HKU-BNU Catastrophe Management Initiative (CMI)
Since the catastrophic earthquake, HKU community has been engaged not only in raising funds for emergency relief, but also involved in various volunteering tasks in which the University possesses expertise.

Synergising the strengths of HKU and Beijing Normal University (BNU), the CMI is a holistic and integrated project incorporating activities in Hong Kong and on the Mainland that are designed to help address all aspects of catastrophe management.

Global Dialogue November 10-13, 2008
Over 100 government officials, academic, members of non-governmental organisations and researchers from Mainland China participated in the ‘Global Dialogue on Wenchuan Earthquake Response: Challenges and Governance’, meeting peers and experts from Hong Kong, the international arena and the United Nations to share the lessons learned in the past few months and to discuss further post-catastrophe challenges, based on previous experiences from the Mainland and overseas.

The ‘Global Dialogue’, together with training workshops for about 80 frontline leaders from quake-affected areas, was made possible through the generous support of Hang Seng Bank.

Internal Seed Funding
With donations from alumnus and friends, the University has set up an Internal Seed Funding exercise to support academic colleagues who are keen to conduct projects related to research and education in catastrophes. The seed funding is in line with the belief that universities, as knowledge hubs, should contribute our expertise to the long-term knowledge-based catastrophe management worldwide. Some strategic areas have been identified:
- Catastrophe Health Care
- Emergency Engineering
- Capacity Building and Psychosocial Care
- Social Service Management and Research

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