

The Tenth Tripartite Presidents Meeting among CRAES, NIES and NIER

Joint Communiqué

At the invitation of President MENG Wei of the Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences (CRAES) of China, delegations led by President SUMI Akimasa of the National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES) of Japan and President KIM Sam Cwan of the National Institute of Environmental Research (NIER) of Korea, visited Nanjing, China to attend the Tenth Tripartite Presidents Meeting (TPM10) on November 4-8, 2013. Also present as observers were Ms. Yu Hongxia, Deputy Director General of Jiangsu Provincial Environmental Protection Bureau (EPB), Mr. Wu Haisuo, President of Jiangsu Provincial Academy of Environmental Science (JSAES).

In the opening session, President MENG Wei pointed out that although TPM is still comparatively young as a cooperation mechanism, the joint efforts made and the great fruits gained by CRAES, NIES and NIER during the past ten years' collaboration have won recognition and support from the environment ministries of the three countries. President MENG also introduced the new major environmental development in China this year in Ecological Progress and environmental pollution control of air, water and soil, as well as environmental laws and regulations. President MENG put forward further that CRAES, NIES and NIER should work more closely, making full use of geographical advantage to tackle regional environmental problems.

President SUMI Akimasa introduced general features of NIES, including the research activities undertaken after the Great East Japan Earthquake on

March 11, 2011 and the subsequent nuclear power plant accident. President SUMI also mentioned the establishment of a new branch laboratory in Fukushima Prefecture, and expressed his decision on strengthening the activities on disaster environmental research, such as environmental behavior of radioactive substances, management of debris, and recovery and reconstruction of disaster-stricken areas.

President KIM Sam Cwan emphasized the improvement of weak points, while learning strong points from each institute to address current environmental issues in Northeast Asia, which could serve as a foundation for the three institutes to further develop. President KIM also reaffirmed the importance of tripartite cooperative efforts to prevent and overcome the effects of unpredictable environmental disasters, including chemical accidents, earthquakes and typhoons. President KIM stressed that the partnership and cooperation under TPM mechanism were the key for future successes.

The Presidents listened to the reports from the three institutes on their research and development activities since TPM9, researches related to disaster environment and the progress on the previous eight priority research areas (PRAs). The Presidents noted the joint efforts made by the three institutes in the development of TPM cooperation and expressed their satisfactions.

The Presidents reaffirmed that the three institutes should continue to exchange information, publications and expertise. The Presidents agreed that the cooperation on PRAs should be carried out with consideration of systematic collaboration among CRAES, NIES and NIER and the focal points of each PRA should be involved more in TPM activities. In addition, President MENG pointed out that TPM could pay more attention to joint studies on environmental criteria, conservation of ecosystem and biodiversity during urbanization process, as well as global environmental

issues.

“Disaster Environment” was identified as a new PRA. Based on the discussions, the lead coordinating institute for each PRA until TPM11 was reallocated as follows:

