

## The PaSTI International Seminar took place in Japan Pavilion at COP26

The PaSTI International Seminar was held on 12th November 2021, as an official side event of Japan Pavilion at COP26, entitled “Toward Strengthening Transparency Activities by the Private Sectors ~from the Experience of the Partnership to Strengthen Transparency for co-Innovation (PaSTI) in Asia~”.

This very first event after the expansion of PaSTI's scope was opened by the remarks from H.E. Ms. Grace Fu, Minister of Sustainability and the Environment, Singapore, H.E. Mr. Yamaguchi Tsuyoshi, Minister of the Environment, Japan, and H.E. Mr. Ekkaphab Phanthavong, Deputy Secretary General, ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community, ASEAN Secretariat.

The Ministers of Singapore and Japan declared aiming to promote the transparency of the whole ASEAN region through the development of a common GHG Monitoring and Reporting guideline for the ASEAN region under the PaSTI-JAIF project.

Ms. Fu and Mr. Phanthavong also announced the launch of the PaSTI-JAIF Project Phase 2.

Aiming at discussing the development of common guidelines for the region and the involvement of private companies in order to strengthen transparency in the ASEAN region, representatives from various sectors were invited for keynote speeches and the panel discussion. (*More information on the seminar is on the backside of the newsletter.*)



Photo of the Ministers

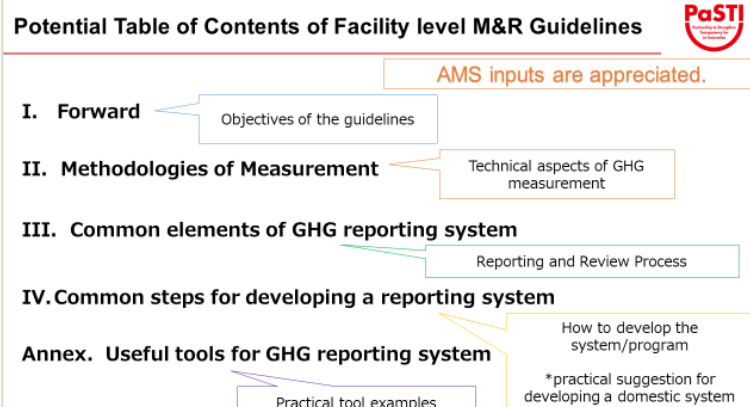


Photo of the participants

The seminar video is available on PaSTI YouTube Channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCD5Q6gOXdUrMqXj09Hd42Zw>

## The PaSTI-JAIF Project Phase 2 launched

The Phase 2 of PaSTI-JAIF Project “Development and implementation of facility level Monitoring and Reporting (M&R) framework for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in ASEAN member states (AMS)” has been officially launched in December 2021. This phase aims to develop facility level M&R guidelines for ASEAN region following the “[Roadmap for Designing Facility Level GHG M&R Guideline for ASEAN Region](#)” which was developed in the Phase 1. The developed guidelines can serve as a reference for AMS for developing their own transparency systems involving the state and non-state actors.



The project details will be updated on the PaSTI Official Website:  
<https://www.env.go.jp/earth/ondanka/pasti/en/index.html>

# Panel discussion at COP26 Japan Pavilion

In the keynote speech, Dr. Alisjahbana, UNESCAP, confirmed the need for greater transparency in the Asia-Pacific state and expressed support for PaSTI activities. Then, Prof. Takemoto, OECC, as the implementation agency of the PaSTI project presented the progress of activities including cooperation to the whole ASEAN region, bilateral cooperation, and cooperation on specific activity areas (e.g. promoting transparency regarding climate actions by private sectors, strengthening and streamlining the transparency actions at subnational, national and regional levels).



Photo of the keynote speech

In the panel discussion, the transparency scale-up was discussed by four panellists from international organizations and private sectors. They expressed their opinions on the ideal form of reporting requirements and the incentive introduction from each perspective, based on three guiding questions;



Photo of the panel discussion

- 1) What are the steps for building a transparency system for climate action by the private sector in Asia?
- 2) How do we increase incentives for climate action by the private sector in line with transparency efforts?
- 3) How can internal cooperation cover needs in Asia?

The panellists expressed their expectations for the role of the PaSTI projects in the future.

## Keynote speech

- Dr. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Executive Secretary of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP)
- Prof. Takemoto Kazuhiko, President of Overseas Environmental Cooperation Center, Japan (OECC)

## Panellists

- Ms. Nicolette Bartlett, Chief Impact Officer, CDP
- Mr. Niclas Svenningsen, Manger of the Engagement Team, UNFCCC
- Ms. Yoshitaka Mari, Deputy General Manager, Principal Sustainability Strategist, Mitsubishi UFJ Research and Consulting, Co., Ltd.
- Mr. Dan Pathomvanich, CEO of NR Instant Produce Public Co., Ltd.

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