

## Scientific Program of the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Workshop on MeREM

28 November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2005

Long Xuyen, Angiang, Vietnam

### Sunday 27 Nov.

(Arrival at Ho Chi Minh Tan son nhat International Airport)

Transportation from Ho Chi Minh to Long Xuyen to “Dong Xuyen” Hotel

\* You will see a staff member of Angiang University at the airport to lead you to the hotel by a bus chartered.

### Monday 28 Nov.

#### Morning:

- 8:30- Registration
- 9:00- 9:30 Opening ceremony (Chairperson from Vietnam)  
Chair of MeREM (Prof. M.M. Watanabe)  
Chair of 3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop (Prof. Vo-tong Xuan)  
Local authorities
- 9:30-10:00 Coffee break and Group Photo
- 10:00-10:40 Special Lecture 1 (Prof. R. Ohtsuka, President of NIES)
- 10:40-11:20 Special Lecture 2 (Prof. Vo-tong Xuan, Rector of Angiang Univ.)
- 11:20-12:00 Special Lecture 3 (Prof. Richard Roberts, GEMS/Water Programme)
- 12:00-13:30 Lunch

Afternoon session: Collaboration among International Programs for Sustainable Development of Mekong River (Chairperson: Prof. Dr. Kunimitsu Kaya)

- 13:30-14:10 Activities of MeREM pilot project in 2004-2005 (Dr. Wichien Yongmanichai, Vice Chair of MeREM)
- 14:10-14:50 EHMA\* program of MRC (Dr. MENG Monyrak, MRC)  
(\*Ecological Health Monitoring and Assessment of the Lower Mekong Basin and its tributaries)
- 14:50-15:30 GMSARN\* program of AIT (Prof. Chongrak Polprasert, AIT)
- 15:30-15:50 Coffee Break
- 15:50-16:30 GMS Atlas of the Environment (Mr. Tin Aung Moe, UNEP RRC, AP)
- 16:30-17:10 Activities of AIRC in Yunnan University (Daming He et al. AIRC)

17:10-18:00 Panel Discussion for collaboration among the Programs (Chairman: M.M. Watanabe)

18:30- 20:30 Reception

**Tuesday 29 Nov.**

Morning session: Activity Reports of MeREM (Chairperson: Dr. Aparat Mahakhant)

- 9:00- 9:30 Water quality monitoring in upper Mekong River of P.R. China (Dr. Yang Liang)
- 9:30-10:00 Hydrological model of Mekong River (Prof. Kuniyoshi Takeuchi, Yamanashi Univ.)
- 10:00-10:30 Coffee break
- 10:30-11:00 Training Course of Algae and Algal Toxins held in KU at December, 2004 (Prof. Kunimitsu Kaya & Prof. Fumie Kasai)
- 11:00-11:15 Training Course of Fish Species Identification held in Udon Tani, Thailand at July, 2005 (Prof. Nobuhiko Taniguchi & Dr. Apichart Termvidechakorn)
- 11:15-11:30 Workshop of Fish Genetic Diversity and Conservation held in Bangkok, Thailand at March, 2005 (Prof. Nobuhiko Taniguchi, Prof. Uthairat Na-Nakorn and Dr. Apichart Termvidechakorn)
- 11:30-12:00 Training Course of Water Quality Measurement (Dr. Akio Imai & Dr. Kazuo Matsushige)
- 12:00-13:30 Lunch

Afternoon session: Activity reports of MeREM (Chairperson: Prof. Dr. Liu Yong-ding)

- 13:30-14:00 Joint Workshop between Journalists and Scientists held in Tokyo at June 2005 (Prof. Penelope Canan & Prof. M.M. Watanabe)
- 14:00-14:30 Transboundary Environmental Issues in the Mekong River Basin: Perspectives from civil society & recommendations for MeREM (Mr. Satoru Matsumoto & Ms. Madoka Onizuka, Ms. Kaori Ohsawa, Mekong Watch)
- 14:30-15:00 Establishment of core laboratory in KU (Dr. Wichien Yongmanichai, Prof. Kunimitsu Kaya & Dr. Akio Imai)
- 15:00-15:30 Data and information sharing system and GIS training course (Dr. Ichinose, Dr. Tsubaki, Mr. Niwa & Dr. Kataoka)

- 15:30-16:00 Coffee break
- 16:00-17:00 Panel Discussion (Chairperson, M.M.Watanabe)  
Future plans for MeREM activities in the fiscal years 2005 & 2006
- 18:00-20:00 Dinner

**Wednesday 30 Nov.**

Mid-Workshop Field Tour of Mekong Delta

**Thursday 1 December**

2nd Joint Workshop between Journalists and Scientists

- 9:00- 9:30 Welcome overview  
Prof. Vo-tong Xuan (Rector of Angiang University)  
Mr. Tooru Takikawa (President of Japanese Forum of Environmental Journalists)  
Journalist from Vietnam
- 9:30- 10:00 Welcome, Logistics and introductions (Prof. Penelope Canan )
- 10:00-12:00 Presentation and Discussion of Scientist & Journalist Topics of Interest obtained from Mekong Delta Field Trip. The information on Mekong Delta will be given in advance by Vo-tong Xuan and M.M.Watanabe

Keywords: water quality (water pollution, toxic blooms of cyanobacteria, seawater intrusion), soil erosion, commercialization of agriculture (increase of rice production), fisheries (expansion of aquaculture of catfish), trade and transportation, floods, poverty, biodiversity loss.

In-country partnership group between Journalist(s) and Scientists will be organized as below:

- 1) Japanese Journalist A – Japanese Scientists (5)
- 2) Japanese Journalist B – Japanese Scientists (5)
- 3) Chinese Journalist – Chinese Scientists (5)
- 4) Thai Journalist A – Thai Scientists (3)
- 5) Thai Journalist B –Thai Scientists (3)
- 6) Vietnamese Journalist –Vietnamese Scientists (5)
- 7) Lao Journalist –Lao Scientists (3)
- 8) Cambodian Journalist –Cambodian Scientists (3)

- 12:00-13:30 Lunch
- 13:30-14:30 Making up the article by each group
- 14:30-15:20 Presentation and discussion about the articles in the plenary meeting
- 15:20-15:40 Coffee break
- 15:40-16:10 Revising the article
- 16:10-17:10 Presentation and explanation of the final article
- 17:10-17:20 Concluding Remark (M.M. Watanabe)

**International Committee of MeREM**

- 17:30-18:30 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of International Committee of MeREM in 2005.

**Banquet**

- 18:30-21:00

**Friday 2 December**

- 9:00-10:00 Summary and Closing address (Prof. Makoto M. Watanabe)
- 10:00-18:00 Field trip & Transportation from Long Xuyen to Ho Chi Minh including lunch and dinner. Visit fruit orchard on the Mekong river in My tho region.

