



**– 2010 AECEN Regional Forum –
ASIAN ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NETWORK**

***Promoting Replication of Best Practices in
Environmental Compliance and Enforcement***

Background

The Asian Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Network (AECEN), a regional practitioner network dedicated to sharing improved policies and practices on compliance and enforcement in Asia, organizes a regional forum annually to report on activity results, conduct regional training, share and ensure effective transfer of knowledge and experience among members, and plan new activities. The annual forum also affords members an opportunity to collaborate and learn from other international enforcement networks and development partners. To support and encourage improved opportunities for women in environmental compliance and enforcement, AECEN presents the AECEN Award for Outstanding Service and Commitment by a Woman at the forum.

Program Objectives

On 10-12 November 2010, the Ministry of Environment of Japan (MOEJ) and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) in partnership with AECEN will convene the 2010 AECEN Regional Forum in Kyoto, Japan.

The principal objectives of the regional event are as follows:

- (1) Present results of AECEN twinning partnerships and identify effective strategies and tools for promoting expanded regional replication of innovative approaches in environmental compliance and enforcement in Asia;
- (2) Share experience from other networks and organizations on promoting sharing of innovation through replication tools and strategies;
- (3) Review existing AECEN tools and approaches which promote replication of good practices and recommend ways to strengthen these tools by leveraging increased member involvement and ownership;
- (4) Identify specific member commitments in helping to promote regional replication of best practices;
- (5) Showcase innovative environmental compliance and enforcement programs in Japan;
- (6) Share results and network accomplishments for the year; and,
- (7) Present the Award for Outstanding Service and Commitment by a Woman.

Event Format

The regional forum will include a formal opening reception; plenary presentations and technical sessions on focus areas of twinning partnerships, and small group discussions on concrete experience and use of various AECEN mechanisms to promote replication of good practices. Technical sessions and workshop

discussions will include expert presentations and exchanges from the region (including Australia), the U.S. and international development partners.

Participants

Forum participants will include 50 senior officials and representatives from AECEN member agencies and other environmental agencies together with development partner representatives. At present, AECEN members include agencies from: Cambodia, People's Republic of China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam.

In addition, 20 participants from Japan, including local government officials, nongovernmental stakeholders and members of the academe, will be present. Only officially invited individuals/organizations can participate in the event.

Date 10-12 November 2010

Location: Kyoto Okura Hotel

Organizers: Ministry of Environment Japan; Institute for Global Environmental Strategies; Asian Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Network, United States Agency for International Development.