

The 4th International Conference on Forest Related Traditional Knowledge and Culture in Asia - Forests and Village : Finding New Values in Future -

November 23-26, 2011
Seogwipo, Jeju Islands, Korea

First Announcement

20 April 2011

1. Background

Population migration from rural to urban area is popular phenomena around the world. In the early and mid 20th century, Asian countries have been experiencing common problems such as rapid urbanization coupled with rural exodus due to occidental civilization and institutions. Rapid urbanization has been accompanied with declining traditional knowledge and culture transcended at rural community from generation to generation. This conference has a focus to identify the value of forest related traditional knowledge being utilized at rural area in Asia, and to suggest alternative way of modernized people in urban area. Especially, an example of such forest-related traditional knowledge is based on village common woodlands located within and around villages in Asia. This meeting will contribute not only the finding common process from rural to urban community, also discovering regional specific process related with regional political, social and religion characteristics in Asia.

During last century, what kinds of nature did we lose? What kinds of humanity has disappeared?

In the course of retrospection of this enormous change last century, we can discuss a clue and new horizon between forest and village toward future generation in Asia.

Korea Forest Research Institute (KFRI) is pleased to announce The 4th International Conference on Forest Related Traditional Knowledge and Culture, to be held in Jeju islands, Republic of Korea, on 23-26 November 2011. The conference will contribute to commemorating symposiums towards the International Year of Forest.

This conference follows The 1st International Conference on Forest Related Traditional Knowledge and Culture (organized by Korea Forest Research Institute, Seoul National University and the Society of Forest and Culture in Seoul, Korea on 5-10 October, 2008), The 2nd International Conference (organized by Kunming Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences, with other partners in Kunming, China on 19-24 October, 2009), and the 3rd International Conference (organized by Research Institute for Humanity and Nature and Kanazawa University, with other co-organizers in Kanazawa, Japan on 14-15 December, 2010).

2. Objectives:

1. To share information on forest-related traditional knowledge and culture and exchange experiences in promoting traditional knowledge and culture for sustainable forest management in Monsoon Asia.
2. To strengthen regional networking on traditional knowledge and culture, forest and biodiversity, and sustainable development at rural landscape in East Asia.

3. Proposed Topics:

1. Cultural and spiritual identity of forest-dwelling peoples, and traditional beliefs of their relationship with village common woodlands
2. Restoration of sustainable rural community and change of nature and humanity at rural landscape
3. Traditional knowledge of forest products, including wood and non-wood products, food materials, fodder and medicine, housing and fuel wood
4. Traditional knowledge of environmental functions of forests in relation to water supply, soil conservation and climate regulation
5. Urban ecological restoration based on traditional knowledge
6. Change of agroforestry systems at rural landscape
7. Policy issues relating to forests and traditional knowledge and culture

4. Tentative Programme:

- 23rd November: Arrival (Jeju Int'l airport); Registration (Seogwipo City, Jeju islands)
- 24th November: Conference sessions and Reception (Seogwipo City, Jeju islands)
- 25th November: Field trip and closing ceremony (Seogwipo City, Jeju islands)
- 26th November: Departure (Jeju Int'l airport)

5. Symposium Venue: Seogwipo City

- Further information will be provided by **July 31, 2011.**

6. Registration:

Please contact one of the referees below before submitting a proposal. This conference will not accept proposals without a reference. Provide your reference's name and institution on your registration form and send it to Dr. SHIN Joon Hwan at kecology@forest.go.kr no later than **July 31, 2011.** After your registration form is accepted, the invitation letter will be provided until **August 31, 2011.**

Referees

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Visa: **You may be required to show your visa upon entry to mainland of Korea. However, Visa is not required to stay short time at Jeju, a Special Self-Governing Province. Please check with the Korean Embassy about visa requirements considering Jeju Special Self-Governing Province.**

7. Important Deadlines:

- Submission of Abstract (1,000 characters) and Registration Form: **July 31, 2011.**
- Submission of full paper (25,000 characters): **September 15, 2011.**
(Please make sure that the papers should be made following the format in attached sample document.)

8. Language: English

- **Oral Presentation at the symposium:**

Your time allotment will be around 20-30 min (including brief Q&A, tentative), in English.
The audience will consist mainly of academic researchers.

- **Poster sessions: Instruction on poster size and format** will be provided by **June 30, 2011.**
- **Interpreter:** Not provided

9. Accommodation:

Hotel List will be available by **June 30, 2011.** Those who want to seek advice in advance, please contact the Secretariat.

10. Access from the Airport to the Hotel:

Will be advised by **June 30, 2011.**

11. Participation fee:

Will be advised by **June 30, 2011.**

12. Field Trip:

Will be advised by **June 30, 2011.**

13. Organizers and Sponsors:

1.) Organizers:

- Korea Forest Research Institute (KFRI) and Seoul National University (SNU)

2.) Co-organizers:

- Korea Forest Service and International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)

14. Secretariat: Korea Forest Research Institute (KFRI)

Logistics:

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15. The 2nd Announcement will be provided by June 30, 2011

Registration Form (to be submitted by July 31, 2011)

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Name	
Title/Position	
Organization/Institution	
Address, Tel, Fax and Email	
Presentation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Oral / Poster	Oral <input type="checkbox"/> Poster <input type="checkbox"/>
Title of presentation	
Field Trip	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Your reference's name and institution	