

Statement of Cooperation about Environmental Education Consortium in Asia—Pacific Universities

As we have witnessed, the world is experiencing with serious environmental problems such as natural disasters resulting from climate change, high population from developing countries, shortage of food, and weak energy security. Especially, Asia–Pacific countries are facing with serious threats from environmental degradation. Today's ecological imbalances are being driven by urbanization, industrialization, and lack of awareness for the value of the Environment. Therefore, it is very urgent for the academia to devote themselves finding out the solution with cooperative, and innovative environmental education through Environmental Consortium in Asia–Pacific Universities. Hence, the final goal of the Consortium will be the path finder for the sustainable Asia–Pacific countries. Realizing these roles, all the participants agree to encourage following activities through the Consortium. **At the beginning stages, we will ;**

(1) Exchange Environmental Education Ideas and Materials

Environmental education materials can be shared affirmatively among all the participants through TV conference, internet, books, and etc.

(2) Develop International Exchange and Internship Program

Some selected students from all participant Universities will have internship opportunities. And faculty and research scholars can be exchanged also.

(3) Organize UNCBD COP 10–Global Youth Post–Conference at Nagoya in Oct. 2010.

Mie University will organize the post conference. All participants need to recruit talented young students at the post conference. **From the maturing stages, we will ;**

(4) Expand Joint Activities among Asia–Pacific Universities

All participants agree to organize academic activities such as workshops, symposiums, and to establish systematic institutional matter whenever it is necessary.

(5) Have a Liaison Office

To have an effective communication, each participant may appropriately designate an office to serve as a liaison role for implementing the Consortium. Mie University will serve as a secretariat till end of March, 2011.

The consequences of the past century's mistakes range from mass production to ignorance of the NATURE. The Asia–Pacific countries must learn from the past history and should change their paradigm. Academia's passion will create the new paradigm.

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