

# Agenda setting

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**International Symposium on**

# **Future Asia**

**Bridging Science, Technology and Society:  
Practices of Transdisciplinary Implementation on  
Sustainability and Environmental Change in Future Asia**

**Organizers:**

**GEC-Japan Platform**

**Japan National Committee for IGBP/WCRP/DIVERSITAS/**

**IHDP, Science Council of Japan**

**Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN)**

# *Future Asia*

## What is this symposium about?

- **Interface:** Bridging science, technology and society
- **Connecting:** Linking practices of transdisciplinary implementation on
  - sustainability
  - environmental Change
- **Region:** Regional linkage between local, sub-regional and international/global initiatives

## **Day I (13 December 2012, Thursday) 09:00-17:30**

### **Opening (09:00~09:20)**

#### **Panel 1: Missing questions (09:20~10:50)**

*Purpose: Figuring out the missing questions in sustainability and environmental change research*

International, regional and national levels: ICSU, ISSC, GEC-Japan/Asia

#### **Panel 2.1: Sub-regional potentials and initiatives (11:05~12:35)**

*Purpose: Elaborating sub-regional potentials and country experiences*

Cases from India, Mongolia, China, South Korea

#### **Panel 2.2: Country-based initiatives: The case of Japan (13:45~15:30)**

*Purpose: Presenting recent research initiatives on sustainability and environmental change in Japan*

Science Council of Japan perspectives, initiatives from DIVERSITAS-Japan WCRP-Japan, IGBP-Japan, IHDP-Japan, and GEOSS perspectives

#### **Panel 3: Feedback from Future Earth and Belmont Forum initiatives (16:00~17:30)**

*Purpose: Follow-up of recent discussions on Future Earth and Belmont Forum initiatives*

Messages from Future Earth regional workshop for Asia-Pacific

GEC-Japan/Asia Platform perspectives on Future Earth and Belmont Forum

Recent agenda of Future Earth and Belmont Forum initiatives (Future Earth Transition Team)

**Day II (14 December 2012, Friday) 09:00-14:00**

**Panel 4: Regional diversity- of transdisciplinary initiatives (09:00~10:30)**

*Purpose: Sharing experiences of regional and international transdisciplinary platforms*

Asian experiences and international linkages (MAIRS)

European experiences on regional research dynamics (GEC-Germany)

Comparative perspectives towards transdisciplinarity (MEXT)

**Panel 5: Is there any Asian type of “Science-Society Interface”?**

**Vision(s) from Asia for sustainability and environmental change research (11:00~13:00)**

*Purpose: General discussion and future interface of the GEC-Japan/Asia Platform*

Comments: ICSU, MEXT, NIES, IGES, ICSU-WDS, GEC-Japan/Asia

General Discussion

Closing Remarks (RIHN)

**End of Symposium (14:00)**