Summary of the First Plenary Meeting
of
Asia-Pacific Forum for Environment and Development (Second Phase)

Bogor, Indonesia, 21-22 November 2005

1. Overall Activities of APFED

✧ Implementation of three activities of APFED second phase (APFED II), "Policy Dialogue", "Knowledge Initiative" and "Innovative Showcases" were approved by APFED members.

✧ In implementation of APFED II activities, it is important that the partnership with international organisations and major stakeholders in the Asia-Pacific region will be further promoted.

✧ The three major activities of APFED II should be well coordinated and linked for effective implementation.

✧ Network of APFED and related individuals and organisations which closely work with APFED should be strengthened. In this respect, NetRes should play an important role in implementation of APFED II. Also, the idea of setting up of "Friends of APFED" was welcomed to enhance the network of APFED through continuous provision of information using ICT.

2. Policy Dialogue

✧ As potential subjects for policy dialogues, the following topics were raised by APFED Secretariat; resource efficiency and the 3Rs, environmental management and cooperate social responsibilities, mitigation of impacts of climate change, integrated ecosystem conservation, and harmonization of environmental policies with region.

✧ APFED members exchanged views on subjects to be taken into account, issues recognized by countries and international organizations in the region, and matters to be considered in the implementation of the dialogue.

✧ It is confirmed to evaluate potential topics against agreed criteria and to present a concrete implementation plan to APFED members.

✧ APFED Secretariat introduced to APFED members major international conferences scheduled to be held in the region. APFED members agreed that APFED Secretariat would continue to collect further information on

appropriate conferences with which APFED policy dialogues can be organized in collaboration and would develop a specific plan.

3. Showcase Project

✧ Importance of showcase projects as "implementation arm of APFED" was re-emphasised by APFED members.

✧ Implementation of test cases of showcase projects, including "Community Waste Management in Eco-village Project" to be conducted by Sarvodaya was welcomed.

✧ Showcase projects should be linked to the basic spirit and principles underlying recommendations contained in the APFED Final Report. Partnership with various stakeholders in implementation of showcase projects is very important.

✧ The proposed mechanism of implementation of showcase projects including an APFED Showcase Panel and an APFED Showcase Facility was basically approved.

✧ For the importance of supporting grassroots activities, project finding process should be further elaborated by the Secretariat so that opportunities of application of grassroots organisations should be widened providing being practicable by the APFED.

✧ Evaluation is very important to ensure the quality of showcase projects. Evaluation process should be elaborated in the course of implementation of showcase projects. As a way to disseminate the outcomes of showcase projects, utilisation of ICT should be also fully considered.

4. Knowledge Initiatives

✧ Significance of APFED Knowledge Initiative was confirmed as a knowledge management mechanism under which knowledge and wisdom from various experiences will be accumulated and shared among various stakeholders in the region.

✧ It is agreed that the introduction of the APFED award will be introduced as a mechanism to collect and share good practices widely and effectively.

✧ APFED members agreed basic procedure of the award programme including the establishment of the Award Committee which will conduct final selection of the awards was approved.

✧ The Secretariat will elaborate further the guidelines for the Award based on the discussions of the meeting and call for applications after finalize it.

✧ It was agreed that the APFED best policy practice (BPP) database which has been already developed in APFED I and the best practice database developed in the Research on Innovative and Strategic Policy Options (RISPO) will be integrated. Qualitative and quantitative improvement shall be made so as to make the database more useful.