CONCEPT NOTE

EVENT INFORMATION OF “VIET NAM-JAPAN ENVIRONMENTAL WEEK”
SEMINAR & BUSINESS MATCH EVENT & EXHIBITION
WEEK OF 15TH DECEMBER 2021

Organizers:
Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Viet Nam (MONRE)
Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ)

Co-organizers & Supporters:
Embassy of Japan in Viet Nam
Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Viet Nam office
Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Hanoi office
Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI)
Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Ho Chi Minh City (JCCH)
Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Danang (JCCID)
Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam in Japan
Viet Nam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI)
Viet Nam Business Forum (VBF)

Event Secretariat:
Overseas Environmental Cooperation Center, Japan (OECC)

BACKGROUND & OBJECTIVES

With the social, economic and human impacts of climate change and environmental degradation became increasingly apparent, the world now stands at a pivotal point. A rapid transformation of our society is indispensable to achieve a sustainable and carbon neutral society. Six years since the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, governments, municipalities, and private sectors are accelerating efforts, raising ambition and shifting its gear from planning and target-setting to implementation.

To materialize such transition, engagement of all stakeholders is essential, including central governments, cities, and diverse economic sector entities to consumers. Innovations – in terms of policy, business, and technology – are the equally important drivers of change.

In this context, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Viet Nam (MONRE) and Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ) will jointly organize a virtual event “The Viet Nam-Japan Environmental Week” in the week commencing on 15th December 2021, with the aim of providing opportunities to discuss our common environmental issues and share innovative and emerging environmental solutions for building decarbonized and sustainable future. The event includes the 7th Viet Nam-Japan Environmental Policy Dialogue (closed program), seminars (webinars) on various environmental topics, as well as Business Match & Exhibition. The entire program will be organized virtually.

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

Approximately 1,000 attendees from a very wide range of stakeholder groups including Vietnamese and Japanese governments, intergovernmental organizations, research/academic institutes, NGOs, international/regional organizations, and private sector are expected to participate in Seminars and Business Match. In the Exhibition, private companies and other organizations from Japan and Viet Nam will present their technologies as the exhibitor.

LANGUAGE

Seminar: Vietnamese-Japanese simultaneous interpretation ※Some sessions will be organized only in English.
Business Match & Exhibition: English
PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

14th Dec.  (Closed Event) Joint Working Group on Waste Management

15th Dec.  DAY 1  ■ Thematic Session
  • Circular Economy and Recycling
  • Water Quality Management
  • Climate Change (GHG Reporting System)

16th Dec.  DAY 2  ■ Opening Session
  • Opening Ceremony
  • Project Launch Ceremony
  • Keynote Speech and Panel Discussion

  ■ Plenary Session
  ■ Presentation Session from Exhibiting Companies
  ■ Thematic Session
  • Adaptation tool demonstration

17th Dec.  DAY 3  ■ Thematic Session
  • Joint Crediting Mechanisms (JCM)
  • Cooperation on Fluorocarbon Management

  ■ Presentation Session from Exhibiting Companies
  ■ (Closed Event) Joint Working Group on Joint Cooperation Plan

SEMINAR

The Vice Ministers from MONRE and MOEJ will deliver the opening remarks in the opening ceremony followed by the keynote speech, panel discussion and plenary session. The project launch ceremony and the presentation session from exhibiting companies will also take place during the course. In the thematic seminars, specific time slots for the exhibitors to introduce their company and technologies will be allocated.

As of 14th December 2021 (Subject to change)
KEYNOTE SPEECH AND PANEL DISCUSSION

■ Toward Realizing 2050 Carbon Neutrality (Dec. 16)
At the World Summit in COP26, Viet Nam’s Prime Minister, Chinh stated that Viet Nam would aim for carbon neutrality by 2050. In addition, in order to achieve carbon neutrality, Viet Nam would take strong measures to reduce emissions and urge developed countries to provide sufficient financial and technical support. In response to this, at the Viet Nam-Japan Policy Dialogue held on November 24, the "Joint Cooperation Plan (JCP) for 2050 Carbon Neutral" was signed between the two countries in order to realize a carbon-free society in Viet Nam. It is important to maintain and evolve the outcomes of COP26 and the ambitions and momentum toward 2050 carbon neutrality shown there, and to materialize the efforts for realization. This session aims to discuss on legislation, policies, and businesses based on the scenario for achieving 2050 carbon neutrality. The central/local government, business and experts will discuss what kind of society should be created, what we should do for transitioning, and what kind of cooperation activities should be promoted based on JCP, in order to aim for carbon neutrality in about 30 years.

PLENARY SESSION

■ Public-Private Efforts toward the Transition to a Circular Economy including Measures against Marine Plastic Litter (Dec. 16)
Transition to "a circular economy" that make sustainable use of resources is common global challenge. Accelerating the circulation of plastic resources is urgently needed, including the marine plastic litter issue, which has been drawing worldwide attention in recent years. To address these issues, comprehensive approach across the entire life-cycle of plastic products from product design to waste disposal and recycling are required. Also wider stakeholder involvement is important, and particularly private sector play significant roles in promoting circulation of plastics, so enhancing public-private partnerships are the key to create a circular economy.
The seminar aims to share the latest efforts of both countries toward the transition to a circular economy including measures against marine plastic litter, and deepen discussions to resolve issues.

