

Post reporter wins honours

Bangkok Post reporter Onnucha Hutasingh has been awarded by the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (Unescap), for her coverage of the grievances of flood victims in Phetchabun.

She was picked for the first Journalism Award for Outstanding Reporting on Emergencies and Disasters for the print media, in recognition of her series of reports on how Nam Kor villagers in Lom Sak district coped with their ordeal 18 months after flooding caused by torrential rains destroyed their village in August of 2001



Onnucha

"After the tragedy, several government agencies were quick to offer help. But when I returned, everything was still the same," Ms Onnucha recalled. "Villagers still lived in fear without permanent protection measures."

The award was decided by a panel of judges from the centre, Unescap, Thammasat University's journalism and mass communication faculty, and the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department under the Interior Ministry.

The award will be presented on Wednesday, which is International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction. It will also increase public awareness of the problem.