Rohman Budijanto (Journalist from <i>Jawa Pos</i> newspaper)
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break
14.00-15.30	Chair: Dr Priyambudi Sulistiyanto
	Session Three: Responses to the Disaster <i>Corporate response & human needs:</i> Yuni Teryana (Vice-Pres. Lapindo Brantas) <i>Disaster victims and their human rights:</i> Mr Sentot Setyosiswanto (Elsam NGO) <i>Media response & its impact:</i> Ibrahim Zakir, (Editor, The Point Newspaper)
15.30 – 16.00	Afternoon Tea
16.00-17.30	Chair: Associate Professor Anton Lucas
	Session Four: Round Table Discussion ‘What More Needs to be Done?’
17.30-18.00	Film: ‘The Porong Mudflow: a Disaster in a Disaster’ (Fausta Wiryadi- NGO)
19.00	Conference Dinner for Speakers

Day 2: Expert Workshop:
International Expert Workshop – 2 JUNE
*Designing Ecological Governance and Disaster Response for the
 Long Term Management of the Region*
VENUE: Function Centre, Flinders University

2 June 2007	DAY 2
9.00-10.30	<p>Chair: A/Prof Anton Lucas</p> <p>Session One: The Task – Design a Research Program for Ecological Governance and Disaster Response in East Java</p> <p>Part 1 The Issues (Dr Jim Schiller)</p> <p>Participants: Fausta Wiryadi-(Tresno Cahaya Sejati NGO), Yuni Teryana (Vice President Lapindo Brantas Inc), Mr Sentot Setyosiswanto (Elsam), Mr Bambang P. Istadi (Senior Technical Officer Lapindo Brantas), Ir Agus Muldy (Director of Indo-Solutions NGO), Dr Kresnayana Yahya (Institut Teknologi Surabaya), Yuni Teryana (Vice President Lapindo Brantas Inc), Mr. Rohman Budiyan (Jawa Pos), Ibrahim Zakir, MA (The Point News Paper), Muradi MA (Univ. Padjajaran Bandung), Taufan EN Rotorasiko, Budiman P Sophian, Dr. Jim Schiller and Assoc Prof. Anton Lucas, Flinders Asia Centre Flinders University, Associate Professor Anton Lucas Flinders University, Dr Mark Tingay, University of Adelaide, Prof. Andy Ball, Bioremediation Flinders University, Prof. Graham Meir, School of Biological Science, Flinders University, Flinders University, Dr Peter Burns. Flinders International Asia Pacific and others to be announced</p>
10.30-11.00	Morning Tea
11.00-12.30	<p>Chair: Dr Peter Burns</p> <p>Session Two: The Task – Design a Research Program for Ecological Governance and Disaster Response in East Java</p> <p>Part 2 Research Strategy and Desired Outcomes</p>
12.30 – 13.00	Closing Comments
13.00	Lunch