

14th NEAC
Chair's Summary

Ministry of the Environment Japan

Session 1; Expectation for North East Asian regional Cooperation

- Presentation of China and Mongolia and Comments from Korea
- **The common environmental problems in the region** - environment and economy, where to strike the balance, how to integrate
 - Transboundary issues; biodiversity, climate issues
 - National environmental protection progress and proposed cooperation priority areas
- **Tools to promote cooperation**
 - Environmental cooperation framework research report of the region
 - Involvement of the stakeholders; NEAC will be the good opportunities

Session 2; Review of NEAC

- Presentation of Korea, questions and comments from China, Japan and Mongolia
- Multilateral surveys/researches on NEA are going on.
- **Expecting Outcome**
 - Learning/ understanding opportunities are strong, but problem solving is weak
 - High potential/ expectation for cooperation with new targets and roles
- **Institution / Logistics**
 - Merits: flexible, informal and un-official
 - Uncertainties; hosting, participants, funding, other many frameworks

Session 3 ; Future Role of NEAC

- Presentation of Japan, China, Korea and Mongolia

● **Proposed Options**

- (1) Back-to-back with NEASPEC by its host country to reduce cost, as a standing-alone meeting
- (2) Linked to a TEMM project meeting (or TEMM WG meeting) [taking into account of the role of TEMM in the region]
- (3) Focusing on specific issues such as DSS with a few years' rotation / plan to attract more attention, in expectation of cost-sharing with other mechanism: “NEAC labeling” on a meeting of other mechanism
- (4) Linked to the Joint Research on NEA Environmental Cooperation Mechanism (at least as a back-to-back meeting)

● **Role / Expecting Outcome / Activities**

- Policy dialogue on common issues with several stakeholders?
- Comprehensive issues / specific issue
- Need specific actions / activities orientation, different from NEASPEC?