

(ESCAP) in Bangkok is in charge. In response to the request from ESCAP, AIST made arrangements for the topic of mining. The specific work was done by the Institute of Geo-Resources and Environment, and Dr. Satoshi Murao, Senior Research Scientist, coordinated the work, gathered information, wrote the paper, presented the paper, and answered questions from representatives of other countries at the meeting.

On the first day, Mr. Shigeru Mochida, Deputy Executive Secretary of ESCAP declared the meeting open, and stated that the meeting held an important position in the eighteenth session of CSD. He also thanked AIST publicly for our cooperation.

Discussions followed on the aforementioned topics, and each resource person of each specific topic presented review results of the status quo and the future issues of Asia and the Pacific region.

On the second day, the secretariat presented a report proposal, and the representatives of the various countries, and other groups considered the content. However, there were time limitations and a final agreement was not met.

Thereupon it was decided that the secretariat would draw up the final report adopting the comments made at the meeting. The final consented report will be used at the CSD eighteenth session to be held in spring, 2010, as the Chair's summary of the Regional Implementation Meeting for Asia and the Pacific.



Senior Research Scientist Murao reporting on mining of Asia and the Pacific (right, directly under the screen)

Cover Photos

Above: Assistant Robot "TAIZO" (p. 19)

Below: RAPUDA attached to an electric wheelchair (p. 20)



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