

CONCLUSIONS

THE 14TH Conference on Public Works Research and Development in Asia

The Conference on Public Works Research and Development in Asia has been carried out since February of 1993 with the support of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), for the following purpose; 1) to exchange information of mutual understanding, 2) to discuss technological issues, and 3) to establish human network.

The 14th Conference on Public Works Research and Development in Asia was held mainly in Tsukuba and in Sendai from October 17 to 28 in 2005. The participants included executives and senior civil engineers of government agencies responsible for research and development and policy making relevant to public works in the following countries; Cambodia, India, Korea, Laos, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam and Japan.

The 14th conference took up “Risk Management and Mitigation for Flood and Sediment Related Disasters” as the subject of common interest among nations. Under the subject, the participants had discussions to enhance mutual understanding and to learn advanced technologies, as well as site visits related to new technologies and practices. In addition, the participants joined “The 14th International Symposium on National Land and Development and Civil Engineering in Asia” and a panel discussion on the “Flood, Sediment and Tsunami Related Disasters in Asia” followed by a key note speech and introduction of several cases.

The conference, through the discussions, site visits and the symposium, concluded the following agreements;

- The participants recognized the role and need for further improvement in “Risk Management and Mitigation for Flood and Sediment Related Disasters” as well as the importance in conducting research to facilitate them and in sharing information on forecasting data and natural disasters.
- The participants recognized that each country should learn from insights and experiences of countries in Asia, to enhance and support the infrastructure development and non-structure measures.
- The participants recognized the needs to cooperate with each other and continue the conference in the future.