

# Challenges for Peatland Restoration

## ~Cooperation between Indonesia and Japan~

Co-Organized with Peatland Restoration Agency, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Most tropical peatland is mostly located in lowland areas in Indonesia. However, a consequence of establishing large-scale channels and logging in tropical peatland forests is an increase in carbon emissions due to fire outbreaks and microbial decomposition. In addition to the difficulties of extinguishing fires in peatland, the progression of fires causes even more carbon emissions.

In this session, we will discuss the current situation and challenges to peatland restoration in Indonesia and exchange opinions on future cooperation and collaboration among related agencies in both Indonesia and Japan. In addition, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for our new cooperation will be signed among the Peatland Restoration Agency, Hokkaido University and JICA at the very last part of this event.

**Date & Time:** 11th November 2016, 13:00 - 14:05    **Venue:** Japan Pavilion

**Language:** English (**Simultaneous interpretation: English-French**)

Time	Contents
13:00 - 13:10	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Dr. Akio Takemoto Director, Research and Information Office, Global Environment Bureau, Ministry of Environment, Japan
13:10 - 13:25	<b>Key Note Speech: "Indonesian Challenges for Peatland Restoration"</b> Ms. Myrna A. Safitri Deputy for Education, Socialization, Participation and Partnerships, Peatland Restoration Agency, Indonesia
13:25 - 13:50	<b>[Presentation]</b> <b>■ Peatland Monitoring</b> Dr. Mitsuru Osaki Special Appointed Professor, Hokkaido University <b>■ New Cooperation for Peatland Restoration</b> Mr. Kenichi Shishido Senior Deputy Director General, Global Environment Department, JICA
13:50 - 13:55	<b>Signing for Urgent Cooperation Action</b>
13:55 - 14:05	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Dr. Nur Masripatin Director General for Climate Change, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia