

(Second Announcement)

## **The 6<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific NGOs' Environmental Conference (APNEC-6)**

**November 1-4, 2002  
Kaohsiung, TAIWAN**

### **I. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES**

Having realized the deteriorating environmental quality in the Asia-Pacific region and its significant impact on human health and welfare, the Japan Environmental Council (JEC), European Environmental Bureau (EEB), and environmental experts of several other countries in Asia are clearly convinced of the necessity to organize an international forum on environmental concerns in the Asian-Pacific region. Safeguarding and managing the environment while wisely making use of its full resources should not be the sole responsibility of the public sector. On the contrary, the private sector, particularly non-governmental organizations (NGOs), ought to do its fair share by playing a more-dominant role in the sustainable development of the region.

On the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> JEC conference which was held in Osaka, Japan in 1991, Prof. Suraphol Sadara agreed to organize the first Asia-Pacific NGOs' Environmental Conference (APNEC) in Bangkok in December 1991. As of 2000, four other APNEC meetings have been held sequentially in Seoul, Kyoto, Singapore, and Agra (India). At APNEC-5 in Agra, the meeting also proclaimed that the Secretariat of the Asia-Pacific Environmental Council (AEC) would be established in Seoul, Korea for a period of 5 years. With some 200-300 participants from 10-15 countries, the APNEC meetings have been one of the most important environmental and NGO forums in the region. The objectives of APNEC are to provide an international forum at which NGOs can exchange information, share experiences, discuss their concerns on environmental issues at both the domestic and regional levels, and to develop strategies and actions to protect the overall environment in the Asian-Pacific region.

### **II. DATES AND VENUE**

The APNEC-6 has been rescheduled for November 1-4, 2002. The meeting is at the International Conference Hall of National Sun Yat-sen University in Kaohsiung City, Taiwan. Kaohsiung is a harbor city in southern Taiwan and the second largest city in Taiwan, about 400 km south of Taipei City.

### **III. CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION**

The conference is being organized by the Asia-Pacific Environmental Council (AEC), Foundation of Ocean Taiwan (FOOT) and Wetlands Taiwan in association with the Japan Environmental Council (JEC), Ramsar Center Japan, and a number of organizations of Taiwan's private sector (including NGOs) and international organizations. A number of public agencies of Taiwan will also provide the necessary support to successfully organize this conference.

#### **IV. THEMES OF THE MEETING**

With the focus on reinforcing our efforts to establish public-private partnerships, this meeting will respond to the common concerns in the Asian-Pacific region as well as to serve as a follow-up to the environmental strategies put forward at the upcoming Second Earth Summit (Rio+10) to be held in South Africa in September 2002. The following major areas and related topics will be discussed during the meeting:

1. Water management, including ocean and coastal management;
2. Wetlands and biodiversity;
3. Urban environments;
4. Green energy;
5. Armed conflict and environmental protection;
6. NGO activities and environmental education;
7. Public-private partnerships in environmental management; and
8. Regional problems.

#### **V. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Language: The official language of the conference will be English.

Simultaneous translation between English and Chinese as well as Japanese and Chinese will be available for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

#### **VI. CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

##### **Abstract**

Participants of the APNEC-6 are invited to submit papers for oral or poster presentation. Kindly submit a one-page abstract of your proposed presentation to Dr. Wen-Yan Chiau via e-mail ([chiauyw@mail.nsysu.edu.tw](mailto:chiauyw@mail.nsysu.edu.tw)), no later than **July 31, 2002**.

##### **Full Paper**

Please send your final manuscripts for papers for presentation to the Organizing Committee by e-mail ([chiauyw@mail.nsysu.edu.tw](mailto:chiauyw@mail.nsysu.edu.tw)), or (in case photographs are included) by international mail including one diskette and one copy of the original print(s) including photographs, by **September 30, 2002**.

### **Exhibition**

One section of the Conference hall will be open to participants to display posters and publications at no charge. A space for exhibition boards will also be provided, so please let us know if you or your institutions will have an exhibit.

### **VII. REGISTRATION**

All participants are kindly requested to complete the “Registration Form” whether they plan to present a paper or not. Please return it to the Secretariat (Dr. Wen-Yan Chiau) by e-mail. The registration fee for each participant (and accompanying individuals) will be US\$100 per person. All foreign students will be granted free registration. All registration fees must be paid in US dollars by check payable to “Foundation of Ocean Taiwan” and sent via post to: Dr. Wen-Yan Chiau, Department of Marine Environment and Engineering, National Sun Yat-sen University, Kaohsiung City, Taiwan 804.

### **VIII. IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

#### **Accommodations**

We will make arrangements for your stay at hotels in Kaohsiung City. These hotels provide rooms with single or double occupancy. The room charge will be about US\$50 per night.

#### **Scientific Excursions**

A half-day city tour and a one-day excursion to Kenting National Park and the Chiku Lagoon will be arranged. There will be no charge for the field trips, but since there is limited space, you will need to register beforehand when you arrive at the registration table. Scientific field studies (e.g., treatment and disposal of hazardous wastes) can also be arranged for a nominal fee if requested in advance by foreign scholars and under the available conditions.

#### **Passport and visas**

All foreign visitors entering Taiwan must possess a valid passport. Conference attendees requiring a visa should apply to the Overseas Missions of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in their country of residence prior to departure. Visas may be obtained at the airport upon arrival but these are only valid for several days. Attendees are required to make all necessary visa

arrangements by themselves. The Organizing Committee will provide attendees invitation letters should these be required for visa reasons.

**Local transportation**

Local transportation will be provided between the conference venue and hotels at no charge. A reception desk will be set up at Kaohsiung International Airport on October 31 and November 1, 2002, to provide information for attendees.

**Photo contest**

Participants of the meeting are encouraged to submit entries for the 2002 APNEC-6 Photographic Awards, which this year has as its theme, *the environment*. Please see the attached detailed information for the 2002 APNEC Photo Contest.

**For more information, please contact:**

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

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**Name (Prof./ Dr./ Mr./ Ms.) :**

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(Family name)

(First-middle name)

**Position and Institution :**

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**Mailing Address :**

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**Country :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip code :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the appropriate boxes**

**Meeting:**

I intend to participate in the 6<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific NGOs' Environmental Conference (APNEC-6).

I would like to contribute a paper. The title of my paper is:

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- I would like to present a poster. The title of my poster is:

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- I shall be accompanied by \_\_\_\_\_ person(s).

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***Accommodations:***

I wish to book:

- A single room  
 Double occupancy

I will arrive on \_\_\_\_\_ and depart on \_\_\_\_\_  
(total no. of nights \_\_\_\_\_)

Please return this form to:

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