

**Minutes of the first meeting of the Asia-Pacific RCE pro-tem committee
10 July 2008 (13:30-14:50) in Barcelona, Spain**

Following the continental meeting of the 3rd International RCE Conference in the morning of 10 July 2008, several RCE representatives gathered to discuss the promotion of exchange and collaboration among RCEs in the Asia-Pacific. The participants of the meeting included RCE Chubu, RCE Hyogo-Kobe, RCE Kitakyushu, RCE Kodagu, RCE Tongyeong, RCE Penang and RCE Greater Sendai. Proposals resulting from the meeting follow.

(1) The seven RCEs mentioned above would be members of the Asia-Pacific RCE pro-tem committee, in order to prepare for the continental meeting of the 4th International RCE Conference in Montreal, Canada in 2009.

(2) An Asia-Pacific RCE coordination committee will be established at the meeting in Montreal.

(3) The Asia-Pacific RCEs will focus on five themes and the thematic groups will be coordinated by one or two RCEs as follows.

- (a) Sustainable Production and Consumption (RCE Tongyeong)
- (b) Health (RCE Penang)
- (c) Teacher Training (RCE Trang)
- (d) Biodiversity (RCE Chubu and RCE Kodagu)
- (e) Youth (RCE Greater Sendai)

(4) A few groups of new themes, which are particularly relevant to the context of the Asia-Pacific, will be formed.

(5) In addition to the thematic groups, five working groups will be established and coordinated by one or two RCEs as follows.

- (a) Communication
- (b) Fund-raising and project planning
- (c) Evaluation
- (d) Marketing
- (e) Capacity building

(6) A list of focused areas of activities among the Asia-Pacific RCEs will be compiled. All RCEs in the Asia-Pacific region will fill out the questionnaire and send it to RCE Kitakyushu by 6 October, 2008.

(7) The pro-tem committee will review the questionnaires sent by the Asia-Pacific RCEs, and discuss the selection of new thematic groups, coordinating RCEs of the new thematic groups and the working groups. The committee will propose possible thematic groups and coordinators.

(8) Three international conferences are scheduled before the next International RCE Conference. All Asia-Pacific RCEs are encouraged to attend the conferences where discussions will be held among Asia-Pacific RCEs.

(a) October 23-25, 2008 ESD International Forum 2008: ESD and Sustainable Production & Consumption in Coastal region (RCE Tongyeong, Korea)

(b) December 8-11, 2008 The 12th UNESCO-APEID International conference: Quality Innovations for Teacher and Learning (UNESCO, Bangkok)

(c) February (date to be decided later), 2009 The 2nd Asian RCE Leader Youth Meeting (RCE Greater Sendai)