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RMAP PROGRAM NEWS

Tuong-Vi Pham (Vi Pham) has recently joined the RMAP Program as a Visiting Fellow. Vi is a researcher and project manager in the Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Studies of the Vietnam National University, Hanoi. Her areas of research include local resource management strategies in the context of globalization; Indigenous knowledge-based sustainable resource management; Gender issues in natural resources management; Effects of agricultural reforms on agricultural production and livelihoods in Vietnam's northern mountains; Land and resource tenure issues in the watershed and national parks' buffer zone; Environmental consciousness; Community empowerment in environmental management; and impacts of trade liberalization on gender and agricultural production. Currently, she is working on an analysis of local knowledge and resource management strategies in select ethnic groups of northern Vietnam (such as the Nung and the San Chi) affected by globalization. The analysis focuses on the socio-economic and environmental impacts of land use transition from subsistence mixed cropping to litchi fruit production for export to China. It examines whether various types of support from informal and formal institutions have been successful in helping small farmers to compete in global markets and to minimize associated risks.

Vi's email addresses is vi.pham@anu.edu.au.
She is with RMAP (room No. 5027), till 30th April, 2004.

SEMINARS OF INTEREST

New Partnerships for Development: Exploring Alternative Spaces for Community Participation in Local Economic Development in the Philippines

Amanda Cahill, PhD Student, Department of Human Geography
Date & Time: Monday 16 February, 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU
(pre-fieldwork seminar)

Is Papua New Guinea Viable?

Helen Hughes, Senior Fellow, The Centre for Independent Studies; Professor Emeritus, ANU
Date & Time: Tuesday 17 February, 12.20pm
Venue: AIIA National Headquarters, First Floor, Stephen House, 32 Thesiger Court, Deakin, ACT
Admission for members no charge, Admission for non-members \$10, Lunch (members/non-members) \$10, Lunch commences 12.20, Speaker commences 12.40
Please RSVP for lunch by Friday 13 February to: Email: aiiacanberra@hotmail.com

Creating Viable Identities and Livelihoods in Place: A Study of a Coastal Community on Roti, Indonesia

Michelle Carnegie, PhD Student, Department of Human Geography
Date & Time: Wednesday 18 February, 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Venue: Seminar Room E, Coombs Building, ANU
(pre-fieldwork seminar)

RECENT ADDITIONS TO RMAP WEBSITE

Working Papers

(<http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/workingpapers.php>)

Kennedy, J. and W. Clarke, 2004. **Cultivated Landscapes of the Southwest Pacific**. Canberra: Australian National University, RSPAS, RMAP Program (Working paper: No 50).

Conference Calendar

(http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/conf_calendar.html)

International Conference on Bajau/Sama Communities 2004 (ICBC 2004), 21-23 July 2004, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia.

Call for Abstracts. The Conference Committee of the International Conference on Bajau /Sama Communities invites interested participants to submit an abstract for consideration to be presented at the Conference. The theme of the conference is: Bajau/Sama in the Changing World. Some of the session themes include: History and Archeology; Maritime Communities, Development and Change; Music, Rituals and the Spiritual World; Bajau/Sama Material Culture; Bajau/Sama Languages; Migration and the Bajau/Sama Diaspora; Marine Resources, Biodiversity and Maritime Communities; Bajau/Sama Communities and Tourism Development; ICT and Bajau/Sama Communities.

Draft Abstracts due: 12 March 2004, Draft Paper due: 12 May 2004

Early Bird Registration: 20 April 2004

For further details: <http://www.ums.edu.my/sss/icbc.htm>

OTHER USEFUL TEXT ONLINE

1. The publication '**The Millennium Development Goals and Local Processes: Hitting the Target or Missing the Point?**' (edited by David Satterthwaite) has been produced by the International Institute for Environment and Development for an international conference held on 18 November 2003 in London and is available as a free download at <http://www.iied.org/docs/mdg/MDG-booklet.pdf>.

2. Rina Maria P Rosales, 2003. '**Developing pro-poor markets for environmental services in the Philippines.**' 90pp. Available from: <http://www.iied.org/eep/pubs/documents/MES3.pdf>