Fundamental direction of political objectives and policies



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Promote establishment of a collaborative base for environmental cooperation in Asia

- Strengthen partnerships to ensure harmony with nature
- Promote standardization and networking of environmental monitoring and countermeasures
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Promote low-carbon / low-pollution society

Reduce Volume of Carbon Emissions and Damage Caused by Pollution in Asia

- Establish common understanding on low-carbon society through regional meetings such as the East Asia Summit Environment Ministers Meeting (EAS-EMM).
- Promote a co-benefits approach that aims to achieve the highest synergy between mitigation of environmental pollution and global warming by various means, including utilizing Clean Development Mechanism (CDM).
- Promote Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) through such as high-level government meeting of officials from Asian countries involved with traffic environment policy.
- Based on the experience in Japan combating pollution, provide support to countries in the areas including 1) environmental countermeasures and monitoring technologies, 2) regulatory system for environmental conservation, and 3) human resource development according to the situation / needs of individual countries.



Promote Sound Material-Cycle society

Ensure Efficient Sound Material-Cycle in Asia, Addressing Problems Related to Solid Waste Management

- Promote 3R (Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle) through such as "Regional 3R Forum in Asia".
- Support development of human resources, introduction of technologies, and formulation of policies related to 3R policies in each Asian country.
- Strengthen countermeasures against improper transboundary movement of circulative resources.
- Promote data sharing and information exchange on solid waste management policies.
- Support comprehensive measures towards the creation of a low-carbon and sound material-cycle society.



Promote societies in harmony with nature, while adapting to climate change

Ensure Harmony with the Extensive Natural Environment of Asia, while Adapting to Climate Change

- Promote the sustainable use and management of resources in human-influenced natural environment on a global scale as the "Satoyama Initiative".
- Strengthen international networks for conservation of coral reefs.
- Improve long-term monitoring of climate change impacts in Asia.
- Enhance community-level capacity to adapt climate change through partnerships with international environmental cooperation NGOs and NPOs.
- Support the Asia Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Network which enhances capacity of institutions working on adaptation in Asia-Pacific region.



Promote environmentalism in the marketplace

Make Societies in which the Environment and Economy are well Balanced

- Support "Eco-products Exhibition", and Promote green purchasing and environmentally conscious supply chains in Asia region
- Utilize private finance to disseminate environmental technologies and promote environmental considerations to project financing.
- Promote establishment of a research system concerning linkage between environment and economy.

For accomplishment of a goal

Promote establishment of a collaborative base for environmental cooperation in Asia

Develop an Institutional Base for Effective Environmental Cooperation in Asia

It is essential to strengthen cooperation among Asian countries and related organizations to achieve "conservation of the global environment and sustainable development" in Asia through promotion of low-carbon / low-pollution society, sound material-cycle society, societies in harmony with nature while adapting to climate change, and environmentalism in the marketplace. CAI, consequently, aims at "establishment of a cooperative base" among Asian countries and related organizations in Asia.

1

Strengthen partnerships to ensure harmony with nature

Promotion of surveys, monitoring, and information sharing for the protection of national parks in Asian countries and cross-border migratory birds.

2

Promote standardization and networking of environmental monitoring and countermeasures

Promote provision of relevant information which are efficient for policy planning through the enhancement of environmental monitoring in East Asia region, and the study on the situation of transboundary pollution and its future impacts by simulation models.

3

Promote environment-related human resource development and application

Support development of environmental leaders founded on the Vision for Environmental Leadership Initiatives for Asian Sustainability in Higher Education (Environmental Leadership Vision), and promote transfer of policy scheme technology utilizing the Asia Pacific Integrated Model (AIM).

4

Strengthen the mutually supportive relationship between environment and trade

Promote the mutually supportive relationship between environment and trade through such as active participation in the debate in World Trade Organizations (WTO) over the liberalization of environmental goods and services

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