



A Draft Proposal on NEAC's Future

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Regional Environmental Cooperation in Northeast Asia (NEA)

- **TEMM**
- **NEASPEC**
- **NEAC**
- **NOWPAP**
- **ECO ASIA**
- **EANET**
- **LTP**

Comparisons among Major Cooperation Bodies

	NEAC	NEASPEC	TEMM
Starting Year	1992	1993	1999
Participating countries	Korea, Japan, China, Mongolia, Russia	Korea, China, Japan, Mongolia, Russia, DPRK	Korea, China, Japan
Participants Level	Senior official, expert and NGOs	Senior official	Minister
Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitated later env't cooperation - Policy Dialogue - Accommodates diverse stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leading ministry: MOFA vs. MOE - Cooperation Fund - Adoption of Cooperation Framework (1996) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministerial-level Policy Dialogue - Active Cooperation Projects - Only three countries

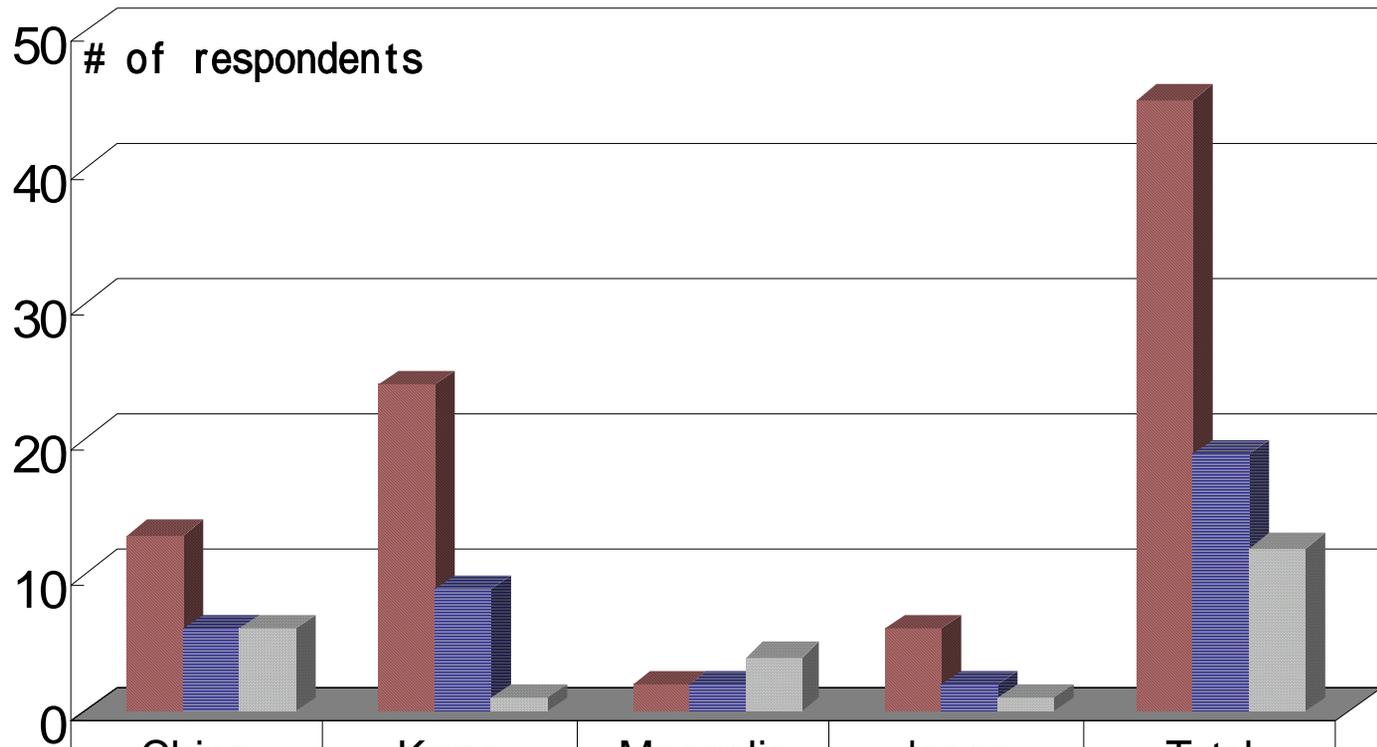
NEAC's Contribution and Limitation

Expanded the horizon of NEA environmental cooperation

- First of its kind to discuss environmental cooperation
- Helped to lead bilateral cooperation channels/agreements in NEA and TEMM
- Promoted regional environmental awareness by involving diverse stakeholders
 - Central & local gov., experts, NGOs, international organizations

Getting lower attention compared to other cooperation bodies

- More institutionalized and financially firm (e.g. NEASPEC) or higher-level (e.g. TEMM)
- No stable operational rules



■ TEMM	13	24	2	6	45	60%
■ NEASPEC	6	9	2	2	19	25%
■ NEAC	6	1	4	1	12	15%

Growth Potential toward the Most Superior Environmental Cooperation Body in NEA (2005, Korea Environmental Institute)

Ideas on NEAC's Future

Coordination with other regional cooperation bodies

- Maintain the role as an environmental policy forum
 - Seek more environmental cooperation through opinion exchanges among various stakeholders
- Strengthen coordination with TEMM
 - Report the output of NEAC's discussion to TEMM
 - Consider transforming TEMM into a Northeast Asia Environment Ministers Meeting (**long-term view**)

Coordination with other regional cooperation bodies

- Consider strengthened coordination with NEASPEC
 - Back-to-back hosting with NEASPEC
 - NEAC : Environmental Policy Forum
 - NEASPEC : SOM to discuss cooperation activities

Modality of NEAC

- Rotation-based hosting among 5 countries
 - If necessary, host country may consult with the next hosting country for changing the order
- In principle, all hosting cost is beared by hosting country
 - Participating countries responsible for their expenses
 - If necessary, consider sharing cost burden

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