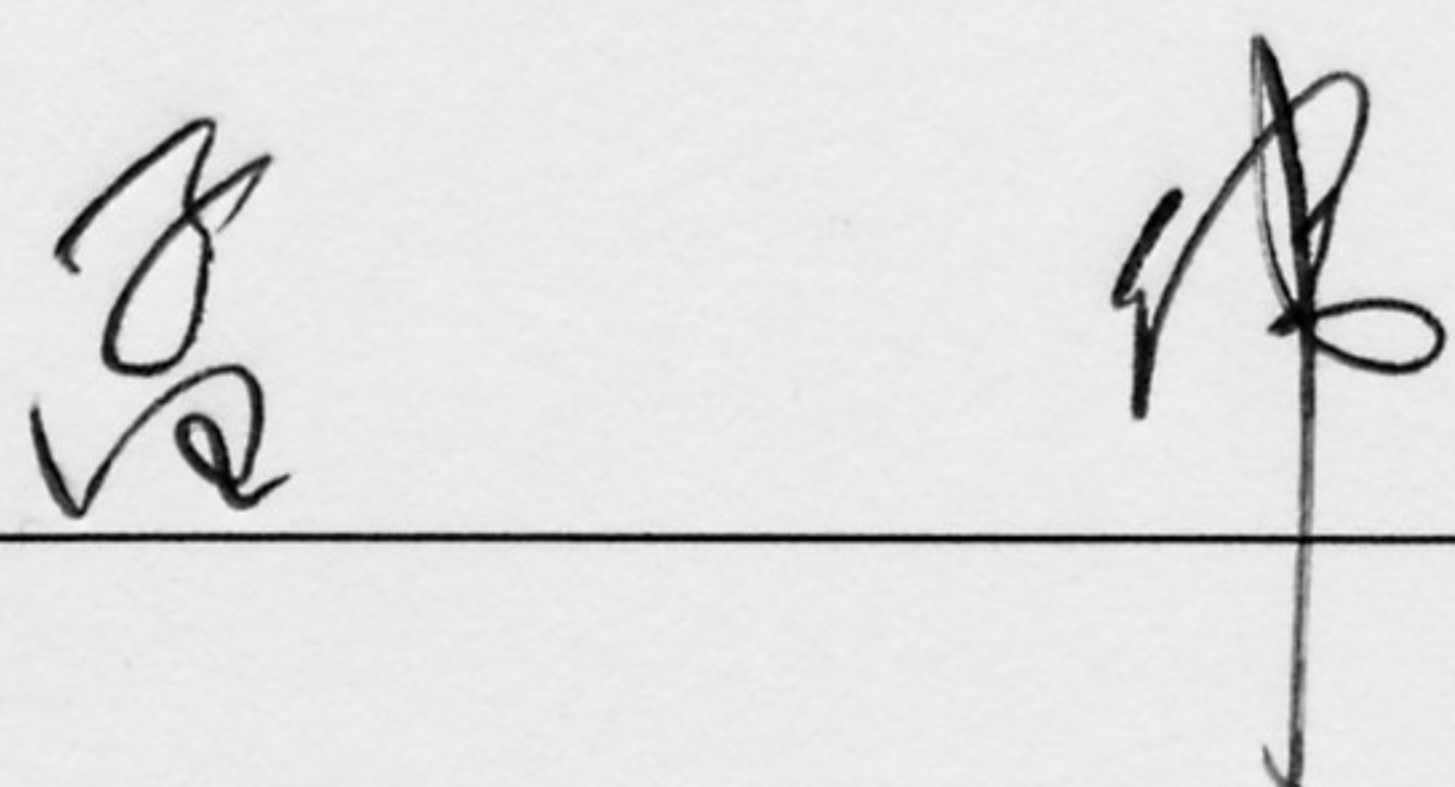
- CRAES - Freshwater Pollution, Urban Environment and Eco-city,
Chemical Risk and Management
- NIES - Biodiversity Conservation, Climate Change, Disaster
Environment
- NIER - Asian Air Pollution, Dust and Sand Storm, Solid Waste
Management

The theme of TPM10 Parallel Workshop was “Freshwater Pollution”. In order to broaden the influence of TPM, the workshop was integrated with the International Environmental Protection Symposium on Clean Water Action, which was organized by Jiangsu EPB and co-organized by JSAES, CRAES, NIES and NIER. The Parallel Workshop was opened to environmental management officials and researchers of China, Japan, Korea and other countries, such as Australia and the Netherlands. The Presidents appreciated the opportunity of sharing experiences with international experts.

The Presidents stressed that as the fourth round of TPM commences, TPM10 was held in adherence to the basic principle of “Friendship, Communication, Cooperation and Win-Win”. The Presidents noted the contributions of TPM10 to further cooperation and communication among CRAES, NIES and NIER and acknowledged TPM10’s further promotion of joint study on PRAs. The Presidents reached the common recognition that under the new environmental situation, TPM will play a more and more important role in the environmental improvement in Northeast Asia and the world.

