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-- Initiative for Climate Action Plan in Developing Countries (MOE) --

Japan has announced "Japan's Assistance Initiatives to Address Climate Change" in order to promote its assistance to developing countries on Nov 11, 2016.

So far, Japan has undertaken various international support activities based on its technologies and experience in the area of climate change. It is important to deploy support activities effectively under international cooperation, when implementing the Paris Agreement. Thus, Japan will participate in a number of international partnerships and initiatives including the NDC Partnership (which is planned to be launched at the COP22), and support the implementation of the Paris Agreement, which is a framework applicable to all parties, through cooperation and collaboration with research, support, and other organizations in and out of Japan.

http://www.env.go.jp/en/headline/2277.html

The outline of the initiative is available at:

-- Report: COP22 Japan Pavilion Side Event "The Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM): Achievements and current progress of projects implementation" organized by MOEJ/OECC --

Japan and 16 partner countries are cooperatively developing and implementing the JCM, which is one of international market based mechanisms in active operation. In this side event, panelist from MOEJ and JCM partner countries including Indonesia, Cambodia, Chile and Mongolia discussed about the recent progress, achievements and expectations on the implementation of the JCM. In addition, updates on UNFCCC discussion on market mechanism was introduced by UNFCCC secretariat. The event was attended by around 60 participants including but not limited to government officials and experts.

Date: Friday, 18 November 2016 15:00-16:30

Organizers: The Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ) and the Overseas Environmental

Cooperation Center, Japan (OECC)

The session summary, key messages, presentation material are available at:

http://www.oecc.or.jp/cop22-jp/e/event/detail/18/03.html

-- Report: UNFCCC COP22 Official Side Event "Promoting Low Carbon Asia for the Paris Agreement: Cases of National and Local Experience on NDC Activities and Market Mechanisms" organized by MOEJ/NIES/UTM/OECC --

After the adoption of the Paris Agreement, while development of national level plans such as NDCs have been making progress, development of city level plans for the realization of low-carbon cities are also becoming active. With understanding this background and focusing on city-level activities, some actual examples of activities including city-to-city collaboration through the JCM and utilization of the Asia-Pacific Integrated Model (AIM) were introduced. In the discussion session, panelists discussed about activities to accelerate the movement to further achieve low-carbon or decarbonized societies in the future. The event was attended by around 60 participants including but not limited to government officials and experts.

Date: 9 November 2016, Wednesday, 11:30-13:00

Organizers: The MOEJ, the National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES), Universiti

Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), and the OECC

Video Coverage by UNFCCC Climate Change Studio is available at:

https://youtu.be/0qKNWAQOgog

The agenda and presentation materials are available at:

http://www.mmechanisms.org/e/info/event/details 161109COP22officialsideevent.html

-- Report: OECC Exhibition Booth at the COP22 --

OECC provided the recent information materials related to the JCM at the exhibition booth in Blue zone of COP22. In addition, JCM projects in partner countries were introduced by video slideshows. Many visitors showed their strong interests in the JCM, including its latest status, designs and rules, and requirements for participation.

Date: Monday, 7 November - Saturday, 12 November 2016 (1st week of COP22)

Venue: COP22 Blue zone, Area E, 27D

In line with the sustainability efforts for conferences, "touch-to-collect" technology (Poken) has been introduced since SB44 this year. Participants can collect electronic publications at each touch points installed at booths and side events.

The electronic publications are uploaded in the UNFCCC website at:

https://seors.unfccc.int/seors/reports/exhibits_list.html?session_id=COP22

-- Report: Asia Pacific Carbon Forum 2016 in Jeju Island, Republic of Korea --

Asia Pacific Carbon Forum (APCF) 2016 was held from 5 to 7 September 2016 in Jeju Island, Republic of Korea, in conjunction with Global Green Growth Week (GGGWeek 2016). APCF is jointly organized by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), International Emissions Trading Association (IETA), United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), in collaboration with the Global Green Growth Institute.

The OECC hosted an exhibition booth and a side event, which provided information on the JCM

and its supporting programmes.

Title of the side event: The JCM in the Asia-Pacific Region

Date: Tuesday, 6 September 2016 (17:45 - 19:00)

Venue: Room 201, International Convention Center Jeju, Republic of Korea

Organizer: The OECC

Summary: In the beginning of the side event, the OECC shared 1) the progress in the JCM such as project registrations and credit issuances achieved so far in the Asia-Pacific region, and 2) OECC's support to enhance the JCM such as project finding activities in Viet Nam and Mongolia.

The ADB then introduced Japan Fund for JCM (JFJCM) in detail, touching upon projects approved in Maldives and Mongolia.

To show the linkage between policy level planning and actual projects as a tool to implement the plan, the OECC shared its experience of JCM project development making effective use of city to city collaboration in Bangkok, Thailand. The OECC also referred to its support on the development of the Bangkok Climate Change Master Plan 2013-2023.

In the discussion session, Mongolia, Palau, the MOEJ, and the IGES answered to 4 questions regarding the JCM.

The report and presentation materials are available at:

http://www.mmechanisms.org/e/info/event/details APCF2016booth.html

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