

# APNET : Platform for Regional Cooperation on Climate Change Mitigation

11<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Seminar on Climate Change  
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# Presentation outline

- Brief introduction of APNET
- Current use of APNET by member countries
- Result from member questionnaire
- Reporting of 2000 activity – Capacity Building Programme on IT
- Proposal for activities in fiscal year 2001
- Surfing the APNET

# What is AP NET?

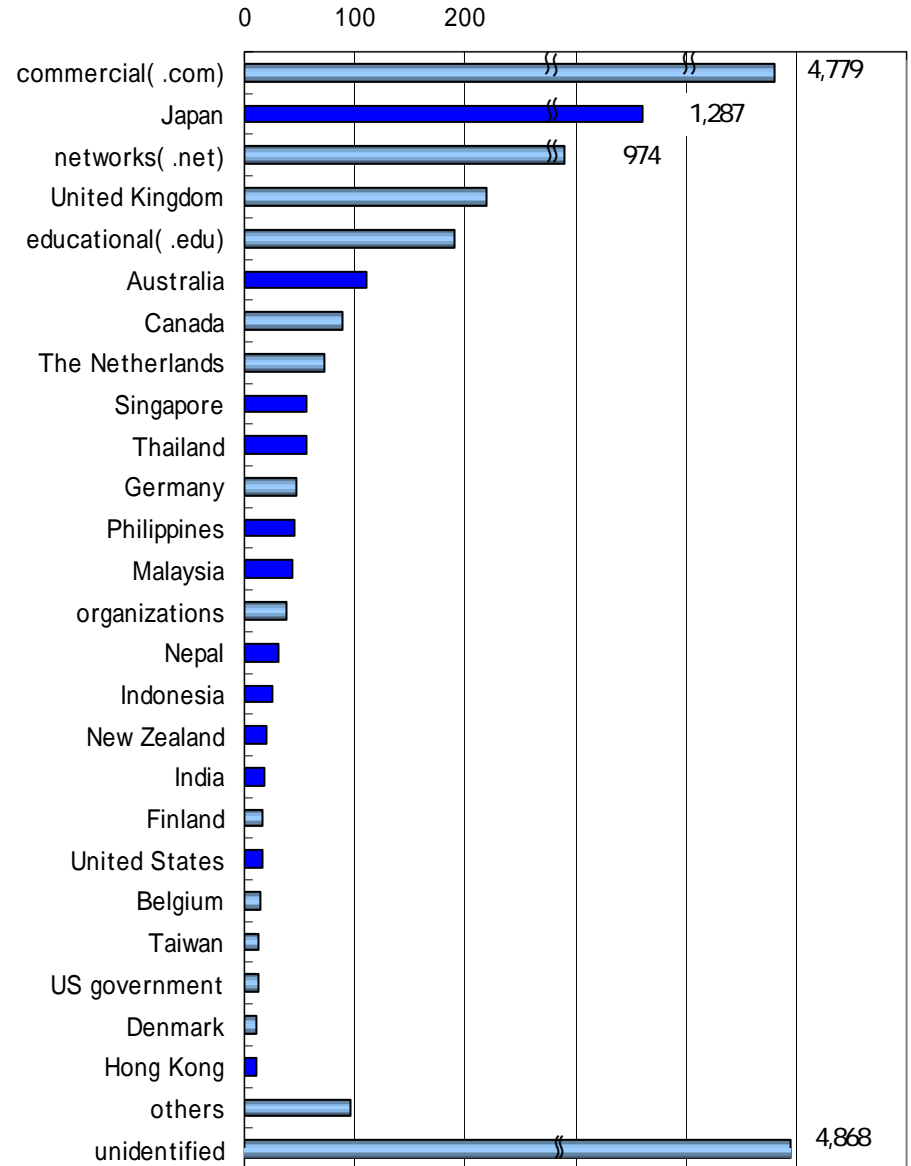
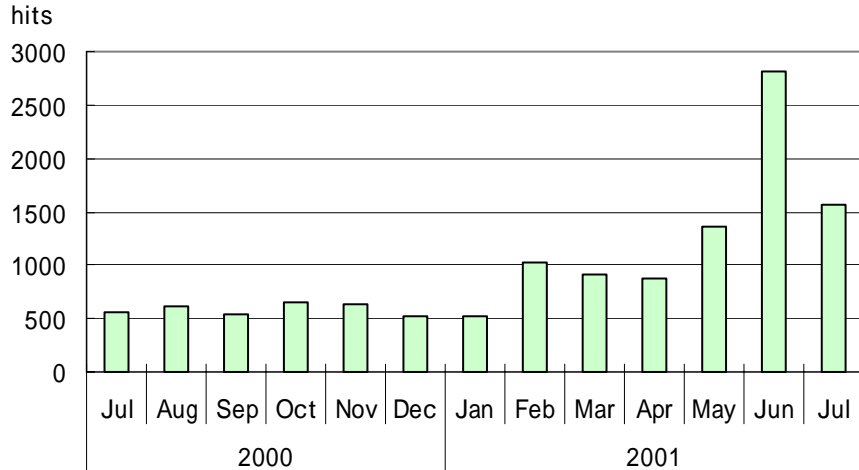
- Asia-Pacific Network on Climate Change
- Website set up in 1998 as an outcome of the 8th AP Seminar on Climate Change
- Information-sharing and policy dialogue among Asia-Pacific countries on climate change issues and climate friendly technologies
- Links to CC:INFO/Web sites, selected climate change related websites with focus on Asia-Pacific, information on key conferences and seminars in the region, and search engine on region specific information

