

**Review and Sharing Workshop for  
the Effective Development of PLANET Programme  
(Tokyo, Japan, 3 – 6 October 2006)**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Asia/Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU) organizes Review and Sharing Workshop for the Effective Development of PLANET Programme from 3 to 6 October 2006 in Tokyo, Japan, in co-operation with the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO, as one of the “Scholars and Professionals Invitation Project” within the framework of the “2006/07 ACCU Invitation Programme for International Education Exchange of Teachers and Professionals”.

### **1. Background**

ACCU has been producing the Package Learning Materials on Environment (PLANET) since 1997, in collaboration with experts in non-formal education, environment, materials development and animation in Asia and the Pacific, and the UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education. The PLANET materials package is designed to stimulate motivation for improving current environmental conditions for the future. It aims at raising environmental awareness and generating a sense of togetherness between nature and humankind throughout the world, thereby contributing to the promotion of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).

Until 2004, ACCU mainly supported the production of PLANET local versions in numerous countries in Asia and the Pacific, as well as in Latin America, namely Brazil and Mexico. Consequently, PLANET 1 “Water Pollution” has been localized in 19 languages and PLANET 2 “Forest Conservation” in 21 countries. However, it has been pointed out that not only the production of local versions but also their dissemination and utilization should be supported, to ensure that the localized materials will fully reach and serve the target learners.

Therefore, the PLANET Production and Utilization Scheme in each country has been divided into two phases, Phase I: Local Version Production and Phase II: Dissemination and Utilization from PLANET 3 “Waste Management”. This has enabled ACCU to work closer with partner organizations from the production to actual utilization stages of the materials. So far, eight countries, i.e.: Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Philippines, Cambodia, Mongolia, Thailand and Uzbekistan have implemented PLANET 3 projects.

### **2. Objectives**

In this regard, the Workshop aims to share innovative approaches in adaptation, dissemination and utilization of the localized materials, as well as challenges and lessons learnt from the participating countries, thereby contributing to the improvement of their policy setting and project implementation along with the improvement of the entire PLANET programme. In addition, the Workshop also intends to develop strategies of further development, dissemination and utilization, including monitoring and evaluation, of PLANET materials in the future.

### 3. Expected Outcomes

- (1) The overall PLANET Programme including past achievements and remaining tasks were reviewed.
- (2) Innovative approaches, challenges and lessons learnt from the participating organizations in different countries on each of the following issues and topics were shared.
  - a) Adaptation
  - b) Dissemination strategies (directly to educational institute and indirectly to policy-makers, both in urban and rural settings)
  - c) Utilization of PLANET materials, including the perspectives of incorporation of PLANET into the existing curriculum of both formal and non-formal education
  - d) Impact and effectiveness of PLANET projects
  - e) Capacity development of facilitators/teachers
  - f) Monitoring and Evaluation
  - g) Inter-agency cooperation
- (3) Strategies of further development, adaptation, dissemination and utilization of PLANET materials were developed.

### 4. Date and Venue

Tuesday 3 October – Friday 6 October, 2006  
Hotel Metropolitan Edmont, Tokyo, Japan

### 5. Participants

- 1) Executives and staff members from the PLANET 3 Executive Organizations in the following eight countries:  
*Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Philippines, Cambodia, Mongolia, Thailand and Uzbekistan*

#### **Each organization is requested to nominate up to three participants as follows:**

- i) One from the management level of the organization directing the PLANET project;
- ii) One project manager who is in charge of and familiar with the project implementation in the field; and
- iii) [Optional] One facilitator who has been actively involved in teaching-learning activities for the target learners using PLANET 3 materials.

<b>Nomination criteria of participating facilitators</b>
One facilitator from each country: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) with firsthand experience in organizing teaching-learning session(s) for using PLANET 3 materials for the main target learners indicated in the project proposal;</li><li>(b) who is willing to participate in the workshop to share his/her experiences; and</li><li>(c) with adequate English communication skills, if possible. (If not, the other participants from the same country are requested to help his/her communication with international participants especially during group work. Alternatively, an interpreter can attend the workshop on your own budget).</li></ol>

- 2) Organization(s) working in the Pacific interested in PLANET programme
- 3) Resource persons
- 4) Experts in the relevant fields of specialization

\* Observers from interested organizations may also participate in the workshop.

## 6. Provisional Programme

DATE	Morning Activities	Afternoon Activities
Monday 2 October	Arrival of the international participants	
<b>DAY 1</b> Tuesday 3 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening Session</li> <li>• Workshop Orientation</li> <li>• Review of PLANET Programme</li> <li>• Sharing experiences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing experiences (continued)</li> </ul>
<b>DAY 2</b> Wednesday 4 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study visits</li> </ul>	
<b>DAY 3</b> Thursday 5 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adaptation</li> <li>• Dissemination and Utilization</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact and effectiveness</li> <li>• Capacity development of facilitators and teachers</li> </ul>
<b>DAY 4</b> Friday 6 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring and evaluation</li> <li>• Inter-agency cooperation and social partnership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future PLANET programme</li> </ul>
Saturday 7 October	Departure of the international participants	

## 7. Expected Preparation by Participants

- 1) Each executing organization will be requested to prepare a 20 minutes presentation on their PLANET 3 project, with special focus on innovative approaches, challenges, and lessons learnt.

\*A separate guideline on presentation preparation will be provided in due course.

\*It would be highly appreciated if the presentation could include as many visual images as possible, such as photos and movies.

- 2) Each executing organization will be requested to prepare a report on their PLANET activities, as a case-study of the PLANET project at the local level, based on the reports submitted to ACCU earlier.

\*The reports submitted from eight countries will be compiled into a publication on practices of Environment Education / ESD through the PLANET programme.

## 8. Financial Arrangements

ACCU will provide each of the international participants with a round-trip air ticket (economy class) between the nearest international airport to his/her residence and Tokyo with the most reasonable routing, and a set amount of daily subsistence allowance.

## 9. Working Language

The working language of the Workshop will be English.

\*Please inform ACCU as soon as possible if you wish to bring an interpreter on your own budget.

## 10. Accommodation

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