

Proposal for Northeast Asia Youth Environment Network

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1. Background

UNEP National Committee for the Republic of Korea has planned to launch the Northeast Asia Youth Environment Network under an overall concept of UNEP's youth strategy. UNEP has organised environmental conferences, competitions, and awards for young people and adopted a six-year strategy designed to increase the participation of young people in environmental activities. According to this long-term strategy, regional youth environment networking is one of the most vibrant(力強い) action that UNEP has taken so that, particularly in Asia and the Pacific region, the South Asia Youth Environment Network has successfully launched in 2001. Based on South Asia model, UNEP National Committee for the Republic of Korea will coordinate the launch of the Northeast Youth Environment Network in close collaboration with national focal points in Japan, China and Mongolia.

2. Objectives

- Northeast Asia Youth Environment Network will be established in order to:
 - encourage youth to participate in global environment activities (e.g. Tunza International Youth Conference)
 - promote environmental ethics amongst youth
 - help regional integration on solving global environment issues
 - enhance youth capacity to advocate on environmental challenges

3. Schedule Outline

3.1 The First Preparatory Meeting for the Northeast Youth Environment Network in conjunction with the South Asia Youth Environment Network Conference

- Conference Title: Education for a Sustainable Future
- Conference Website: <http://www.ceeindia.org>
- Participants: National Focal Points in Japan, China and Mongolia
- Coordinator: UNEP National Committee for the Republic of Korea
- Date: 18-25 January 2005
- Venue: Ahmedabad, India
- the First preparatory meeting aims to achieve the following:
 - observe South Asia Youth Environment Network Conference
 - organize a Steering Committee for the Northeast Asia Youth Environment Network

- draw out the principles of the Northeast Asia Youth Environment Network
- plan the tentative activities of the network on annual basis

3.2 The Northeast Youth Environment Forum

- Participants: 50 Youth (10 from each country and 20 Korean Youth)
- Coordinator: the Northeast Youth Environment Network Steering Committee
- Date: will be decided in the first preparatory meeting
- Venue: Seoul, Korea
- the Northeast Youth Environment Forum aims to achieve the following:
 - provide youth with an opportunity to learn from activists and experts working in UNEP network
 - deliver own regional presentations which will be developed in small-group setting
 - mobilize youth or youth organizations at national level

4. National Focal Points Roles for the Northeast Youth Environment Network are as following:

- participate in Steering Committee meetings
- promote youth involvement in each country
- collaborate on regional youth activities with the network
- report youth inputs of the region to the secretariat

5. Calendar of Events 2005

January 18-25	the first preparatory meeting in Ahmedabad, India
February	UNEP Governing Council Session
March~August	the Northeast Asia Youth Environment Forum
October	Tunza International Youth Conference in India

6. Follow-up

6.1 Registration of the South Asia Youth Environment Network

After the Confirmation of necessary documents from National Focal Points, UNEP National Committee for the Republic of Korea, in close collaboration with the South Asia Youth Environment Network Secretariat, will organize the first preparatory meeting and oversee all related logistics including accommodation, tickets, and visas.