## Current use of APNET by member countries

- Links to CC:INFO/Web page by 11 countries (increased from 2)
- Links to CC related websites in 17 countries and 14 international and regional organisations
- Averaging 970 hits per month

# Current use of APNET by member countries (cont.)

Average number of access: 970/month



## Request from member countries

Training on:

- internet literacy
- contents development/up-loading
- web-administration

requested at the 10<sup>th</sup> AP Seminar

## Results from member survey

Conducted in September 2000 against member countries

Response from 6 member countries

Results regarding use of IT and internet

- All respondents agree on need for more information dissemination
- Only 1 respondent have means for information dissemination in English
- No respondents are disseminating information via internet
- 2 respondents are lacking personnel with proper IT/internet skills

## Results from member survey (cont.)

### Request for Capacity Building Programme

- Support member countries in developing websites for information dissemination on climate change
- Curriculum expected to focus on (1) web mastering, and (2) data processing and internet skills
- 5-30 day long programme expected

### Comments on APNET

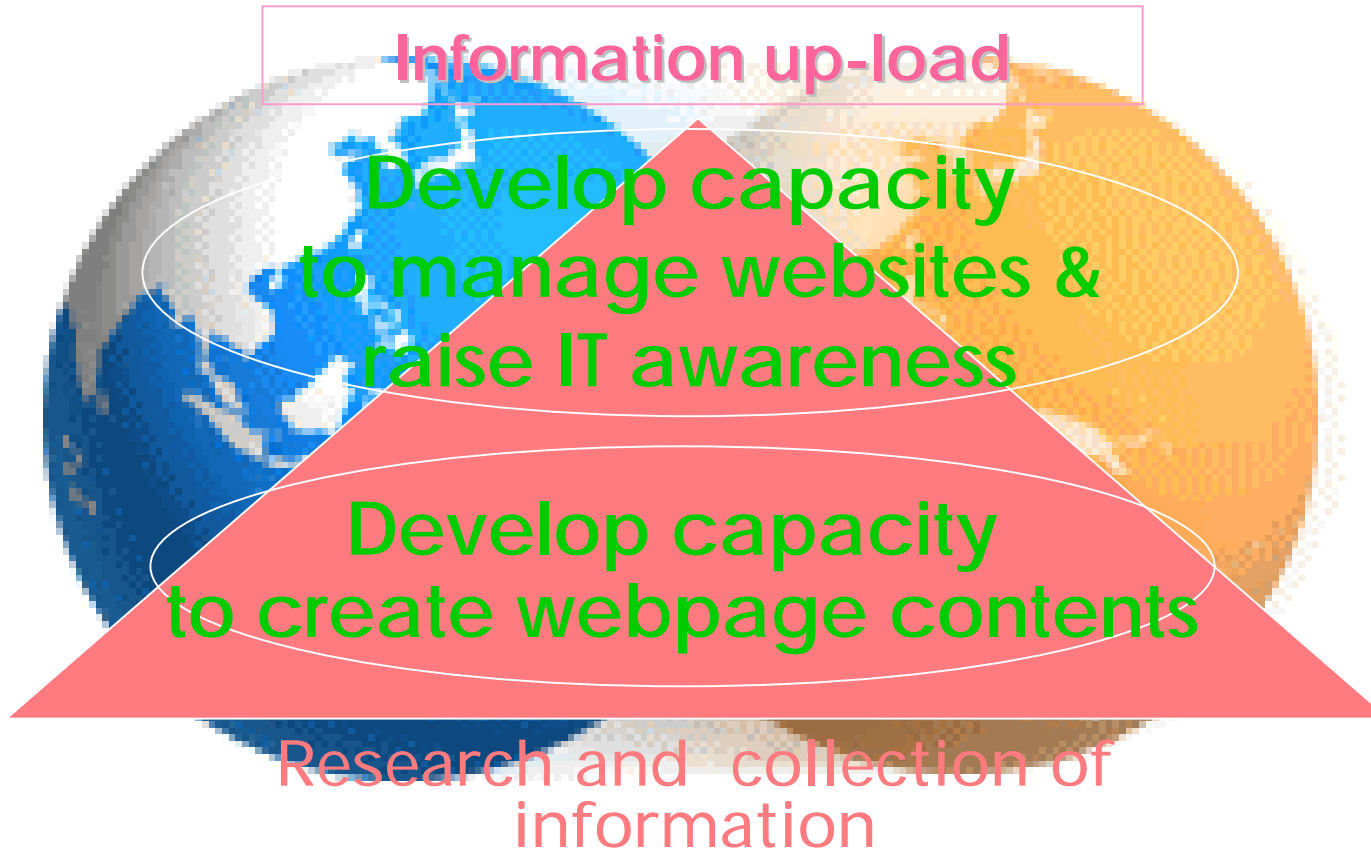
- Potential for climate change information clearinghouse
- Training materials should be up-loaded
- Coordination needed between other similar initiatives in the region



