

Invitation to Attend the APEC Asia Biomass Forum Tokyo, 19-20 January 2006

As Shepherd of the ATCWG Sub-group G, "Sustainable Agriculture and Related Environmental Issues", Japan, is pleased to inform you that the APEC Asia Biomass Forum organized by Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan will be held in Tokyo on 19-20 January 2006 to discuss ways to develop sustainable rural areas and agriculture through effective use of biomass resources.

The main theme of the Forum will be to discuss cases from specific rural areas in Asia where biomass is generated and efficiently and stably utilized. Both the problems involved in the generation and utilization of biomass and future tasks will be presented, with the emphasis on the development of sustainable agriculture and rural areas. Invited participants have already been designated to present case studies from various APEC economies. If there are persons in your economy, who are interested in this Forum, they would be most welcome to attend. There is no charge for attending the Forum but participants would have to cover their own travel and accommodation costs and the cost of the reception, should they wish to join this function.

For further information including registration and the program, please refer to the website of the Forum http://www.jie.or.jp/Biomass-Asia_index_e.htm.

Japan looks forward to welcoming your economy's participation at the APEC Asia Biomass Forum.