

# **Future Development Measures of NEAC**

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## **Environmental Cooperation in Northeast Asia**

- TEMM
- NEASPEC
- NEAC
- NOWPAP
- ECO ASIA
- EANET
- LTP

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## Comparisons among Major Cooperation Bodies

	NEAC	NEASPEC	TEMM
Starting Year	1992	1993	1999
Participating countries	Korea, Japan, China, Mongolia, Russia	Korea, China, Japan, Mongolia, Russia, DPRK	Korea, China, Japan
Participants Level	Senior official, expert and NGOs	Senior official	Minister
Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Facilitated later env't cooperation</li> <li>- Policy Dialogue</li> <li>- Accommodates diverse stakeholders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Leading ministry: MOFAT vs. MOE</li> <li>- Cooperation Fund</li> <li>- Adoption of Cooperation Framework (1996)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministerial-level Policy Dialogue</li> <li>- Active Cooperation Projects</li> <li>- Only three countries</li> </ul>

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## Progress of NEAC

	Discussion Topics
The 1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting (1992.10, Niigata)	Information Exchange Network, Joint Survey for Acid Rain, Water Quality, Marine Pollution, Biodiversity, Joint Study, Case Study for Economical Method
The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting (1993.9, Seoul)	Market Instruments of Environmental Management, Measurement Standard and Method for Environmental Pollution, Finding Joint Study Subject and Operation Method, Classification of Hazardous Waste, Role of Local Government for Local Environment Improvement
The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting (1994.9, Kinosaki)	UNCSD Actions, Sustainable City, Biodiversity Conservation (measures and actions for SD in each country)
The 4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting (1995.9, Busan)	Role of Local Government for Agenda 21, Cooperation Method for Transboundary Environmental Problems, Countermeasure Plan for the Climate Change Convention, Hazardous Waste Safety Management, City Environment Management

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## Progress of NEAC

	Discussion Topics
The 5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting (1995.9, Beijing)	Environmental Policy, law and Environment Management for Sustainable Development, Waste Management System and Regulation Method for Trans boundary Illegal Transfer, Clean Technology and Integrated Pollution Control, Communication for Global Environment issues
The 6 <sup>th</sup> meeting (1997.10, Niigata)	Discussion for Acid Rain, Water Management, Biodiversity Conservation, Clean Production
The 7 <sup>th</sup> Meeting (1998.10, Jeju)	Conservation of Birds and Habitat, Groundwater Conservation and Management, Sustainable Index development , Hazardous Air Pollution Management
The 8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting (1999.1, Kyoto)	Environment Policy and Regional Cooperation Method, Environment Conservation Activity of Local Government, Local Government Cooperation in the North East Asia, Internet Use in Domestic and Global Environmental Cooperation

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## Progress of NEAC

	Discussion Topics
The 9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting (2000.9, Ulan Bator)	Forest Conservation, Water Quality Pollution, Special Conservation Area Network, Capacity Building, Proposal of NEAC Framework by Korea
The 10 <sup>th</sup> meeting (2001.10, Incheon)	NGOs' Activities, Integrated Management Method for Sustainable Development in the Coastal Area, Eco-friendly Energy Use Policy and Cooperation
The 11 <sup>th</sup> meeting (2002.12, Hae Nam)	Environment Education and Environment Awareness , Water Environment and Air Quality, Outcome and Effect of WSSD
The 12 <sup>th</sup> meeting (2003.11, Toyama)	Symposium for Soil Deterioration and DSS, Environmental Issue and Policy, Marine Environmental Conservation, Construction of Resources Recycling Society
The 13 <sup>th</sup> meeting (2004.12, Seoul)	Construction of Database and Modeling for Air Quality Management, Species Restoration and Ecosystem Restoration cases of the Local Government, Discussion Sustainable industry Management

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## Progress of NEAC

	Discussion Topics
The 14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting (2006.2, Tokyo)	Expectation for North East Asian regional Cooperation, Review of NEAC, Future role of NEAC.

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## NEAC's Strength

- Expanded the horizon of NEA environmental cooperation
- First of its kind to discuss environmental cooperation
- Helped to lead bilateral cooperation channels/agreements in NEA and TEMM
- Promoted regional environmental awareness by involving diverse stakeholders
  - Central & local gov., experts, NGOs, international organizations.

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## NEAC's Strength

- Established a discussion channel among environmental department, local government, and NGOs of participating countries
- Promoted exchanges of information, knowledge, and ideas about regional environmental issues among countries
- Strengthened environmental cooperation
- Improved the common understanding of environmental situation in NEA

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## NEAC's Weakness

- Getting lower attention compared to other cooperation bodies
  - more institutionalized and financially firm (e.g. NEASPEC) or higher level (e.g. TEMM)
- No stable operational rules
- No joint cooperative project (activity)
- No follow-up measure, responsibility, continuity
  - only discuss important environmental issue every year
  - no further development

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## Future Development Measure of NEAC

### **Maintain the role as an environmental policy forum**

- Seek more environmental cooperation through opinion exchanges among various stakeholder

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## Future Development Measure of NEAC

### **Strengthen connection with TEMM**

- Report the outcomes of NEAC's discussion to TEMM
- Policy forum as the side event of TEMM

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## Future Development Measure of NEAC

### **Consider strengthened connection with NEASPEC**

- Hosting a back to back meeting with NEASPEC
  - NEAC: Environmental Policy Forum
  - NEASPEC: SOM to discuss cooperation activities

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## Future Development Measure of NEAC

### **Develop a joint cooperation project**

- Increase solidarity among NEAC participants.

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## Future Development Measure of NEAC

### **(Tripartite) Joint Research on Environmental Management in Northeast Asia**

- Follow the expected outcomes of the Joint Research on Environmental Management in NEA with participant' agreement.

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