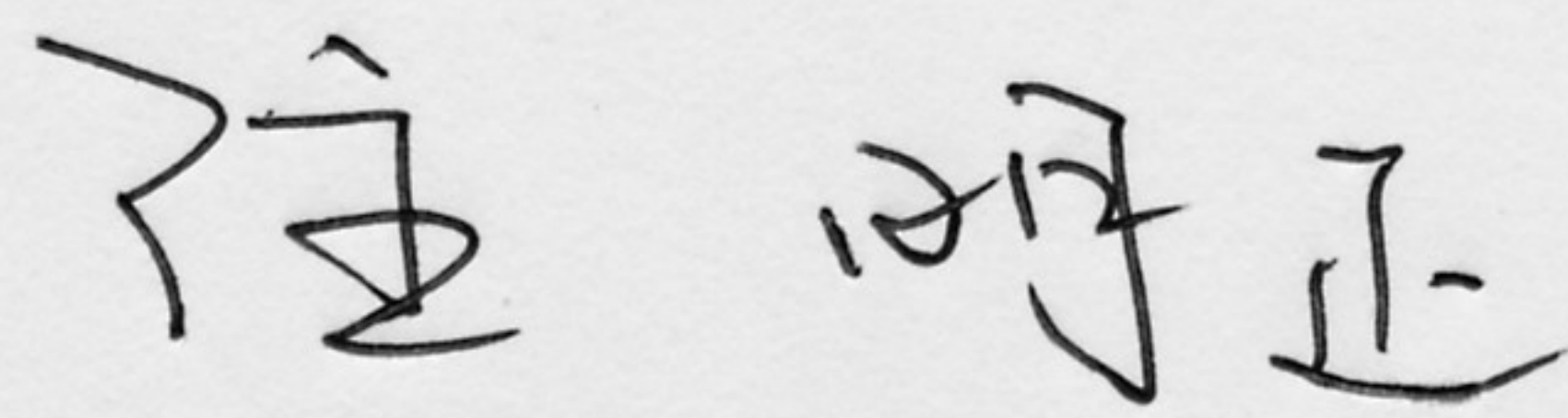
President SUMI offered to host the TPM11 in November of 2014 in Japan. The Working Level Meeting will be held next spring to discuss TPM11 arrangements.

Finally, the Presidents expressed their deep satisfactions with the outcomes of the meeting, including the new initiatives for collaboration. The Presidents also extended their gratitude to the local organizations for their involvement in TPM10. President SUMI Akimasa and President KIM Sam Cwan thanked President MENG Wei for his hospitality and successful organization of TPM10.



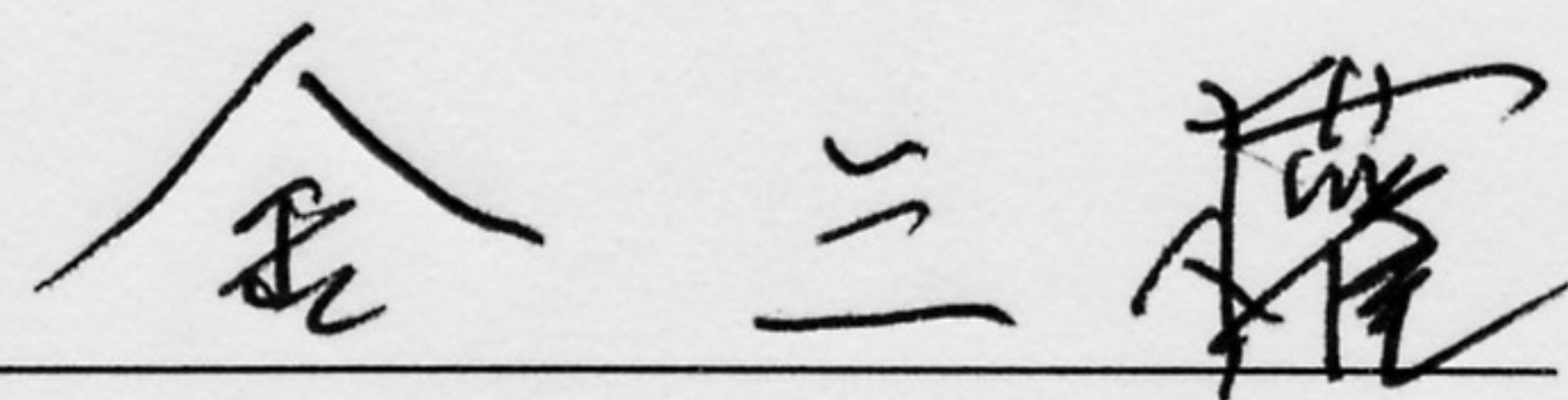
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