

Outline of the Cool Earth Partnership Seminar in FY 2009 (April)

At the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting held in Davos, Switzerland in January 2008, then Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda laid out the Cool Earth Partnership fund on the scale of 1.25 trillion yen (about US\$10 billion) for a period of five years, as part of the Cool Earth Promotion Program. He stated that through this, Japan would cooperate actively with developing countries' efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as efforts to enhance energy efficiency, while seeking economic growth, thereby contributing to climate stabilization.

The “Cool Earth Partnership Seminar” is offered to some selected partner countries in order to deepen their understanding of climate change through lectures and practices as well as sharing views with Japanese officials from relevant organizations as part of Japanese ODA.

Organizer: Japan International Cooperation Agency, Osaka International Center: JICA/OSIC)

Implementing Organization: Global Environment Centre Foundation (GEC)

1. Aims:

This course aims to assist participants in understanding phenomena of climate change, its impacts and seeking countermeasures against it.

2. Contents:

The seminar will offer lectures on Japanese policy for combating climate change and so on. In addition to the lectures, participants will also have opportunities to visit some sites where countermeasures against climate change are taken as well as meeting with Japanese officials of ministries and agencies in charge of the climate change in order to share views.

3. Period of seminar

9 April 2009 to 24 April 2009

4. Target countries:

Columbia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, and Uruguay,

5. Target Organization

(1) An officer in charge of the UNFCCC or climate change policies at the central government

(2) An officer who is in charge of the Official Development Assistance at the central government.

6. Total Number of Participants

14 participants

7. Language:

Spanish (Spanish translated from Japanese/English through interpreters)

8. For more information

Special address by Mr. Fukuda at Davos

<http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/wef/2008/address-s.html>

Overview of Cool Earth Partnership

<http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/oda/white/2008/html/ODA2008/html/zuhyo/zu010041.htm>