

# G8 ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS MEETING 2008

## Press Accreditation

### 1. Outline of the G8 Environment Ministers Meeting

Prior to the Group of Eight (G8) Summit, the G8 Environment Ministers Meeting is held with the attendance of ministers of the G8 countries responsible for the environment to exchange opinions on various environmental issues. It is held on annual basis and hosted by the country chairing the G8 Summit.

In recent years, global environmental issues such as climate change have become major international political issues. In reflection of this, environmental issues are expected to be among the major topics taken up at the Hokkaido Toyako Summit in July. Consequently, the role played by the G8 Environment Ministers Meeting will be of particular importance.

**(1) Dates:** May 24 (Sat.) – 26 (Mon.), 2008

**(2) Venue:** Kobe Portopia Hotel and others

**(3) Host:** Ministry of the Environment

**(4) Themes:** Climate Change, Biodiversity and the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)

**(5) Attendance:** Environment ministers of the G8 member countries as well as other outreach countries and representatives of relevant international organizations. (Refer to Attachment 1 “Participating Countries and Organizations”)

**(6) Environmental Considerations:** We will minimize the environmental impact of the Meeting by, for example, using low emission vehicles for transport to the venue. In particular, we will focus on reducing the greenhouse gas emissions generated through the Meeting. Emissions that are unavoidable will be compensated for through carbon offsetting, including through implementation of emission reduction projects.

### 2. Press Accreditation

Although this meeting is closed to the public, journalists will be permitted to cover some parts of the meeting including the press conference by the chair, Minister Ichiro Kamoshita on the last day of the Meeting or other ceremonial events by obtaining accreditation beforehand.

All journalists including photo/video/TV journalists, lighting/audio and other technical staff, assistants and other support staff wishing to cover the meeting are asked to fill in the on-line registration form at the following website and submit by **April 30 (Wed.)**. **Anyone who has not obtained accreditation in advance will not be permitted to cover the meeting.**

For security reasons, IDs that will be issued after obtaining accreditation will be photo-attached IDs. Please note that you will be asked to submit your photograph (headshot/color) in digital data (JPEG format) through the on-line registration. (Refer to "Instructions for Submitting Photo" at the registration website)

On-line registration website:

**[https://secure1.gakkai-web.net/php-bin/gakkai/cg/g8\\_p/new2.php](https://secure1.gakkai-web.net/php-bin/gakkai/cg/g8_p/new2.php)**

\*Detailed press information will be sent later via email to the registered journalists.

\*Please note that your request for accreditation may be denied due to the capacity of the venue and for other relevant reasons.

### **3. Related Events**

Prior to and during the Meeting, there will be a wide variety of environment-related side events in Kobe and other surrounding cities. (Refer to Attachment 2 "Side Events")

### **4. Contacts:**

Ministry of the Environment

Preparatory Task Force for the G8 Environment Ministers Meeting

E-mail: [G8\\_KOBE@env.go.jp](mailto:G8_KOBE@env.go.jp)

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## **Participating Countries and Organizations**

### **G8 Countries:**

Japan

Canada

France

Germany

Italy

Russian Federation

United Kingdom

United States of America

European Commission

### **Other Participating Countries:**

Antigua and Barbuda

Australia

Brazil

China

India

Indonesia

Mexico

Republic of Korea

Slovenia (EU Chair)

South Africa

### **International Organizations:**

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Global Environment Facility (GEF)

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

The World Conservation Union (IUCN)

Secretariat of the Basel Convention

The World Bank Group

## Side Events

Events	Hosts	Dates	Venue	URL
G8 Environment Ministers Meeting Commemorate Symposium	MoE, The Museum of Nature and Human Activities, Hyogo	April 26 (Sat) ~27 (Sun)	The Museum of Nature and Human Activities, Hyogo	
G8 Environment Ministers Meeting Pre-Forum in Awaji	Sumoto City, Kinki Regional Environment Office	May 10 (Sat)	Sumoto Cultural Gymnasium and others	
Exquisite and Well-conserved Waters Summit "Kobe"	Liaison Council of Municipalities for Water Environment Conservation, Kobe City	May 16 (Fri)	Kobe International Conference Center	
Eco Car World 2008 in Kobe	Eco Car World 2008 in Kobe (MOE, ERCA, Kobe City)	May 17 (Sat) ~18 (Sun)	Kobe Meriken-Park	<a href="http://www.env.go.jp/en/headline/headline.php?serial=740">http://www.env.go.jp/en/headline/headline.php?serial=740</a>
YOUTH SUMMIT for Environment in KOBE 2008	Joint Committee for the YOUTH SUMMIT	May 18 (Sun) ~25 (Sun)	Art Center of Kobe	
Environment Fair in KOBE	Joint Committee for the Environment Fair	May 23 (Fri.) ~26 (Mon.)	Kobe Central Gymnasium and others	<a href="http://www.env.go.jp/earth/g8/en/meeting/sideevents.html#fair">http://www.env.go.jp/earth/g8/en/meeting/sideevents.html#fair</a>
Special Symposium in Commemoration of the G8 Environment Ministers Meeting in Kobe -Climate Change and Water-	GLOBE Japan, MOE, IGES Japan Water Forum	May 23 (Fri.)	Kobe International Conference Center	<a href="http://www.env.go.jp/en/headline/headline.php?serial=741">http://www.env.go.jp/en/headline/headline.php?serial=741</a>