

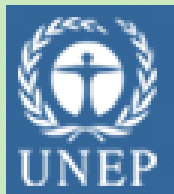
UNEP-Tongji Institute of Environment for Sustainable Development

ASIA-PACIFIC LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME on Environment for Sustainable Development

Shanghai and Suzhou, 15-20 September 2008



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2008 Asia-Pacific Leadership Programme on Environment for Sustainable Development

The 2008 Asia-Pacific Leadership Programme on Environment for Sustainable Development was held in Shanghai from 15 - 18 September 2008, followed by field visit in Suzhou on 19 - 20 September 2008. This year more than 320 applications were received, which is the largest number of applications in comparison to the previous years. After a careful selection on the basis of their leadership potential and prospect of positions of influence, while also maintaining sub-regional balance, 28 applicants from 19 countries were selected as participants of the 2008 Asia-Pacific Leadership Programme on Environment for Sustainable Development. The resource persons came mostly from the UNEP Asia-Pacific Regional University Consortium. The Hanns Seidel Foundation generously sponsored participants from the ASEAN countries. 2008 also marked the fifth anniversary of the annual Asia-Pacific Leadership Programmes.



Welcome Ceremony, launch of IESD PhD programme and 3rd Intake of Masters Programme

The Opening Ceremony was conducted at UNEP-Tongji Institute of Environment for Sustainable Development (IESD) in the morning of 15 September 2008. Prof. Pei Gang, President of Tongji University and Prof. Zhao Jianfu, Vice President of Tongji University were both on hand to welcome participants and resource persons.

Mr. Mahesh Pradhan from UNEP's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Ms. Nila Puspita from the Hanns Seidel Foundation Jakarta, and Dr. Zinaida Fadeeva from the United Nations University, addressed the ceremony. The ceremony was followed by launch of IESD PhD programme and 3rd intake of Masters Programme. Yale University signed a Letter of Intent to formally join the Asia Pacific Regional University Consortium on Environment for Sustainable Development (RUC). This was followed by group photographs.



Introduction

Following the Opening Ceremony, Mr. Surendra Shrestha, Director for Strategic Resource Mobilization and Special Initiatives from UNEP HQs in Nairobi, delivered a keynote lecture on the topic of "UNEP and Global Environmental Challenges". He highlighted Climate Change and Biodiversity (including biomimicry), issues that need more science such as the Atmospheric Brown Cloud, international environmental governance, as well as UNEP's thematic priority areas and resources. Mr. Shrestha, Prof. Jianfu and Prof. Fengting entertained questions posed by the press following the Introductory Keynote Lecture session.

The morning session was followed by an Ice Breaker and Personal Ecological Footprint session in the afternoon, coordinated by Mr. Robert Steele of Sustainability Asia. The afternoon was interactive with a series of self-introductions, orientation, and presentation of the sub-regional posters by the participants. It also included active discussions amongst the participants. A welcome dinner was organized on a boat cruise on the Huangpu river, next to Pudong, in the evening.



Human Dimension

On the second day of the programme, the emphasis was on the human dimension. It started with a foundation lecture on the topic of "Mind-Body-Soul" by Prof. Sivakumar of Wollongong University, Australia. This was followed by a panel discussion on Sustainable Development Paradigm and Harmonizing of Mind-Body-Soul which included Ms. Man Hu from the Art of Living Foundation, Ms. Nok, a Yoga instructor from Thailand, and Prof. Sivakumar. The session rounded up with interactive discussions. In the afternoon session, Prof. Mario Tabucanon from the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) delivered a lecture on "Mental Attributes of Effective Leadership". The panel discussion which followed highlighted systems thinking and decision making as leadership tools. Panelists included Prof. Mario, Mr. Steele, and Ms. Wu Min of Tongji University.



Environment Dimension

In the Foundation lecture, Prof. Kumar from AIT, introduced the notion of causes and impacts of global warming. The subsequent panelists highlighted critical issues of air, water, land and biodiversity - ecosystem services and climate change. Prof. Dahe Jiang from IESD-Tongji, Prof. Sivakumar, and Prof. Fangming Jin from Tongji University participated in the Panel.