THEMATIC SESSION

MONRE and MOEJ will hold Thematic Seminars on the following themes:

■ Experience in Waste Management towards a Circular Economy (collaborating with JICA) (Dec.15)
Transition to circular economy that make sustainable use of resources is a common global problem. For example, the marine plastic litter issue has been drawing worldwide attention in recent years, and promoting circular use of plastic is needed urgently. To solve these issues, efforts through a comprehensive lifecycle approach that spans from manufacturing to disposal and recycling are required. The involvement of wider stakeholders is important to advance measures, and particularly the role of private sector is large, and wide-ranging public-private partnerships are the key to solving problems.
The seminar aims to share the latest efforts of both countries toward the transition to a circular economy including measures against marine plastic litter and deepen discussions to resolve issues.

■ Trends of Policies and Measures for Improving Water Environment in Viet Nam and Japan’s Technical Cooperation (Dec.15)
The Vietnamese revised Law on Environmental Protection is expected to fully come into force by January 2022. It is anticipated this promotes further measures to improve water environment in Viet Nam. The "Model Project for Improvement of Water Environment in Asia" implemented by the Ministry of the Environment of Japan, aims to improve the water environment in the Asian region through the technologies possessed by Japanese companies. Viet Nam has the largest number of the Model Projects implemented so far, and Japanese companies are highly interested in how their technologies can contribute to improving the water environment in Viet Nam.
Objectives of this seminar are to understand the trends of measures to improve water environment in Viet Nam and to deepen the understanding of the technologies implemented in the Model Project to promote the improvement of the water environment through the collaboration of the related parties in both countries.
Stakeholder Dialogue on Designing Facility-level GHG Reporting System of Viet Nam (Dec. 15)
The Revised Law on Environmental Protection, and its subsequent draft Decree on Reducing GHG Emissions and Ozone Layer Protection stipulate establishment of facility-level GHG reporting system in Viet Nam.
In line with Viet Nam’s efforts to implement Paris Agreement, such system not only enables facilities to grasp own GHG emissions, but also to facilitate evidence-based planning and explore opportunities to contribute to curbing emissions.
Against this backdrop, this dialogue offers an opportunity to acquaint with international experiences on similar reporting efforts, and invites relevant stakeholders to discuss key requirements for design and to extract factors for sustainable operation of GHG reporting in the context of Viet Nam.

Technical support for local capacity development on climate change adaptation actions through online training module of ISO 14090 series (Dec. 16)
In recent years, the importance of climate change adaptation efforts has been increasing due to the increasing human and economic loss and damage caused by frequent weather disasters. In particular, local governments, which are primarily responsible for securing the lives of their residents, are urgently required to take action on climate change adaptation. However, while local governments are required to take action, measures in the field of climate change, which requires specialized knowledge, have lagged behind.
In order to support the promotion of climate change adaptation measures in local governments, the Ministry of the Environment of Japan is developing online educational materials based on the ISO14090 series of international standards in the field of climate change adaptation. In this session, we will introduce the efforts of the adaptation ISO online materials and demonstrate the actual online materials.

Webinar on the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) Implementation in Viet Nam 2021 – Innovation for Carbon Neutrality through the JCM (Dec. 17)
The Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ) is promoting dissemination of advanced decarbonizing technologies through the Financing Programme for JCM Model Projects. This webinar will introduce three financing programmes, namely, “Financing Programme for JCM Model Projects”, “Financing Programme to Demonstrate Decarbonization Technology for Realizing Co-Innovation” and “Pilot Project for Comprehensive Support throughout the Whole Hydrogen Supply Chain Abroad” as well as good examples of each project.

Information exchange seminar on development of standard for refrigerant management in Viet Nam (Dec. 17)
Driven by the approval of the Revised Law on Environmental Protection (LEP) by the National Assembly, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE), Viet Nam has been in efforts to bringing the concept of life cycle management of fluorocarbons into practice, through institutionalizing policy measures by developing a decree on management of greenhouse gas emission and the protection of the ozone layer. Under the Initiative on Fluorocarbons Life Cycle Management (IFL), the Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ) has closely worked with the MONRE, Viet Nam by sharing useful knowledge and experiences, including support to the development of relevant parts of the draft decree.
To materialize the legal norm provided by the Revised LEP and the Decree, the MONRE is now planning to move forward to development of standard/specifications (TCVN) for collection, recycling and destruction of refrigerants, which provide fundamental institutional infrastructure of the upgraded fluorocarbons management. The session is expected to provide an initial opportunity to exchange relevant experiences between policy makers as well as practitioners in Viet Nam and Japan, with a view to further elaboration.
PRESENTATION SESSION FROM EXHIBITING COMPANIES

- Exhibitors will introduce their company and technologies/solutions.

VIRTUAL BUSINESS MATCH & EXHIBITION

- Exhibitors include private companies/organizations (exhibitors) based in Japan or Viet Nam who have environmental solutions, and can introduce their technologies (by videos, PDF materials, web links, etc.) on the designated website which will open a few weeks before the event. The materials prepared by the exhibitors will be posted for a certain period after the event.
- During the Business Match & Exhibition, exhibitors can schedule closed business meetings with visitors and organize webinars targeting number of participants. And, visitors (including exhibitors) is allowed to make appointments for business negotiations.

REGISTRATION & EVENT WEBSITE

- Event URL: https://www.jprsi.go.jp/ew2021vn/

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