## Barriers faced by member countries in information sharing

- Few people having knowledge of HTML
- Knowledge gap between webmaster and contents provider
- Lack of formal staff training for using the Internet
- Web server physically located outside of Environment Ministries/Agencies
- Difficulty to frequent updating of the website

## (FY2000 activity) Capacity building for increased use of APNET



# Internet Literacy Training (March 2001, Tokyo)

13 participants from 11 member countries

## Curriculum

- 3-day programme
- Introduction to APNET
- Lectures and discussions on environmental friendly technologies and investments
- Internet skills
- Contents development
- Website management



Participants

# Intensive Training for Website Administrators (May 2001, Tokyo)

9 participants from 9 member countries

## Curriculum

- 2-day programme
- Web server knowledge and administering skills
- Web page development and up-loading



Participants

## Intensive Training for Website Administrators (Cont.)

### Participants' satisfaction (6=most satisfied)

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- Trainer's knowledge level ... 5.8
  - Trainer's teaching skills ... 5.8
  - Programme theme ... 5.2
  - Course structure ... 5.2
  - Substance of lecture ... 5.3
  - Practicality ... 5.2
  - Training material ... 5.3
  - Knowledge achievement level ... 4.8
  - Skills achievement level ... 4.9

## Lessons learnt 1: CB2000

- 2-3 days programme too short for concrete skill acquisition
- Need for follow-up training programme
- Substance on climate change should be included
- More opportunities for networking among participants

## Lessons learnt 2: APNET

- Initial objective to build platform for information sharing and policy dialogue achieved
- Need for provision of frequent and useful information in a proactive manner
- Need for continuing support to capacity building
- Focus on climate change issues in CB programmes
- Up-grade to info sharing platform for supporting Kyoto Protocol

## Key to an effective APNET towards climate change mitigation

Active participation by each country is essential for effective APNET

Capacity building for member countries for better use of APNET  
Provision of demand driven information



## Proposal for FY2001 activities

### APNET website

- Turning in to a proactive website
- Shifting contents towards CDM
- Concrete collaboration with international and regional organisations



Virtual CDM Clearinghouse  
for the Asia-Pacific

# Proposal for FY2001 activities (cont.)

## Capacity Building Programmes

- Continuation of internet and web administration capacity building
- Development of capacity building programme for CDM preparation, administration, and project development



Increased capacity on IT + CDM

