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| <p>1. Organizer</p> <p>Overseas Environmental Cooperation Center, Japan (OECC) and Beijing Normal University</p> |
| <p>2. Title</p> <p>Integrated Risk Governance – an approach to adaptation to climate change</p> |
| <p>3. Theme</p> <p>The event introduced recent efforts to drive integrated risk governance (IRG), combining climate change risk and other natural disaster risks, in urban development planning, and disaster risk management.</p> |
| <p>4. Agenda and speakers</p> <p>(1) “Integrated Risk Governance in Adaptation Planning – Brainstorming and introduction of recent cases in local adaptation efforts”</p> <p>Mr. Makoto Kato, Principal Researcher, Overseas Environmental Cooperation Center, Japan (OECC)</p> <p>(2) “Integrated Risk Governance as an approach to adaptation to climate change”</p> <p>Dr. Qian Ye, Executive Director, International Project Office , Integrated Risk Governance Project (IRGP/IHDP) / State Key Lab of Earth Surface Processes and Resource Ecology, Beijing Normal University</p> <p>(3) “Changes in Awareness on Environment and Risks in China”</p> <p>Dr. Honxia Duan, Researcher at China Center for Energy Economics, Xiamen University</p> |
| <p>5. Outline of presentations and discussions</p> <p>○ “Integrated risk governance (IRG) is a concept that one tries comprehend various risks, such as natural disasters or structural changes in society, and respond to them in an integrated manner. For adaptation to climate change, at the stage of assessment of risks, it is important to know additional impact emanating from climate change to regular risks, however, at the stage of planning and implementing actions to respond, it is necessary to take them all within its coverage in a comprehensive way. In practice, recent planning exercise in local governments often take this approach, which covers climate change impact and other risks, such as natural disasters.</p> <p>○ Recently, climate change-induced extreme events have attracted high level of attention, but responses to them are not necessary successful.</p> |

Separately, global efforts by the international community for disaster risk reduction has been rapidly emerging, however the communication between the two communities have a room for improvements. In future, in order to drive comprehensive efforts to prepare for the negative impacts including those emanating from climate change, it is important to understand risks from multi-perspective and reflect them onto national and local planning processes.

- In advancing environmental protection in developing countries, awareness raising of citizens plays an important role. In particular in China, there has been a significant change of environmental awareness of citizens residing in the east coastal region, where provinces and cities achieved economic growth and people are better off now. Regarding with efforts to address climate change, it is important to take into consideration such change in awareness.

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