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International Symposium on Environmental Endocrine Disrupters 2001 (1st Announcement)

Overview

This year's International Symposium on Environmental Endocrine Disrupters is scheduled to be held from Saturday, December 15 to Monday, December 17 at Tsukuba International Congress Center (Tsukuba, Ibaraki Prefecture).

The main theme shall be "Chemicals in the Century of the Environment," and the sub-theme shall be "Many-sided Approach to Endocrine Disrupters." The aim of the symposium is to find a solution to the problem of endocrine disrupting substances in the environment. The event is to be held in Tsukuba in connection with the completion of new facilities (Environmental Hormone Research Building) at the National Institute for Environmental Studies in March this year, which are dedicated to research of endocrine disrupters.

1. Date: Saturday, December 15 - Monday, December 17, 2001

2. Venue: Tsukuba International Congress Center (Tsukuba, Ibaraki Prefecture)

3. Organized by: Ministry of the Environment, Government of Japan

Cooperated by: Japan Society of Endocrine Disrupter Research

4. Main theme: Chemicals in the Century of the Environment

Sub-theme: Many-sided Approach to Endocrine Disrupters

5. Objectives

- (1) To let people in other countries know what Japan is doing about the problem of endocrine disrupters.
- (2) To discuss direction of future research on endocrine disrupters through international cooperation.
- (3) To provide an opportunity for many-sided exchange of views from people involved on various fields concerning chemicals that present problems on both local and global scales.

6. Speakers: Presentations are scheduled to be given by approximately 50 researchers and government officials from both Japan and overseas.

7. Program overview

1st day Saturday, December 15 : Session for public

2nd day Sunday, December 16 : Session for professionals

3rd day Monday, December 17 : Session for professionals

Visits to the Environmental Hormone Research Building and Kasumigaura are also scheduled.

***We plan to begin accepting applications for participation in the symposium in August. Further details will be released in the second Announcement.**

The second circular will also contain specifics concerning speakers and themes.

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