

Ten Q&A related to the EANET (Draft)

The activities of the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) have been implemented for 20 years, and it is expected that the purpose of this network, "Common understanding of the situation of acid deposition in East Asia", is conveyed to policy makers and citizens in understandable manner. Furthermore, since it is time now when the activities are expanding to broader air pollution control measures, it is necessary to clarify what kind of air pollution problems will be important in the East Asian region in the future, what kind of activities this network will carry out, why the monitoring for acid deposition etc. needs to be continued, and so on. For this reason, the EANET is expected to answer the following 10 questions in a straightforward manner, for example, in the summary for policy makers of the next PRSAD. (If EANET cannot answer, it's difficult to get public support.)

【10 Questions (Draft)】

- (1) Why was the EANET established in East Asia?
- (2) What kind of activities has the EANET been doing?
- (3) How (to what extent) has the EANET helped solve the air pollution problems in the East Asian region?
- (4) Please tell us about the current state of acid deposition in East Asia.
- (5) How important is acid deposition at present, and how important is it as an environmental crisis? For example, please tell us in comparison with other environmental issues such as the climate change.
- (6) If the current environmental crisis due to acid deposition is not imminent, when and how likely is acid rain to become a crisis in the future? What (what indicators) should we pay attention to?
- (7) When climate change measures are proceeded and combustion of fossil fuels will be virtually zero by 2050, won't the problem of air pollution be solved?
- (8) What is the serious problem of air pollution and why do we need to assess it in East Asia now and in the future?
- (9) It seems that acid deposition monitoring is not necessary any more, then, why should we continue monitoring of acid deposition?
- (10) How will the EANET activities change in the future?