

## Information about holding of “Workshop on Countermeasures against Asbestos in Asian Countries”

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The Ministry of the Environment will hold “Workshop on Countermeasures against Asbestos in Asian Countries” in Tokyo on January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

The workshop will be held with closed doors, but after the workshop, the summary of results will be announced officially.

### 1. Date:

Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

### 2. Place:

Mita Kaigisho, 1<sup>st</sup> special conference room, etc.  
(2-1-8, Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo [Tel:03-3455-7591](tel:03-3455-7591))

### 3. Host:

The Ministry of the Environment

### 4. Participants:

Person in charge of practical business from Japan, China, Indonesia, Malaysia and Viet Nam, and Japanese academic experts, etc.

### 5. Purpose:

Main purposes of the workshop are

- Providing the information about countermeasures against asbestos in Japan.
- Exchanging information about present situation and future efforts on asbestos problems in Asian countries.

### 6. Discussion about

- Taking action about asbestos problems in Japan (input from Japan)
- Measuring methods for asbestos (input from Japan and tour of inspection)
- Buildings demolition and waste treatment (input from Japan)
- Present situation on asbestos problems in Asian countries (input from Asian countries)
- Future efforts on asbestos problems in Asian countries (exchanging information)

## 7. Coverage:

The workshop will be held with closed doors, but it will be possible to cover opening speech (about 5 minutes on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, taking photos will be allowed).

Journalists wishing to cover this workshop should register using exhibit application via Fax by 12:00 P.M. on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> January (it is impossible to enter Mita Kaigisho without registration).