In the afternoon session Prof. Deo Prasad from the University of New South Wales (UNSW) delivered a foundation lecture on the built environment. This was followed by a panel discussion on ecological-minded building and design for sustainable living by the Tongji University College of Urban Planning and Architecture.



Sustainable Development

The economic dimension of Sustainable Development was introduced by Mr Mahesh Pradhan which included the basics of Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP). This was followed by live examples of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by Mr. William Hua from Bayer, and Mr. Bai Yukang from HSBC. A lively panel discussion took place after these presentations, which included Prof. Peng Yun-e from Tongji University and Prof. Sivakumar.

In the afternoon session, Prof. Lex Brown from Griffith University Australia conducted an interactive group exercise on "Planning for Sustainability". The session was highly appreciated by all the participants.



Field Trip to Suzhou

On the fifth and sixth days, the participants of the Leadership Programme were brought to Suzhou city of the Jiangsu province on the fifth and sixth day. Located beside Lake Jinji (Golden Rooster) in the eastern suburb of the Suzhou city, and eighty kilometers away from Shanghai, the Suzhou Industrial Park lies in the center of the Yangtze River Delta and the juncture of China's coastal economic open areas and the Yangtze River economic development belt. The Suzhou Industrial Park is the first flagship of Sino-Singaporean cooperation and draws on Singapore's eco-conservation experience in regard to efficient energy use and environmental protection. Participants had the privilege to visit the Ecocity Exhibition at Suzhou, tour of Suzhou Gardens, as well as Suzhou Museum. Earlier in the morning, the local Environmental Protection Bureau also made a presentation on the environmental challenges and outlook for Suzhou City.



Synthesis

On the final day of the Programme, the participants were introduced to the Pyramid Exercise by Mr. Robert Steele from AtKisson Group. The Pyramid Exercise assisted participants on understanding the notion of and their connectivity among the four different dimensions, namely Nature, Society, Economy, and Well being. At the end of the programme, the participants were encouraged to make presentations and agree on the group Capstone Agreements.

Closing Ceremony and Awarding of Certificated to the 2008 Leadership Programme Participants

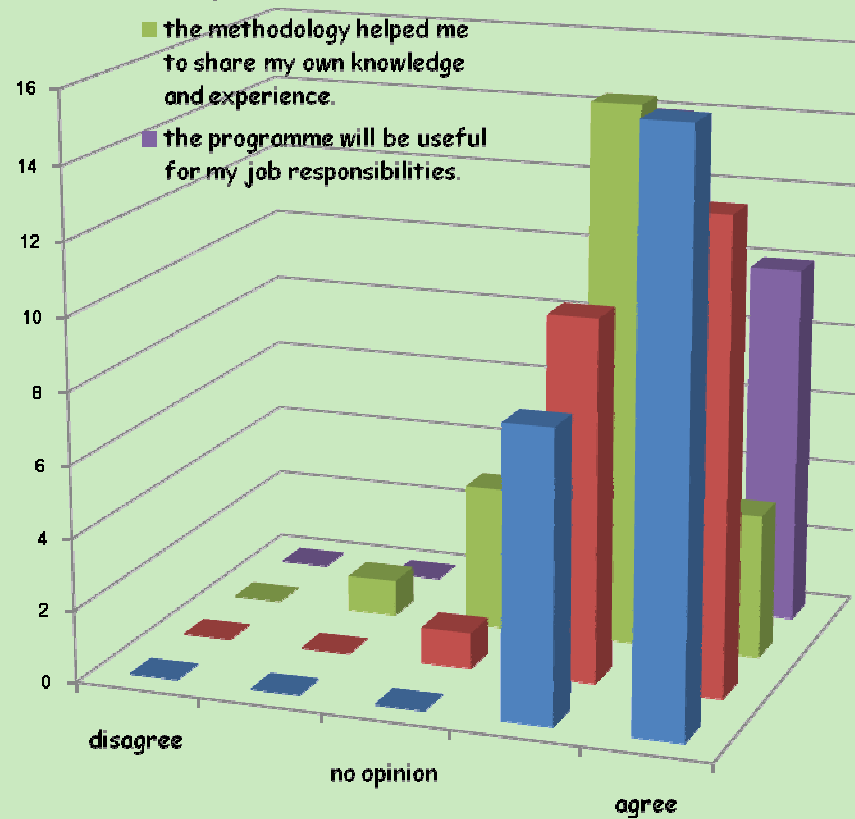
The Closing Ceremony was conducted on the evening of the final day. Ms. Tan Ying, vice-mayor of Suzhou City, Prof. Li Fengting of IESD and Mr. Mahesh Pradhan of UNEP delivered congratulatory addresses to the participants.

