

## **Results of the 9th Japan-China Joint Committee on Environmental Protection**

### 1. About the Japan-China Joint Committee on Environmental Protection

This Committee is an intergovernmental body established under the Japan-China Cooperation Agreement on Environmental Protection signed in 1994, fostering exchanges of views on the two countries' respective environmental policies and on bilateral/multilateral environmental cooperation. The conferences of the Committee have been held 8 times since then and the last conference was held in October 2008 in Beijing, China.

2. Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2010 from 10:00 to 17:55

3. Venue: Tokyo, Japan

4. Leading Participants:

*Japan:* Mitsuru Kitano, Councillor for Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs;  
Takashi Omura, Director, Environmental Cooperation Office, Global Environment Bureau, Ministry of the Environment.

*China:* Deputy Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Environmental Protection.

### 5. Outline of results

Japan and China exchanged views based on the Joint Statement by Japan and the People's Republic of China on the further enhancement of cooperation for environmental protection announced during the visit of Prime Minister Wen Jiabao's visit to Japan in April 2007 and subsequent progress. The key results are as follows:

#### (1) Introduction of state of environmental protection in both countries

- Japan explained amendments of "Basic Act on Global Warming Countermeasures" and "The Environmental Impact Assessment Law".
- China introduced progress in pollutant reduction efforts, economic growth

in environmental field, environmental protection in rural areas and domestic environmental conservation measures being implemented based on the 11th Five Year Plan (2006 – 2010)

(2) Promotion of cooperation on co-benefits projects

- Confirmed the results of the co-benefit project in Sichuan Province, which has been implemented with cooperation of Ministry of the Environment of Japan.
- Agreed to continue bilateral cooperation on co-benefits projects.

(3) Cooperation on drainage treatment

- Confirmed the progress of “The model projects of distributed drainage treatment in rural areas” such as Yunnan Province, which have been implemented with cooperation of Ministry of the Environment of Japan.
- China expressed expectation of Japanese cooperation in regard to reduction of nitrogen and phosphorus. Agreed to promote the project in bilateral cooperation.

(4) Cooperation in the field of waste management

- Agreed to continue to exchange opinions among Director Generals who are in charge of waste management and working groups which deals with management of the export and import of wastes.
- Opinions were exchanged on “The e-waste recovery treatment management regulation”, which will be implemented in 2011 in China.

(5) Cooperation on Circular Economy

- Confirmed progress in JICA circular economy technical cooperation projects.
- Confirmed progress of circular economy collaboration, environment-friendly city building cooperation, between the municipal governments of Kawasaki-city and Shenyang-city.
- Agreed to continue working-level discussions.

(6) Future plans for Japan-China cooperation for environmental protection

- Confirmed the importance of the Sino-Japan Friendship Centre for Environmental Protection in Japan-China cooperation for environmental protection and the center will continue to be a main post of bilateral cooperation for environmental protection.
- Regarding future directions to be pursued, agreed to continue working-level discussions.

(7) Cooperation on climate change

- Opinions were exchanged on respective position on international negotiations of climate change.

(8) Cooperation on protection of biodiversity

- Opinions were exchanged on the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP10) and relating issues as SATOYAMA Initiative.
- Agreed to continue to exchange opinions in related meetings.

(9) Promotion of international cooperation with Northeast Asia countries and ASEAN

- Confirmed that both countries will deepen the bilateral cooperation through exchanging opinions on international cooperation including Northeast Asia and ASEAN countries.

(10) Cooperation on international control of mercury

- Opinions were exchanged on a promotion of international control of mercury.

(11) Cooperation in the field of preventing marine litter

- Japan reported marine litter which drifts down to coastal area in Japan.
- China reported its efforts towards the reduction of marine litter.
- Toward the resolution of this issue, agreed to continue to monitor marine litter and exchanging information.

(12) Regional cooperation on air pollution, including dust and sand storms

- Confirmed the contents of past bilateral cooperation and agreed to continue to have dialogues including neighboring countries to promote

cooperation.

- Confirmed to promote bilateral cooperation to tackle air pollution in East Asia region.
- Opinions were exchanged on sharing monitoring data and activities for dust and sand storms, acid deposition, and photochemical oxidants.

(13) Other business

- The next conference will be coordinated to be held in Beijing, China.