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Introduction

Eikichi Tsukuda
Director General of Geological Survey of Japan, AIST

Welcome to Geological Survey of Japan, AIST (Advanced Industrial Science and Technology). First of all, I would like to express a great thanks to all the participants, China, Korea, Russia, Thailand, Viet Nam for attending the training course.

The project “Human capacity building for natural resources and its environmental impacts in APEC region” has been approved in 2007 by Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation, Industrial Science and Technology working Group (APEC-ISTWG). I would like also to thank co-sponsoring economies, Korea, Chinese Taipei, New Zealand, Thailand, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Chile, Viet Nam, for supporting the project.

Recently man-made disasters have increased with the development of natural resources: soil contamination, landslide, subsidence due to pumping groundwater. The developments are necessary to maintain our society. Therefore, the objective of the training is the technology transfer about guideline of natural resources development and its environmental impacts, environmental impact assessment, natural resources assessment, public awareness, and measurement of aggregate quality. This will bring about national regulations and guidelines about natural resources development and its environmental impacts in order to ensure the long-term sustainable growth in APEC region. This will contribute much to developing economies, where a rapid economical growth may cause environmental deteriorations. Therefore, the training course will be beneficial to learn the advanced technology and share the scientific knowledge to minimize the impacts of human intervention to nature.

Japan is a densely populated island and suffered from natural hazards which impact was enhanced by aggregate and mineral resources development for long years. Therefore, Japan has developed its scientific knowledge and technologies to control resource development in sustainable manner. Recently almost ore mines in Japan have been closed, and only the environmental problems remain to be solved. We will show

you previous Japanese cases without considering the environmental effects in Japan. We are trying to remove the effects.

The participants are requested to present country reports on the environment impacts, so that we can exchange the information and experience. We have more than 17 lectures and two field excursions in this training course: the developments of energy, mineral resources, ground water, aggregates and their environmental impacts, soil contamination, risk management. Active discussions are invited in the training course. Moreover, we have plans two field trips: in Chiba prefecture, Kanto district, and in Iwate and Akita prefectures, northeast Japan.

The total management for natural resources development and its environmental impacts contributes not only to APEC member economies but also to the entire world, because the issue is borderless and global. APEC region has Earth Scientists' and Engineers' networks with two intergovernmental organizations, CCOP and SOPAC, and a non-profit international organization, CPC.

I would like to recommend you to construct the human network with the participants and lecturers, GSJ members as well as to accumulate the knowledge.

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7	2	Sun	Holiday	Holiday
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20	15	Sat	Departure	

※ 8 Dec: Field Seminar for aggregate quarry in Boso Area

※ 11-13 Dec: Field Seminar in Akita and Iwate Prefectures

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We can get have valuable information on the problems of the environmental impacts from economy reports. We can construct human networks through the training course. We hope that each economy is making a plan to implement strategic actions or guidelines for development, conservation, and rehabilitation, to collaborate on further works, and to make a report or text book for distributing the knowledge.

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