

Agenda of 12th NEAC

Outline

1. Objective of the Conference:

Provide a forum for exchange of views and information on environmental issues in the Northeast Asian region, aims at promoting better mutual understanding to strengthen environmental cooperation in the region.

2. Date and Venue:

24 – 26 November 2003 at Meitetsu Toyama Hotel, Toyama, Japan.

3. Co-organizers:

Ministry of the Environment, Japan, Toyama Prefecture, Toyama City Government, Northwest Pacific Region Environmental Cooperation Center.

4. Participants: Approximately 60 persons.

Countries : People's Republic of China, Japan, Republic of Korea
Mongolia, Russian Federation.

International Organization : United Nations Environmental Programme

Observers : Toyama Prefecture, Toyama City, others

Secretariat : Ministry of the Environment, Japan

Toyama Prefecture, Toyama City

Northwest Pacific Region Environmental Cooperation Center

Overseas Environmental Cooperation Center, Japan

5. Working Language:

English (simultaneous interpretation into Japanese is provided in the symposium and the sessions)

23 November 2003

1. Preparation:

20:00 – 21:00 Registration of foreign participants at TOKIWA (4F)

21:00 – Prior meeting (schedule, sessions, etc.) at ASAGIRI (2F)

A corresponding participant from each country is to participate.

24 November 2003

8:30 – 9:00 Pre-meeting for public symposium (program, scenario) at TOKIWA (4F)
Coordinator and panelists are to participate.

9:05 – 9:20 Courtesy visit (please appear at TOKIWA (4F) at 9:00)
Head of the delegate of each party introduces each other.

1. Public symposium: “Dust and Sandstorms (DSS) in the Affected Countries” at ZUI-UN (4F)

(1) Schedule

9:30 – 9:45 Opening speech
Ministry of the Environment, Japan
Toyama Prefecture
Toyama City

9:45 – 10:30 Commemorative speech

10:30 – 10:40 Break

10:40 – 12:30 Panel Discussion

(2) Topic of the commemorative speech:

“Behavior of KOSA particles over the Taklamakan desert: Effect of KOSA
on Environment in East Asia”

(3) Panel discussion:

Current status and research activities on DSS in each country are to be reported, and further actions to be taken are to be discussed.

(4) Speaker(s)

Commemorative speech: Prof. Iwasaka (Nagoya University)

Coordinator of panel discussion: Prof. Yoshikawa (Okayama University)

Panelists: Delegates from China, Mongolia, Korea, Russia, and UNEP.

Dr. Nishikawa (National Institute of Environmental Studies)

Mr. Toriyama (Toyama Prefectural Environmental Science

Research Center)

Prof. Iwasaka (Nagoya University)

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break (no meal is provided)

2. Keynote Speech by each country and international organization (ten minutes each)
at ZUI-UN (4F)

(1) Schedule

14:00 – 15:30 Representative of People’s Republic of China, Japan, Mongolia
Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, and UNEP

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

3. Session 1: "Preservation of Marine Environment"

(1) Topic(s)

a) "Environmental management in Enclosed Water Body"

The coastal areas of bays and inland seas provide pleasant scenery of their natural environment. However, these areas where the water tends to be stagnant are threatened with the accumulation of contaminants and water pollution. The environmental management strategies for the enclosed water bodies are to be discussed based on the cases of participating countries.

b) "Environmental conservation of coastal areas by using plain indicators"

Methodologies for ocean environmental conservation by using plain indicators, e.g. coastal marine creatures, driftages, which are easily evaluated by citizens, are to be discussed based on the cases of participating countries.

(2) Schedule (each country presents either topic a) or b) except Japan)

16:00 – 18:00 Topic a) and b) (ten min. speech + five min. Q&A)

4. Welcome reception

19:00 – 21:00 Welcome reception hosted by Ministry of the Environment
at SHO-UN (4F)

All foreign participants are invited.

5. Drafting committee

21:00 – Drafting committee for chairperson's summary at ZUI-UN (4F)
A corresponding participant from each country is to participate.

25 November 2003

1. Session 2: "Create a Recycling Society" at ZUI-UN (4F)

(1) Topic(s)

a) "Creation of a Recycling Society by Local Communities"

The creation of a recycling society by local communities is to be discussed based on the cases of participating countries.

b) "Creation of a Recycling Society by Private Sectors"

The creation of a recycling society by private sectors (manufacturing, agriculture, commerce, etc.) is to be discussed based on the cases of participating countries.

(2) Schedule (each country presents either topic a) or b) except Japan)

9:00 – 11:10 Topic a) and b) (ten min. speech + five min. Q&A)

11:10 – 11:40 Coffee Break

2. Session 3: "Environmental Cooperation Initiatives of Local Authorities" at ZUI-UN (4F)

(1) Topic(s)

"Past and Present Measures in order to Involve Citizens in the Initiative"

Special measures to involve (attract attention of) citizens in the international cooperation initiated by local authorities are to be discussed based on the cases of participating countries.

(2) Schedule (one presentation for each country)

11:40 – 13:40 Topic a) (ten min. speech + five min. Q&A)

13:40 – 16:00 Lunch Break (no meal is provided)

3. Other agendas, adoption of chairperson's summary at ZUI-UN (4F)

16:00 – 16:30 Other issues
Venue of next conference, other agenda

16:30 – 17:00 Adoption of chairperson's summary

17:00 – 17:30 Closing

17:30 – 18:00 Press conference

4. Farewell party

19:00 – 21:00 Farewell party hosted by Toyama Prefecture and Toyama City
at SHO-UN (4F)
All foreign participants are invited.

26 November 2003

1. Excursion

9:30 – 12:20 Eco-town tour (waste plastic recycle plant, organic waste recycling plant)
Please appear at entrance lobby (1F) at 9:20.

12:25 – 13:25 Lunch (meal is provided)

13:55 Dismiss