

"7th Workshop on Environmental Monitoring of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in East Asian Countries" to be held September 28-30 in Tokyo

The Ministry of the Environment of Japan (MOE) will hold the above-mentioned workshop from the 28th to the 30th of September, 2009, in Tokyo (venue: MITA KAIGISHO, Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo). It is anticipated that approximately 30 government officials and/or experts from 11 countries (Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam) in the East Asia sub-region and experts from UNEP, AMAP, UNU and NOWPAP will participate in the workshop.

The purposes of this workshop are that information exchange about the current status of pollution by POPs in each party and building up a cooperative framework in East Asian countries on global environmental monitoring.

The discussions at the workshop will cover, but not be limited to: (1) dealing with new POPs adopted at 4th Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention; (2) review of the FY2008 results from the POPs Monitoring Project in East Asian Countries; and (3) plans for the POPs Monitoring Project in East Asian Countries in FY2009 and beyond, including decision of super-sites where monitoring will be conducted frequently.