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## The UNU Global Mountain Partnership Program (GMPP)

importance of mountain issues. The

preparing for IYM2002 and beyond

The framework of the new pro-

gram was discussed and formulated

at a constituent meeting in Tokyo in

July 2000, which involved represen-

tatives of UNU, CDE, and various

Japanese universities and corpora-

UNU's involvement in mountains,

tions. UNU GMPP will increase

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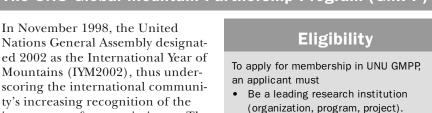
and the Centre for Development

with a new program, the Global

Mountain Partnership Program

(UNU GMPP).

and Environment (CDE) are



- Work in or on mountains or highland-lowland interactions.
- Engage in research that focuses on sustainable development.
- Apply innovative approaches, such as problem-solving mechanisms, technology development, institutional reform.
- Use disciplinary, interdisciplinary, and transdisciplinary (participatory) methodologies.
- Include capacity and competencebuilding components.
- Have international visibility and participate in an acknowledged form of exchange of information (eg, international publications or networks).
- Guarantee social empowerment through involvement in approaches, methods, and application.
- Have a project or program duration of
- Be willing to subject the project/program to annual reporting (UNU guided), annual internal review, and occasional external visits by UNU GMPP

for membership in UNU GMPP and take advantage of its features. UNU GMPP will offer basic activities in methodology, institution building, social empowerment, and dissemi-

## **Benefits**

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Advantages to members of UNU GMPP

- Being entitled to refer to a project or program as being 'A Member of UNU's Global Mountain Partnership Program,' with the corresponding international support and acknowledgment.
- Enhancement of a project or program's global visibility (web linkage).
- Obtaining regular information on issues related to mountain research and development.
- The possibility of publishing results and reports on experience in Mountain Research and Development, the international journal jointly published by UNU and the International Mountain Society (IMS).
- Becoming a potential partner institution in joint research programs.
- Participating in methodological innovation and development.
- Identifying and exploring partnership and collaboration with other members of UNU GMPP.
- Exchanging and disseminating information among peers within UNU GMPP.

nation of information. These will enhance its members' activities.

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UNU GMPP will promote strategies leading to sustainable mountain development. For example, the proposed "Pamir Strategy Project" in Tajikistan will be open to collaboration involving many actors from the local to the international level. The project will also benefit the mountain population in and around the regional capital of Khorog. (Photo by Ulrich Lutz, June 2000)