It was remarkable that Vice Mayor Tan Ying was also an alumna of the first Leadership Programme in 2004. The 28 participants were awarded certificates from the UNEP-Tongji Institute of Environment for Sustainable Development. The resource persons were also awarded certificates of appreciation.

A lively performance was organized by the participants, which also included a special group song composed for the Leadership Programme.



- the content of the programme was well structured.
- the lecture times were used well and the programme was well paced.
- the methodology helped me to share my own knowledge and experience.
- the programme will be useful for my job responsibilities.



Participants' Evaluation of Programme

Follow-up Self-Assessments

The self-assessment form serves to track progress after the Leadership Programme, to evaluate the transfer of learning concepts, information and skills and to assist with the further efforts by the alumni of the Leadership Programme. The survey is to be conducted after three months (Jan 2009), six months (April 2009) and nine months (July 2009) of 2008 the Leadership Programme.



2008 Leadership Programme Participants

Sub-region	Country	Name of participants
1. Central Asia	Kazakhstan	Mr. Dmitriy Tereshkevich
	Uzbekistan	Mr. Ravshanjon Mamatkulov
	Iran	Mr. Jafar Barmaki
2. South Asia	Bangladesh	Mr. Syed Nazmul Ahsan
	Bhutan	Mr. Mewang Gyeltshen
	India	Mr. Vivek Saxena
	Nepal	Ms. Rupa Basnet Parasai
	Pakistan	Ms. Isma Sana
	Sri Lanka	Mr. Imalka Gunawardana
3. Southeast Asia	Philippines	Ms. Glenda M. Cadigal
	Indonesia	Mr. Agus Harya Setyaki
	Indonesia	Ms. Maria Mumpuni Purboningrum
	Thailand	Ms. Pakarat Thanasansomboon
	Myanmar	Ms. Le Le Thein
	Vietnam	Ms. Trang Tran Thi Huong

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Sub-region	Country	Name of participants
4. South Pacific	Fiji	Mr. Fine Faitehina Tutu'u Lao
	Samoa	Ms. Anna Elizabeth Tiraa
5. Northeast Asia	China	Mr. Xiang Wenfu
	China	Mr. Liu Hao
	China	Mr. Zhang Lixin
	China	Mr. Feng Jin
	Japan	Ms. Mami Shijo
	Korea	Ms. Mee Young Choi
6. International Organization and others	RRC.AP	Ms. Naw Wah Wah Htoo
	RRC.AP	Ms. Charina May B. Lepiten
	RRC.AP	Ms. Sansana Malaiarisoan
	UNEP/ROAP	Ms. Aretha Aprilia
	UNEP/ROAP	Mr. Nuki Agya Utama

2008 Leadership Programme Alumni Network - Aim Higher!

All participants of 2008 Leadership Programme are cordially invited to join the Alumni Network of the Asia-Pacific Leadership Programme on Environmental for Sustainable Development.

A facebook group has created for continued networking and interaction:
<http://www.new.facebook.com/group.php?gid=39958366421>



2008 Leadership Programme Resources Persons

