

Individual Projects of the Environment Subcommittee

Junior Leaders' Meeting for the Environmental Protection in the Northeast Asia

1 Objectives:

Targeting young people (middle school students) who conduct grass-root activities in their communities or schools, the meeting gives the opportunity to study the environment with an international view, then, it will develop young people to be active with a broader perspective for the environmental protection in the region of Northeast Asia. Finally, it will lead to the promotion of the environmental protection.

2 Outline:

(1) Date: August 11(Sat) & 12(Sun), 2007

(2) Venue: "National TATEYAMA Youth Outdoor Learning Center" etc.
Tateyama, Toyama Pref., Japan

(3) Participants : 49 middle school students from 27 groups of 7 municipality in 4 countries

Japan	: 25 (22 from Toyama, 3 from JUNEK)
China	: 5 (5 from Liaoning)
Korea	: 9 (3 from Gangwon, 6 from Chungcheongnam)
Russia	: 10 (7 from Primorsky, 3 from Khabarovsk)

(4) Theme: Marine environment protection (against Marine litter)

(5) Contents:

I Presentations (13 groups)

They made presentations about their activities in the communities for the marine environment, such as a marine litter monitoring or an environmental research. After the presentation, they exchanged opinions.

- The cleanup activity in the CCZ beach (Toyama, Japan)
- The 4-year history of energy-saving and environmental protection activities in our school (Toyama, Japan)
- The JUNEK Forum 2004 to 2006 (JUNEK, Japan)
- The research on the washed-up driftage in 4 cities, Liaoning, 2006 (Liaoning, China)
- The research and protection activities for the marine environment (Gangwon, Korea)
- The research on the ecology protection through various nature-friendly activities (Gangwon, Korea)
- The environmental protection in the natural monument No.431, Sindu-ri (Chungcheongnam, Korea)
- The life with nature in Hong dong (Chungcheonnam, Korea)

- The environmental watch in Elena Island (Premorsky, Russia)
- We will live here in the future (Premorsky, Russia)
- The research on sea water and beach in the Vanino Bay in Vanino (Khabarovsk, Russia)
- The research on the environment in the Krasnaya River (Khabarovsk, Russia)
- The research on the washed-up driftage on the coast of the Northwest Pacific (Khabarovsk, Russia)

II Field activity

Practice of the research on marine litter

(Mr. Ryoichi Fujitani, Senior Researcher of Northwest Pacific Region Environmental Cooperation Center)

(Ms. Chiyoko Goto, Director of Himi Seaside Botanical Garden)

III Lecture

“The marine litter problem in the Northeast Asia and issues to solve it”

(Mr. Norio BABA from NOWPAP RCU Toyama Office)

IV Discussion

They exchanged their opinions about what we should do now to protect the environment in the Northeast Asia to the future.

<Opinions>

【Russia】

We got a lot of information. Everything is interesting and meaningful. I will talk about what I learned here to my friends.

The environmental problem must be solved by our joint efforts. We must bring down clean environment to the next generation. Let's work together!

【China】

I am only a middle school student, so I can't do a big thing to protect the environment.

In China, we have a proverb, saying "even if you can't do a big thing, you can start little things." As it says, I want to do what I can do now to protect the environment.

I joined this meeting. Now I have a responsibility to lead my classmates.

I hope our future is more beautiful.

【Japan】

I live in the east side of Japan, so, the Pacific Ocean is closer to me than the Northwest Pacific Ocean.

Yesterday, we went to the coast. I thought there was more litter than coasts in the Pacific Ocean. We live in different places; each place has its own problem.

I understood it was important to let people, who live far away from the ocean, know that the pollution was caused by people's daily life by spreading information of this problem.

Now we want to do, positively, what we can do in our community.

V Adoption of the Toyama Resolution

As the conclusion of the meeting, 3 students from Toyama declared "the Toyama Resolution" and it was adopted unanimously.

Toyama Resolution

We participated in the "Junior Leaders' Meeting for the Environmental Protection in the Northeast Asia." In the meeting we learned what other middle school students do in their communities and discussed our environmental problems, then understood that causes of these problems were very close to our daily life.

To solve the environmental problems, joint efforts by not only partial countries or regions, but more countries and regions are needed. We agreed that we, junior leaders, should make efforts actively to realize our rich future in the Northeast Asia.

The marine environment in the region of the Northeast Asia is our common asset. Here, we, the participant of the meeting, hope that we will deepen understanding more on the environment in

the region and hope this rich environment will maintain as it is.

We declare that we will positively participate in the environmental protection with the partners together.

August 12, 2007

By the participants of "Junior Leaders' Meeting for the Environmental Protection in the Northwest Asia

1 Presentation



2 Field activity



3 Discussion



4 Declaration

