

The Second Intergovernmental Meeting
on the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network
in East Asia
25-26 October 2000, Niigata, Japan

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
ACID DEPOSITION MONITORING NETWORK IN EAST ASIA (EANET)

Representatives of the People's Republic of China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Thailand and Vietnam, who met at the second session of the Intergovernmental Meeting on the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET), on 25 and 26 October 2000 in Niigata, Japan,

RECOGNIZING that East Asia is facing increasing risks of problems related to acid deposition,

RECALLING that Agenda 21, adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992, stated that the experience of the programs on transboundary air pollution in Europe and North America needed to be shared with other regions of the world,

ACKNOWLEDGING the successful operation of the preparatory-phase activities of EANET, which was undertaken by ten countries in East Asia from 1998 to 2000, following the common understanding expressed at the First Intergovernmental Meeting, on 19-20 March 1998 in Yokohama, Japan,

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS:

1. The countries participating in this Meeting will cooperatively start the activities of EANET on a regular basis from January 2001, in a transparent manner to achieve the following objectives:

- 1) to create a common understanding of the state of the acid deposition problems in East Asia;
- 2) to provide useful inputs for decision-making at local, national and regional levels aimed at preventing or reducing adverse impacts on the environment caused by acid deposition; and
- 3) to contribute to cooperation on the issues related to acid deposition among the

participating countries.

2. While the activities of EANET will be commenced based on the decisions made at this Second Intergovernmental Meeting, efforts will be continued in the future to strengthen the basis upon which EANET operates.

3. The participating countries will implement and strengthen their monitoring activities in line with the Tentative Design of EANET, until a further document describing the activities of EANET will be elaborated.

4. The participating countries will promote more active participation, and bilateral and multilateral cooperation for effective implementation of the network activities. The network activities should be mutually reinforcing and supportive with existing regional, subregional and national initiatives in East Asia. Collaboration should be promoted with other international monitoring networks and programs in the world.

5. The network requires constant financial and in-kind contributions. All the participating countries are encouraged to make continuous voluntary contributions to support the network activities.

6. The participating countries will discuss future EANET activities in order to contribute to development of international cooperative efforts for preventing or reducing adverse environmental impacts of acid deposition.