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JSCE and ACECC held the International Symposium on Preservation and Development of Greater Mekong Sub-region and International Support at the headquarter of JSCE at 9 April, 2009, as part of the activity of the "ACECC Technical Committee on Inter-regional Cooperation for Great Mekong Sub-region" activity with about 140 participants. This symposium was partially supported by the auspice of JSCE, Foundation of River & Watershed Environment Management and University of Yamanashi, G-COE program. The objectives of the symposium were to provide opportunity to enhance understanding of how the international assistances ought to be for better development and management of the region.

Themes of the Symposium were:

- Water resources and international support
- World heritage and international support
- Capacity building and international support
- Sub-region development and international support
- Disaster prevention and international support

and the Symposium programe were as follows,

Morning Session (9:00 – 12:05)

- Opening Ceremony
- Special Lecture  
**Norihito Tambo**, *Professor emeritus of Hokkaido University*: Water aquatic environment
- Session I: Water resources, capacity building and international support  
**Hiroshi Ishidaira**, *Yamanashi Univ.*: Evaluation of the amount of water resource in the Mekong Basin with the distributed hydrological model.  
**Chhouk Chhay Horng**, *Institute of Technology of Cambodia*: Water Resources and International Supports  
**Sanda Thant**, *Mekong Institute*: Capacity Building Programs in the Greater Mekong Subregion and International Supports.

Afternoon Session (13:30 – 17:40)

- Session II: World heritage and International Support  
**Shinobu Yamaguchi**, *Tokyo Institute of Technology*: Use of information technology for sustainable development and management of the heritage town of Luang Prabang, Lao PDR  
**Ricardo Favis**, *UNESCO*: Community Empowerment in Heritage Conservation and Management in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region
- Session III: Sub-region Development and Disaster prevention and International Support  
**Tadashi Yamada**, *Chuo Univ.*:  
**Pornwilai Pumira**, *Mekong Institute*:  
**Phonepheth Mounnarath (for Vimane Phoummavong)**, *National University of Laos*: New Lao infrastructure development plan and current Lao Professional staff development  
**Katsuhito Miyake & Kazuhiko Hukami**, *Public Works Research Institute*: ICHARM activities concerning capacity building on disaster prevention on a local community scale in the Mekong river basin.

- Summary and ACECC TC Report  
**Osamu Kusakabe, Tokyo Institute of Technology**
- Closing address



Lectures and organizing committee members



Post symposium tour to Public Works Research Institute