

Program for the first Asia Parks Congress

1. Opening Ceremony and Keynote speech (16:00-18:10, 13 November)

1.1 Opening Ceremony (16:00-16:30)

- Opening Remarks:
 - Mr. Nobuteru Ishihara** (Minister of the Environment, Japan)
 - Mr. Zhang Xinsheng** (President of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN))
- Gest Remarks:
 - Mr. Yoshihiro Murai** (Governor of Miyagi Prefecture)
 - Ms. Emiko Okuyama** (Mayor of Sendai City)
 - Hon. Robyn Parker** (Minister for the Environment and Minister for Heritage of New South Wales, Australia)

1.2 Keynote Speech (16:30-18:10)

16:30-

“Let’s Climb Japanese Mountains”

Ms. Junko Tabei (Japanese alpinist)

17:10-

“Establishment of the *Sanriku Fukko* (Reconstruction) National Park: Toward a Society in Harmony with Nature”

Dr. Kazuhiko Takeuchi (Senior Vice-Rector of the United Nations University, Chair of the Central Environmental Council of Japan and Professor at the University of Tokyo)

17:40-

“Protected Areas: Meeting Human Aspirations and Global Challenges”

Dr. Ernesto Enkerlin Hoeflich (Chair, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas)

2. Reception (18:30-20:00, 13 November)

3. Plenary (9:00-11:00 on 14 and 15 November)

14 November

9:00-

Selection of Joint-Chairs and Working Group Chairs and Co-Chairs

9:05-

Objective of Asia Parks Congress

Joint-Chairs

9:25-

Introduction of Working Group Sessions

Working Group Chairs

10:25-

“The Asian Philosophy of Protected Areas”

Dr. Amran Hamzah (Professor at University Technology Malaysia, and Former WCPA Vice-chair for Southeast Asia)

10:45-

“Regional Protected Area Collaboration across Asia”

Mr. Peter Shadie (Senior advisor with IUCN’s World Heritage Programme and Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group)

10:55-

Q&A

15 November

9:00-

“IUCN World Parks Congress Sydney, Australia 2014“

Mr. Carl Solomon (Director, Customer Experience Division, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, Office of Environment and Heritage)

9:20-

“Achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets”

Mr. Charles Besançon (Lifeweb Coordinator, Convention on Biological Diversity)

9:40-

“Strategic priorities for protected areas IUCN’s Global Protected Areas Programme”

Mr. Trevor Sandwith (Director, Global Protected Areas Programme, IUCN)

10:00-

“The World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA) –understanding the protection of our planet”

Ms. Naomi Kingston (Head of Protected Areas Programme, UNEP-WCMC)

10:10-

“ Green Reconstruction Project and the New *Sanriku Fukko* (Reconstruction) National Park“

Mr. Hisae Tokumaru (Director-General, Tohoku Regional Environmental Office of Ministry of the Environment of Japan)

10:30-

“Biodiversity Efforts of the Business Sector of Japan”

Mr. Masatoshi Sato (Chairman, Keidanren Committee on Nature Conservation)

10:50-

Q&A

4. Working Group Session (12:45-18:00 on 14 and 15 November)

Six Working Groups under the following themes will be organized and convened in parallel.

The themes are:

WG1 Natural disasters and protected areas

WG2 Tourism and environmental education in protected areas

WG3 Culture/tradition, and protected areas

WG4 Collaborative management of protected areas

WG5 International cooperation for protected areas

WG6 Biodiversity and protected areas

- Each Working Group consists of four sessions. (150 minutes per session)
- Each session consists of about seven presentations (15 minutes presentation and 5 minutes Q&A per presenter) and short discussion.

5. Poster Session (14 and 15 November)

Activities on protected areas are introduced. Presentations will be made in front of each posters during 11:00 ~ 12:30.

Presentations of odd-numbers 14th 11:00 ~ 11:45, 15th 11:45 ~ 12:30

Presentations of even-numbers 14th 11:45 ~ 12:30, 15th 11:00 ~ 11:45

6. Side Event (14 and 15 November)

Side events will be held during lunch break (11:15-12:15) and the evening (18:30-19:30).

7. Youth Session (15:15-19:30 14 and 15 November)

The youth session will serves as a forum for young Asian researchers such as under-graduate and graduate students to present their research on protected areas and discuss to develop “Youth Declaration”, a message to protected practitioner in Asia and World.

8. Excursion (16 November)

Excursions are organized to introduce efforts and initiatives for the *Sanriku Fukko* National Park in the field.

- (1) Tanesashi Coast course (Aomori Prefecture)
- (2) Miyako and Jodogahama Beach course (Iwate Prefecture)
- (3) Kesenuma Oshima course (Miyagi Prefecture)
- (4) Sendai Seashore course (Miyagi Prefecture)

9. Closing Plenary (9:00-12:00 17 November)

9:00-

Report on discussion and outputs of each Working Groups

Working Group Chairs

10:30-

Report on the Youth Session and Presentation of the APC Youth Declaration

Representative of Youth

10:45-

Discussion on the Asia Protected Area Charter

Closing remarks

Joint-chairs

10. Closing Ceremony “Toward the World Parks Congress”(12:00-13:00)

- Handover of the Outputs of the Asia Parks Congress
Joint-Chairs
- Remarks by IUCN and Host country of the 6th World Parks Congress:
 - Dr. Ernesto Enkerlin Hoeflich** (Chair, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas)
 - HE Masahiko Horie** (IUCN Regional Councilor)
 - Mr. Malik Amin Aslam** (IUCN Vice-President)
 - Mr. Carl Solomon** (Director, Customer Experience Division, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, Office of Environment and Heritage)
- Closing Address
 - Mr. Ryutaro Yatsu** (the Vice-Minister of the Environment, Japan)