

Workshop with Chinese Academy of Sciences: CAS-AIST-NEDO Workshop 2005

The CAS-AIST-NEDO Workshop 2005, co-hosted by CAS (the Chinese Academy of Sciences), AIST, and NEDO (New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization), was held in Guangzhou, China on November 17-18.

This workshop was planned as an action item to follow up on the Comprehensive Collaborative Research Agreement between AIST and CAS (signed May, 2004), and focused on the field of environment/energy, which is globally urgent and could generate mutual benefits for both China and Japan (Win-Win, or “双赢” in Chinese). At the same time, AIST and NEDO, which are mutually complementary institutions, were seeking a partnership with CAS, a core Chinese research institution. Consequently, the three organizations

came together for this workshop at GIEC (the Guangzhou Institute of Energy Conversion), which is regarded as a COE (Center of Excellence) of new-energy/renewable-energy research in China.

Designated as key topics were evaluation of biomass and energy systems (in particular, Dispersed/Renewable Energy). Participants included: representatives of CAS, mainly from GIEC and other related Chinese research institutions; Dr. Nakajima, Vice-President, Drs. Kamimoto and Yamabe, Research Coordinators, personnel of Dept. International Affairs, and researchers of related research units; Mr. Sasaki, Executive-Director, and Personnel of Headquarter and Beijing office of NEDO. A general session introducing each institution and its approaches to the environmental/energy field was followed by technical sessions, which produced spirited discussion on potential candidates for future collaborative research subjects. In respect of the biomass area, AIST and CAS agreed to move forward by establishing research relationships with a view to implementing NEDO's international joint project proposal.

On November 16, the day before the workshop, vice-Dr. Shi Er Wei, vice-President of CAS, Dr. Nakajima of AIST and Mr. Sasaki of NEDO held a tripartite meeting to present each organization's position and exchange ideas on the current status and directions of research in the environment/energy area, with particular focus, from the Chinese perspective on formulation of China's 11th 5-year Plan (commencing in 2006).



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