

Environmental Cooperation between Taiwan and Japan

The Taiwan-Japan Bilateral Environmental Meeting is an official meeting between high ranking environmental officials of Taiwan and Japan. It discusses environmental issues of mutual concern, including regional and global environmental issues as well as bilateral cooperation.

The 6th Taiwan-Japan Bilateral Environmental Meeting

The 6th Taiwan-Japan Bilateral Environmental Meeting was held on 22 October 2015 in Tokyo, Japan. Issues discussed included implementation of the bilateral agreement of the Basel Convention, industrial waste law enforcement and penalty issuance, air pollutants monitoring and transboundary pollutants alarming systems, environmental enforcement and penalty issuance for coal-fired and petrochemical power plants, environmental impact assessment and regulations governing wind farms, reduction of fine particulate matters (PM_{2.5}), and approaches to future cooperation and ideas exchange.

The 5th Taiwan-Japan Bilateral Environmental Meeting

The 5th Taiwan-Japan Bilateral Environmental Meeting was held on 30 September 2013 at the Environmental Protection Administration in Taipei. EPA Minister, Dr. Stephen Shu-hung Shen, gave a speech in the opening ceremony as a guest of honor. Issues of future cooperation were thoroughly discussed. These included control and monitoring of fine particulate matters (PM_{2.5}), chemical substances registration management, industrial greenhouse gas emission reduction validation mechanisms, climate change adaption technologies, and implementation of the bilateral agreement of the Basel Convention.

The 4th Taiwan-Japan Bilateral Environmental Meeting

The 4th Taiwan-Japan Bilateral Environmental Meeting was held on November 17 and 18, 2009 in Tokyo, Japan. Issues of future cooperation in waste treatment after major earthquakes, climate change mitigation, implementation of the bilateral agreement of Basel Convention, and the monitoring of long-distance transportation of air pollutants in East Asia were discussed. Both sides agreed to have more exchanges on post-earthquake waste treatment and relative technology development, as well as share data on carbon footprint emission factors and information on dust storms.

The 3rd Taiwan-Japan Bilateral Environmental Meeting

The 3rd Taiwan-Japan Bilateral Environmental Meeting was held on February 17, 2009 at the Environmental Protection Administration in Taipei. EPA Minister, Dr.

Stephen Shu-hung Shen, gave a speech in the opening ceremony as a guest of honor. In addition to the presentations of major environmental concerns and achievements of both Taiwan and Japan in the past year, issues of future cooperation were also thoroughly discussed. They included climate change mitigation, implementation of the bilateral agreement of Basel Convention, airborne mercury monitoring in East Asia, and soil and groundwater remediation.

The 2nd Taiwan-Japan Bilateral Environmental Meeting

The 2nd Taiwan-Japan Bilateral Environmental Meeting was held on December 25 and 26, 2007 in Tokyo. In total, more than 40 representatives from both sides participated in the meeting. Former Minister of EPA, Dr. Winston Dang, gave a speech in the opening ceremony as a guest of honor. The major environmental concerns and achievements of both Taiwan and Japan in the past year were presented followed by comprehensive discussions on issues of future cooperation such as prevention and control on cadmium contaminated rice, advanced technologies for soil and water pollution remediation, long-distance air pollutants' monitoring in East Asia, greenhouse gas reduction, implementation of the bilateral agreement of Basel Convention and ocean pollution control.

The 1st Taiwan-Japan Bilateral Environmental Meeting

The 1st Taiwan-Japan Bilateral Environmental Meeting was held on September 21 and 22, 2006 in Taipei. The agenda covered regional and global environmental issues and cooperation between Taiwan and Japan. This is the first official talk between high ranking environmental officials of Taiwan and Japan after the severing of diplomatic ties between the two countries. It was a breakthrough for both countries that the interactions had been elevated from the civilian, local and technical level to a dialogue concerning policies and future cooperation at the central government level.