**Asia Pacific Meeting of RCEs**

**A summary on Asia Pacific Network of Regional Centres of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development**

**Ⅰ. Sejahtra Project and Asia Pacific RCE Network**

Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development(ESD) is an initiative of the United Nations University for the UN Decade on Education for Sustainable Development. Since 2005, acknowledged RCEs have formed a global network to create a global learning space for sustainable future. Due to growing number of RCEs within Asia Pacific region, a discussion to create a regional network began in 2007, leading to organization of annual continental meeting since 2008. Now in 2012, the Asia Pacific RCEs network has expanded to 47(?) members.

After five years of regional RCEs alliance, it is necessary to keep record of our path and engage in extensive discussion about where we are heading in the future. This paper is aimed at recognizing the collaborative activities of Asia Pacific RCEs between 2007 and 2011 and raising necessary questions to be jointly answered by the community to prepare for the end of UN DESD and beyond.

**The vision of Asia Pacific RCEs Network and the Role of continental platform**

a. The Vision

“The Asia-Pacific Continental Platform is a way to build good collaboration among RCEs in our endeavors towards protecting Asian culture and way of life in order to promote sustainability.”

 “The Asia-Pacific Continental Platform promotes Asian perspectives on sustainable development and ESD, based on the traditional wisdom of coexistence.”

* Quoted from 2010 Curitiba Meeting

Sejahtra Project is a joint initiative of Asia Pacific RCE network to find the alternative path towards sustainability, acknowledged by the members as existent within the unique traditional culture of Asia Pacific region with emphasis on the coexistence.

Key themes of the Sejahtra project include ‘traditional medicine & ESD’ which is unique to the region, led by RCE Penang and Yogyakarta. RCE Centre named “Sejahtra Centre” is under construction inTongyeong, Korea as the support center of Asia Pacific RCE network. In relation to the Sejahtra Centre, RCE Tongyeong offers Sejahtra Fellowship to promote Sejahtra project through comparative research among AP RCEs performed by invited research fellow. 1st Fellowship started in 2012 and Mr. Hastanga from RCE Yogyakarta was supported in his comparative research on School ESD in Yogyakarta and Tongyeong.

**Ⅱ. Discussions and Key Outcomes**

**ⅰ. Thematic Discussions**

1. **Biodiversity**
2. 2010 Nagoya CBD COP10
3. Best Practices Project
4. On-line open lecture
5. Traditional Medicine and ESD
6. **Schools**
7. Online teacher training session
8. RCE Bulletin Schools Edition
9. ESD Stories from Schools
10. AP ESD Material Resource Inventory on Schools
11. Policy Approach
12. **Youth**
13. YUVA(Youth Unite for Volunteer Action) Meeting on climate change
14. Bridge to the World
15. **Community**
16. Website Development
17. Student Exchange on Community Services
18. Community based biodiversity project
19. **Disaster Risk Reduction**
20. Research on Flood/DRR
21. Action and collaborative project

**ⅱ.Operational Issues**

**1. Capacity Building**

**2. Support for New / Dormant RCEs**

**3. Effective Communication**

a. AP RCE emailing listing

1. Good Intra-RCE communication
2. Regular communication among organizing committee
3. Facebook page

**4. Linking Existing ESD Networks**

1. Locating ESD Networks
2. Sub-regional Network
* Group A. China, Japan, Korea
* Group B. Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia
* Group C. Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, the South Pacific, Australia
* Group D. India, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Bangladesh

**Ⅲ. Agenda for 7th Global Conference**

ⅰ. Overview of continental discussions

ⅱ. Sejahtra project : Discussion on AP RCE Vision Paper