

UNU International Conference 2008

Environmental Monitoring and Governance in the Asian Coastal Hydrosphere

Phase Four (2005-2008)

Our waters contain a great variety of elements including those released from industrial and agricultural activity and urban waste. These pollutants (particularly Persistent Organic Pollutants, or POPs) can remain for a very long time and enter the food chain, posing a real risk to human and ecological health. The UNU, along with the support of Shimadzu Corporation, is actively assisting developing countries to monitor and manage POPs in Asia.

This conference will focus on how the academic community and industrial sector can further strengthen the research and technological capacity of developing countries and better implement multilateral environmental agreements like the Stockholm Convention. The opening session will begin with an overview of the UNU Project and Japanese Government policy, including recent initiatives by the Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (METI) towards new POPs. This will be followed by keynote presentations on the role of academia and the private sector. The achievements of our project partners, as well as the latest technology and best practices available today will also be highlighted. A ceremony will be held at the end to mark the successful completion of the Project's fourth phase with Shimadzu.

The event is free of charge. English and Japanese interpretation will be available. To register, please visit:
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“The Role of Academia and the Private Sector for the Stockholm Convention”

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PROGRAMME

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09:00-09:30 Registration and document delivery

Opening Session

Chair: Dr. Fukuya Iino

09:30-09:35 Opening by Prof. Govindan Parayil, Vice Rector, UNU

09:35-09:50 On the Stockholm Convention

Ms. Fatoumata Keita Ouane, Stockholm Convention Secretariat, Scientific/technical team leader

09:50-10:10 Overview of the UNU Project and Introduction to the Conference

Dr. Masatoshi Morita, UNU Programme Advisor

10:10-10:40 Japanese Government policy on the Stockholm Convention

Mr. Shuji Tamura, Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry

10:40-11:20 Academia's role for sound chemical management: the Stockholm Convention and International Panel on Chemical Pollution

Prof. Martin Scheringer, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zürich)

11:20-11:30 Q&A

11:35-13:00 Break

Session 1 – Academic Capacities to support the implementation of the Stockholm Convention in Asia

Chair: Prof. Martin Scheringer, ETH Zürich

13:00-13:40 The Stockholm Convention Regional Center: Its role and future plans

Prof. Gang Yu, Tsinghua University

13:40-14:10 Project Report as National Project Coordinator

Dr. Evangeline Santiago, Natural Sciences Research Institute, University of the Philippines

14:10-14:40 Project Report as National Project Coordinator

Prof. Pham Hung Viet, Research Centre for Environmental Technology and Sustainable Development, Vietnam National University

14:40-15:00 Coffee Break

Session 2 - Role of Industrial Sectors for the implementation of the Stockholm Convention?

Chair: Dr. Masatoshi Morita, UNU Programme Advisor

15:00-15:40 PCB Waste Treatment at the Japan Environmental Safety Corporation

Mr. Masanobu Kimura, Japan Environmental Safety Corporation

15:40-16:20 East and South East Asia Forum for Best Available Technology and Best Environmental Practice (BAT/BEP)

Dr. Mohamed Eisa, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

Ceremony to mark the successful completion of the 3-year project with Shimadzu

Chair: Dr. Fukuya Iino

16:20-17:00 *Mr. Shigehiko Hattori, President, Shimadzu Corporation*

Closing Remarks

17:00-17:05 *Prof. Govindan Parayil, Vice Rector, UNU*

17:05- Poster Session