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= Announcement: JCM side events at the COP21 Japan Pavilion

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We are delighted to inform you that the Japan Pavilion will host a variety of side events on the Joint Crediting Mechanisms (JCM) as follows.

Program is available at: <http://cop21-japanpavilion.jp/en/program/>

Japan Pavilion is located in Area 2, the Conference Center (Blue Zone).

Location map is available at: <http://cop21-japanpavilion.jp/en/access/>

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Week1

<Dec 2 (Wed): City Day>

10:30-11:30

“Message to COP21 from the Kyoto Protocol Hometown: Kyoto City’ s Environmental Policies and International Environmental Collaboration Programmes for Vientiane Capital in Lao PDR and others”

Organized by Global Environment Centre Foundation (GEC); City of Kyoto

Kyoto - the birth place of the Kyoto Protocol.

Kyoto City is the former capital of Japan. The city has been promoting the conservation of historic and cultural properties, economic growth including the tourism industry, and advanced environmental protection measures. Kyoto City actively promotes its environmental policies through international cooperation programmes.

This event will introduce the environmental policies and international environmental cooperation programmes of Kyoto City. In addition, the progress of the Low-Carbon Historic City Programme in Vientiane through City-to-City Cooperation between Vientiane Capital (Lao PDR) and Kyoto City will be presented. This Low-Carbon Historic City Programme aims at developing a basic plan for a low-carbon historic city incorporating fundamental elements to mitigate GHG emissions in historic Vientiane. As a first step, appropriate solid waste management and waste-oriented biogas/biomass projects have been surveyed.

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15:15-16:45

“Development Support for Developing Country Cities through Transfer of the Knowledge and Experience of Japanese Local Governments -A Case Study of Bangkok Master Plan on Climate Change 2013 - 2023-

JCM Projects Development under City-to-City Collaboration with Yokohama City”

Organized by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA); Overseas Environmental Cooperation Center, Japan (OECC)

Key considerations required for when the knowledge and experience of Japanese local governments are used for climate change master plan development in developing countries will be explained and the appropriate implementation approach to transfer knowledge and experience from the developed country to the developing country to draft a climate change master plan will be discussed.

Following the above, the Feasibility Study for the JCM project development in Bangkok will be introduced. The FS has been conducted to accelerate the implementation of the Bangkok Master Plan on Climate Change 2013-2023, and based on the city-to-city cooperation between Bangkok and Yokohama, which signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Technical Cooperation on Sustainable Urban Development in November 2013.

It is expected that development and implementation of the JCM projects will lead to greenhouse gas reduction, aimed at under the Bangkok Master Plan, in particular in the energy efficiency and waste management sectors.

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17:15-18:00

“Low Carbon City Building through “Intercity Cooperation Projects” Utilizing the JCM Support System - Case of the City of Kitakyushu”

Organized by Kitakyushu Asian Center for Low Carbon Society, City of Kitakyushu; NTT DATA Institute of Management Consulting Inc.

The theme of our event is to provide the possibility for green growth and/or low carbon city establishment through “intercity cooperation projects” utilizing the JCM (Joint Crediting Mechanism) scheme. The City of Kitakyushu has 4 intercity cooperation projects - Surabaya, Indonesia; Hai Phong, Vietnam; Rayong, Thailand; and Iskandar, Malaysia. The City of Kitakyushu will provide the background, project contents and results through intercity cooperation activities. The features and the challenges to promote green growth and/or establishment of low carbon society in partner countries will be introduced, and future plans will be proposed in order to develop further cities.

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<Dec 3 (Tue) >

17:15-18:45

“Introducing the JCM Methodologies: Learning from Experiences in Asia and the Pacific”

Organized by Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

This event introduces the approved methodologies and registered projects under the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM). Based on the experiences gained through the development and implementation of these methodologies and projects, the event discusses the features of the JCM methodologies and their role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions with a wide range of stakeholders.

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<Dec 4 (Fri) >

17:15-18:45

“Seminar on Capacity Development Activities for Low Carbon Development between Indonesia and Japan (through the Joint Crediting Mechanism)”

Organized by JICA Indonesia Office

JICA' s technical assistance on Capacity Development for Low Carbon Development is supporting the operation of the Joint Crediting Mechanism. This seminar aims to introduce Indonesian experience from the assistance towards low carbon development including progress of and lessons learnt from the JCM in Indonesia. Examples are the technical issues related the mechanism operations, the policy issues such as linkages and arrangements between the other mitigation policies, and the remedy measures for those issues.

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Week 2

<Dec 7 (Mon) >

13:30-15:00

“Advanced Technologies to Tackle Climate Change: Application of the JCM and Project Development”

Organized by Global Environment Centre Foundation (GEC); Kansai Economic Federation (Kankeiren); Overseas Environmental Cooperation Center, Japan (OECC)

One of the effective measures for Japan' s contribution to climate change mitigation is the application and further diffusion of advanced technology, as stated in the “Proactive Diplomatic Strategy for Countering Global Warming” by the Government of Japan. For private companies, it creates new business opportunities that expand the application of their advanced low-carbon technologies to developing countries.

This event will introduce and discuss about the advanced low-carbon technologies owned by private companies mainly based in western Japan, and the application of the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) for international diffusion, as well as the JCM MRV procedures (methodologies) and JCM crediting. The Secretariat of the New Mechanisms Information Platform will make an update on the latest information and introduce answers pertaining to frequently asked questions on the JCM.

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<Dec 8 (Tue): JCM Day>

11:45-12:55

“Promoting Investment in Innovative Low-Carbon Technology: ADB and the Government of Japan Present the Experience of the Japan Fund for Joint Crediting Mechanism”

Organized by Ministry of the Environment, Japan; Asian Development Bank (ADB)

With the support and collaboration of the Government of Japan, ADB has been able to promote a range of mitigation and adaptation activities in developing countries in the Asia and the Pacific. In 2014, the Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ) and ADB established the Japan Fund for the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JFJCM) which supports the adoption of advanced low carbon technology in ADB projects.

This session will provide an overview of the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) and the JFJCM. Two JFJCM-supported projects in Maldives and Mongolia will be presented as examples for the promotion of innovative low carbon technology through this mechanism. MOEJ, ADB, and country representatives will discuss experiences and expectations from the JCM.

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18:00-19:00

“3rd JCM Partner Countries' High-level Meeting”

Organized by Ministry of the Environment, Japan

The representative of 16 JCM partner countries, namely, Mongolia, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Kenya, Maldives, Vietnam, Laos, Indonesia, Costa Rica, Palau, Cambodia, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Chile, Myanmar, Thailand, and Japan will hold a high-level meeting to share updated information on the implementation of the JCM, to facilitate direct communication amongst ministers to create a momentum to further promote GHG emission reductions through the JCM, and enhance the networking amongst JCM partner countries at a higher level.

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<Dec 10 (Thu)>

13:30-15:00

“Learning from Good Practices of City to City Collaboration: Enhancing Sustainable City Development through the JCM City to City Collaboration”

Organized by Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

This event sheds light on the JCM City to City Collaboration feasibility studies that have been conducted since 2012. Today, cities and sub-national authorities are acknowledged as important and JCM City to City Collaboration will foster actions and cooperation toward smart, low-carbon and resilient cities. The session shares advantages and lessons learnt by introducing good practice examples from the past JCM City to city collaboration projects. The session invites donor agencies as well as specialists from Asian cities which implement JCM City to City Collaboration as speakers, and the panel will discuss the expectations and the potential of JCM City to City Collaboration.

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