

The Twenty First Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting
on the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia
12-13 November 2019, Beijing, China

Clean Air Week in 2020

Asia Center for Air Pollution Research

1. Introduction

In Asia and the Pacific region, since less than 8% of the population can live in clean air within the WHO Guidelines, air pollution is an urgent issue that needs to be resolved in order to protect the health of the people in this region. In addition, reducing air pollution not only protects people's health but also benefits biodiversity and food security and contributes to sustainable development goals (SDGs).

With such background, the Ministry of the Environment, Japan, the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and the Asia Center for Air Pollution Research (ACAP) will jointly organize Clean Air Week in October 2020 in Niigata, Japan in cooperation with Niigata Prefecture, Niigata City and related organizations. During this period, the sharing of best practices, lessons and barriers, and enhancement of scientific knowledge will be achieved, and future directionality and cooperation measures of various regional frameworks related to air pollution will be discussed by continuously holding various events in which different stakeholders, including officials, scientists, international organizations, and private sectors for air pollution issues participate. Through these efforts, solutions for reducing air pollution in Asia and the Pacific region will be searched, and an opportunity to realize a clean air environment will be provided.

2. Date and venue

Date: 18 (Sun.) - 23 (Fri.) October 2020

Venue: TOKI MESSE Niigata Convention Center, Niigata, Japan

3. Participants

Government officials, scientists, cities, international organizations, private companies, NGOs involved in air pollution and the general public, etc.

4. Meetings

- i. The Third Joint Forum of the Asia Pacific Clean Air Partnership (APCAP) (19 Oct.)

APCAP is a partnership for improving air quality in Asia and the Pacific region established by UNEP in cooperation with the Ministry of the Environment, Japan, and

sixteen countries are currently participating. APCAP holds the Joint Forum every two years, and this will be the 3rd Joint Forum. In this forum, dialogue among stakeholders will be encouraged, and effective cooperation among various regional frameworks on the atmosphere will be discussed.

ii. The 22nd Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting on the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) (IG22) including 20th anniversary of EANET (p.m.20-22 Oct.)

The EANET has implemented regular phase activities since 2001 as the acid deposition monitoring network East Asia. The Intergovernmental Meeting (IG), which is the decision-making body of the EANET, will be held to discuss and approve the next Medium Term Plan for the EANET (2021-2025), etc. In addition, considering that 2020 is the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the EANET, memorial ceremonies, etc. will be also planned.

iii. The High-Level Segment of APCAP and EANET (a.m. 20 Oct.)

The high-level segment will be held jointly with APCAP and EANET IG22.

iv. ACID RAIN 2020 (20-23 Oct.)

The International Conference on Acid Rain is a conference on acid deposition and its impact, for scientists which has been held every five years since 1975. The 2020 conference will be the 10th. It will be held for the first time in 20 years in Japan since the 6th conference was held in Tsukuba, Japan in 2000. This conference will discuss not only acid deposition issues but also outcomes of the research, including air pollution caused by PM2.5, ozone, etc. and their effects.

v. Advisory Group Meeting and Workshop of Asian Co-benefits Partnership (ACP) (p.m. 20 Oct.)

ACP was established in 2010 in order to promote the co-benefits approach, which is an effective and efficient method to achieve a reduction of greenhouse gases and to implement environmental pollution control including air pollution simultaneously, in various sectors including Asian country level. Advisory Group Meeting which members gather for information exchange and review its activities has been held every year. At this meeting, it is planned to overview the activities for 10 years after establishment and disclose the renewed activities and framework of the ACP on the 10th anniversary.

vi. Symposium open to the general public (p.m. 18 Oct.)

A symposium will be held to disseminate the latest information on air pollution within and outside of Japan to the general public for promotion of their understanding of the current situation of air pollution issues.

vii. Exhibition on technology related to air quality improvement (during the week) (20-23 Oct.)

Exhibition on technology related to air quality improvement on exhaust gas control technology, air quality monitoring equipment, etc. will be held by private companies and others responded to the recruitment of exhibits at booths around the meeting rooms.

※ Each meeting date may be changed in the Clean Air Week.

5. Secretariat for CAW

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