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国立環境研究所(日本), 国立環境研究院(韓国), 中国環境科学研究院(中国)
2nd Tripartite Presidents Meeting among NIES, NIER and CRAES
October 12-15, 2004 Tsukuba, JAPAN



The Second Tripartite Presidents Meeting among NIES, NIER and CRAES

Joint Communiqué

At the invitation of President GOHSHI Yohichi of the National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES) of Japan, President RHEE Deok-Gil of the National Institute of Environmental Research (NIER) of Korea and President MENG Wei of the Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences (CRAES) visited Tsukuba, Japan and attended the Second Tripartite Presidents Meeting (TPM) on October 12-14th, 2004. Mr. TANAKA Satoshi, Director of the Environmental Cooperation Office, Global Environment Bureau, Ministry of the Environment (MOE) of Japan welcomed the participants.

The meeting was preceded by a joint workshop on “Freshwater Pollution Prevention Control” held on October 12th, a topic identified by the Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting (TEMM) as an important environmental issue in East Asia and the subject of a TEMM research project.

President GOHSHI arranged a tour of NIES facilities for Presidents RHEE and MENG and discussions with NIES researchers on their current activities. The visiting presidents were deeply impressed and expressed their appreciation to President GOHSHI.

At the TPM opening, the three presidents noted the friendly relations among NIES, NIER and CRAES in the area of environmental science and technology and expressed their pleasure to meet again following the First TPM held in February 2004 in Beijing.

The presidents further observed that the working level meeting held in August in Japan was highly fruitful to the success of the second TPM and agreed that the practice should be continued and expanded to include discussions of joint research projects in the near future.

During the meeting, the institutes described their recent research activities and discussed further cooperation activities on the topics of information exchange, personnel exchange and research priorities.

On the topic of information exchange, the presidents agreed to develop the TPM homepage in each institute web site and to exchange publications regularly, the precise modalities to be decided over e-mail by offices of international coordination of the three institutes.

On the topic of research priorities, the presidents agreed to explore possibilities for joint projects in the areas of:

- Freshwater pollution,
- Air pollution including vehicular sources,
- Transboundary air pollution,

- Yellow sand storm,
- Hazardous materials contamination, such as endocrine disrupting chemicals and POPs, and
- Migratory birds and wetland.

Processes for project development will be formulated through working level meetings among the institutes.

The presidents further discussed expanding the TPM to include kindred research bodies in the three countries, and agreed to consider this in selecting future participants for working level meetings.

They also discussed future steps to strengthen the existing and evolving cooperation among NIES, NIER and CRAES, and agreed to continue the annual TPM as a vehicle for regular communication. President RHEE of NIER offered to host the Third TPM in Korea during autumn 2005, including a workshop whose theme will be decided at the working level meeting next spring.

The presidents expressed satisfaction with the first TPM workshop and agreed to convene future workshops on special environmental topics in conjunction with the annual TPM.

The presidents agreed to exchange their experiences of research evaluation.

Finally, the presidents expressed their deep satisfaction with the outcomes of the meeting. Presidents RHEE Deok-Gil of NIER and MENG Wei of CRAES thanked President GOHSHI Yohichi of NIES for his initiatives and hospitality.



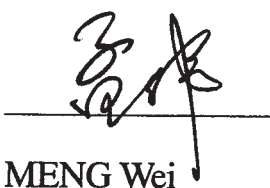
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