

International Workshop on Environmental contamination by Hazardous Substances Closing Remarks

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

After two days' intensive and heated communication and discussion, the Parallel Workshop of TPM5 is now coming to a closing. I'd like to express my sincere thanks to the researchers who made excellent presentations, and also to those who have made great efforts for the preparation of this meeting!

During the workshop, CRAES, NIES and NIER experts exchanged their latest progress in research and development, reviewed TPM activities and discussed further cooperation areas. We saw substantial research development achieved in each research institute under our efforts. We were even glad to see that the cooperation and communication in field of environmental management and environmental scientific research among our three countries have been pushed forward with the strengthening and deepening of TPM. CRAES will continue to push this cooperative mechanism forward steadily as always.

In the Parallel Workshop of TPM5, our experts conducted communications and discussions concerning research achievements and experience in the monitoring and management of water pollution control and treatment, endocrine disruptors and POPs. We not only shared the research achievements on the monitoring and management of hazardous substances, but also fostered mutual understanding in this field, which laid a solid foundation for potential joint research. I believe that this kind of communications will play a positive role in promoting our research work in the future.

This workshop shows that we share common interest in the research of hazardous substance pollution. Relevant laws and regulations as well as standards on POPs in food, feedstuff and electromechanical products are incomplete in China, which has brought many difficulties in the supervision of domestic products, protection of human health and fauna and flora, and implementation of international conventions. Therefore, the Chinese government needs to deal with these issues urgently, which have become important topics for researchers. It is noticed from the presentations in this workshop that China can learn from the relevant researches carried out by NIES and NIER for the management and study concerning this aspect. We hope that we can further promote joint research in this field through the platform of TPM.

This meeting has achieved its expected outcome in the perspective of discussion outcomes on certain topics and the degree of academic communications.

I would like to extend my gratitude again to the organizers of TPM5 and the Parallel Workshop, for your considerate arrangement! Hope the three counties harvest more achievements in the cooperation and communication in the area of environmental research.

Thank you!