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Joint Statement on Collaborative Activities based on the International Forum on Sustainable Future in Asia

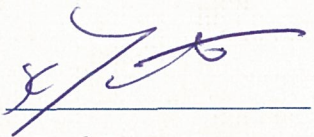
Two major international aspirations related to the environment emerged in 2015. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were formally agreed upon by the UN General Assembly in September as the global development agenda. The Paris Agreement was adopted by the member states at UNFCCC – COP 21 as a bridge between today's policies and climate neutrality. These landmark accomplishments do not only provide impetus to national level action plans on fulfilling the commitments but also underscore the need for further actions at regional and local levels. These historic turning points unearth the imperative questions on what further steps should be taken to achieve a sustainable future and thus calls for all stakeholders including researchers, policy makers, civil society and industry to join hands.

As Asia holds the largest world population, with high economic diversity and varying environmental standards, it is important to analyse how far the region has progressed in addressing the environmental challenges and in identifying the next essential steps. In this front, the role of Asian research institutions stands as a key integral factor to support all the countries in Asia in meeting these requirements.

The International Forum on Sustainable Future in Asia: Converting Aspirations to Actions was organized to understand the efforts made by scientists, policy-makers, international organizations and business enterprises and to identify the gaps that threaten sustainable development in the region.

Noting the integral role of science for sustainable development, the Asian Institute of Technology, the National Institute for Environmental Studies and The University of Tokyo with the Alliance for Global Sustainability Asia confirm their mutual desire to act together. This would be done through;


1. Continue to organize an international forum in Asia on a regular basis in bringing together key stakeholders in sharing and disseminating knowledge from the region on key environmental challenges and solutions for achieving a sustainable future.
2. Lay foundation for a knowledge community/consortium to support trans-boundary thinking and problem-solving in order to seek new ways of building networks among scientists, policymakers, business enterprises and international organizations on relevant policy issues for sustainable future in Asia; and
3. Develop outreach and advisory services, such as capacity development to steer the transition towards truly sustainable societies by converting aspirations into actions at regional, national and local levels.



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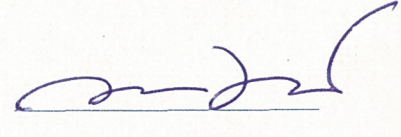
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