

Information on the Twelfth Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting among Korea, China and Japan

1. Objectives

The environment ministers from Korea, China and Japan, the leading countries in Northeast Asia, have been holding the Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting among Korea, China and Japan (TEMM) on an annual basis since 1999. The three countries aim to strengthen cooperation through dialogues on regional and global environmental issues. (TEMM11 was held in June 2009, Beijing, China)

2. Date: May 22 (Sat) , May 23 (Sun), 2010

3. Venue:

Hotel “Mizuno-uta” (May 22), Chitose city, Hokkaido

Hotel Nidom (May 23) , Tomakomai city, Hokkaido

4. Main Participants:

Japan Sakihito OZAWA, Minister, Ministry of the Environment of Japan

China ZHOU Shengxian, Minister, Ministry of Environmental Protection of the People's Republic of China

Korea LEE Maanee, Minister, Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Korea

5. Agenda

At TEMM12, the three countries will discuss the environmental measures for achieving an initiative for an East Asian community, strengthening cooperation for the 16th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP10), and environmental issues in Northeast Asia such as dust and sandstorms (DSS). The three countries will also adopt a tripartite joint action plan.

Please refer to past communiqués on the following website.

- TEMM official website <http://www.temm.org/>
- Japanese site http://www.env.go.jp/earth/coop/temm/introduction_j.html