

Abstract of Presentation

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Regional Science and Technology Cooperation for Sustainable Development in East Asia

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East Asian countries that include China, Japan and Korea have much to offer each other for mutually beneficial cooperation in science and technology. China commands world’s largest pool of scientists and engineers and has a strong base in basic science. Japan is now one of the top leaders in almost all areas of science and technology. And Korea is emerging as a new power in such high technology areas as telecommunications, semi-conductors, LCD and others. This certainly shows that the Northeast Asian countries can do much better by working together than separately. For example, East Asian countries can accelerate the advancement of sciences and strengthen the scientific capabilities of the regional countries by combining their R&D resources. Furthermore, East Asian countries can achieve sustainable development by working together in finding mutually beneficial solutions to the issues of regional concerns, say, environmental problems, resource management, infectious diseases and so on. But regional cooperation, however desirable it may be, will not take place unless each and every party involved is convinced of the benefits such cooperation will bring. This presentation will discuss policy issues pertaining to regional S&T cooperation. More specifically, (1) the nature of the issues of regional concern, and (2) what have been done and what should further be done to promote and facilitate regional cooperation for sustainable development in East Asia.