

Speech points of Minister of Environment Japan (non-official)

1. Japan's support to developing countries in forestry sector
 - More than half of ODA money to forest sector (globally) is from Japan, and Japan has been top donor for ITTO and contribute to forest related issues (deforestation, illegal logging etc.) through financial support to WB and FAO.
 - Japan considers capacity development and technology transfer are the most important area in the aid of forestry sector. (Ex. Dispatch of technical expert to Indonesia and Brazil, providing satellite information of Japanese satellite (ALOS),
 - Based on the experiences, Japan plans to contribute proactively to reducing emissions activities including REDD in developing countries both technically and financially.

2. Need of quick action and building of REDD mechanism in the future
 - Quick action would lead to the reduction of cost for dealing with REDD related issues
 - For the negotiation towards COP15, we believe it is indispensable to include REDD mechanism into fair and achievable international protocol which can be participated by all countries

3. Towards global partnership
 - In addition to methodological and technological issue, it is true REDD issue would cause the controversies such as compatibility with biodiversity conservation and transparency of financial support
 - We are planning to deal with those issues through various pilot activities in collaboration with our partners such as developing countries and international organizations.
 - We think it is crucial to have an active collaboration not only between developed and developing countries, but to involve related international organizations, private sector, NGOs, and other stakeholders to construct REDD mechanism.
 - We plan to contribute proactively to progress global partnership to construct trustworthy well-functioning REDD mechanism.