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Japan's Activities to Promote **A Co-benefits Approach**

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What is a Co-benefits Approach?

- Aims to reduce GHG emissions while meeting development needs in developing countries
- Originated from US EPA
- Great potential to reduce GHG emissions in addressing environmental pollution
- Entry point of nationally appropriate mitigation actions (NAMA)



Japan-China Co-benefits Cooperation

- Started from 2008 by MOEJ and the Ministry of Environmental Protection of the People's Republic of China
- Conduct a joint study on mitigation effects by reducing environmental pollutants

Target cities

Panzhihua City, Sichuan Province

• Potential to reduce 210 million CO2 tons while reducing 56,000 SO2 tons per year

> Xiangtan City, Hunan Province

- Model of a compatible city to realize resource saving and environmental protection
- Under estimation of co-benefits potential based on the Five-Year Plan
- Training course for local stakeholders (October and December 2010)



Japan-Indonesia Co-benefits Cooperation

- Started from 2008 by MOEJ and the State Ministry of Environment, Republic of Indonesia
- Information exchange and surveys on policies, technologies, quantified evaluation and assessment of co-benefits effects at proposed locations
- Proposed projects
 - Waste and CH4 reduction by composting municipal wastes in Banjarmasin
 - CH4 reduction in wastewater treatment at a slaughter house in Palembang

◆ JICA training course for co-benefits (2010 and 2011)



Co-benefits CDM Model Projects

 MOEJ subsidy program to support CDM model projects with co-benefits

 Subsidy for half of the initial investment and transfer of half of CERs to the Government

Four projects have been selected under the program.



Co-benefits CDM Model Project in Thailand

Recovery of CH4, for power generation, in a wastewater treatment process at a chemical factory

Potential reduction: 14,600 t-CO2 per year

Registered as a CDM project in July 2010



Manual for Quantitative Evaluation of Co-benefits

- Provides quantified and simple methods to evaluate effectiveness of co-benefits, including environmental pollution improvement and GHG mitigation measures
- Promotes public/private entities to implement effective CDM projects with co-benefits
- Ensures measureable, reportable and verifiable (MRV) activities
- Access the web-site: www.kyomecha.org/cobene/e/tools.html



Asian Co-benefits Partnership

- Launched at the Better Air Quality (BAQ) meeting in Singapore in October 2010
- Informal and interactive platform to improve information sharing and stakeholder coordination on co-benefits in Asia

Members

Government agencies, international development organizations, academes, civil society and the private sector

Secretariat

Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

Challenges in the Next Step

- Capacity building for stakeholders at a local level
- Data collection for MRV
- Integrated approach in "trade-off" cases
- Incentives to mainstream co-benefits into development policies

Summary

Steady progress in the co-benefits approach

- Bilateral cooperation
- Co-benefits CDM model projects
- Manual for quantitative evaluation of co-benefits
- Asian Co-benefits Partnership
- Challenges to be overcome (ex. capacity building)
- Japan wishes to cooperate further on the promotion of the co-benefits approach with developing countries