Disaster Research Institute (DRI)

Preston University

Preston University Pakistan has the unique distinction of being the pioneer and trend setter in the private sector Higher Education, in Pakistan. We have completed Twenty Six years of successful services to the nation (www.preston.edu.pk). Both Preston University at Kohat and Preston University, Karachi, are chartered by the provincial Governments of KPK and Sindh, according to the constitution of Pakistan. The degrees conferred are recognized by the Higher Education Commission (HEC), the highest regulatory body of the Government of Pakistan, in the field of Higher Education. Degrees are recognized by all Public Service Commissions in Pakistan, Govt. semi-government organizations, Corporations, Commissions, authorities, public and private banks/organization in Pakistan and abroad. We are having collaboration with National and International Universities / Research Institutes. Our Research Scholars and academicians have participated at International conferences on Earthquake, Disaster and Energy related issues in Bangkok-Thailand, (UNISDR -October 2007), Jakarta Indonesia (Int. Conf. of Earthquake related issues -April 2008), Beijing, China (Safe Housing -Oct.2008) and Abu Dhabi (World Energy Summit-January 2009). IDRC2010-Davos (May 29 to June 05, 2010)

We have conducted Research and social surveys which are very helpful and provide guide lines for Disaster perception and mitigation in South East Asia. We have successfully conducted many studies / surveys in collaboration with Research Institutes of Japan/Pakistan.

Realizing the humanitarian and social problems arising out of October 2005 earthquake, and Preston University’s endeavor to contribute towards the nation building, Disaster Research Institute (DRI) was established at Preston University, Islamabad campus, in November 2005. We have conducted more than 100 seminars on D-DRM Students visits HQ ERRA

D-RM Students Visits HQ NDMA

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Aircraft Crashes in Margalla Hills Islamabad

DRI, Preston University pays respect to the departed souls of 2005 Earthquake 08.10.10

HelpAge International & Merlin International Trainees with Chancellor and Faculty – July 2010
national and international issues, out of which 15 were on earthquake and environment. Speaker and the Chief guests were Federal Ministers/Secretaries from Ministry of Environment and other Ministries; and senior officers of Environment Protection Agency, Pakistan, Chairmen ERRA and NDMA.

A comprehensive SIX MONTHS diploma course titled “DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT – D-DRM” is being offered at the Islamabad campus of the Preston University, Kohat. We have inducted FIFTH batch of students in December 2010.

First batch of Executive MBA (EMBA-Disaster Risk Management) Evening program has been started from June 2010; and MBA (-Disaster Risk Management) will be started from June-2011.

The principal aim of these Diploma / EMBA/ MBA Courses in Disaster Risk Management is to have a bank of trained individuals of public and private institutions, in the areas on issues relating to Environment, climate change and Disaster Risk Management. Special emphasis is placed on the specific disaster profile of each region / province, countries; and the issues relating to vulnerability and risk assessment, prevention, mitigation, preparedness, rehabilitation, reconstruction and legislation. Successful candidates will have developed proactive approach, and will respond efficiently and quickly in different disaster and emergency situations / scenarios.

Above all they will have an edge over the certificates received from non chartered Institutes/ organizations.

Admission Requirement.

Graduates in any subject discipline, AGE group and GENDER are eligible for admission.

BENEFITS / ADVANTAGES OF THE D-DRM COURSE

- Holders of DRM diploma from Preston University, a chartered university, recognized by HEC, have an edge over the Diplomas / Certificate, Training Courses offered / awarded by non-chartered / non recognized institutes.
- All Diploma holders are employed
- In-service personnel after getting diploma / degree in DRM will have an edge over for promotion and better employment prospects in and out of Pakistan

- D-DRM will be an additional qualification that would make them eligible for various job opportunities, in Government and Non Governmental organizations, both national and international; National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA), District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Local Govt.; Crisis Management Cells at Federal /Provincial Govt. level, and in National and Multinational organizations.
- Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) of all projects – public / private, federal/provincial, is obligatory /compulsory.
- EIA module is being introduced from March 2011 onward in D-DRM After completing Six months D-DRM, one can continue for another 1.5 years, 6 Quarters (2 years) and earn EMBA Degree (Executive Master of Business Administration in Disaster Risk Management).
- After completing EMBA-DRM 2 years, one can continue for another 6 Quarter (3.5 years) and earn MBA Degree (Master of Business Administration in Disaster Risk Management).
- MBA is recognized by HEC.

Highly qualified, experienced & foreign trained faculty in the area of Disasters and Management will conduct D-DRM courses.

FEE Structure for D-DRM:

- Total fee for six months Rs. 50,000/-.
- At the time of admission Rs. 12,500/-.
- Monthly installment Rs. 7,500/-
- EMBA & MBA Fee structure is the same as for other EMBA & MBA courses. Of Preston University.

Diploma Course Modules:

- Fundamentals of Disaster Risk Management
- Principle of Disaster Management
- Crisis Management Scenario
- National Disaster Preparedness and Management
- Post Disaster Management
- Project