

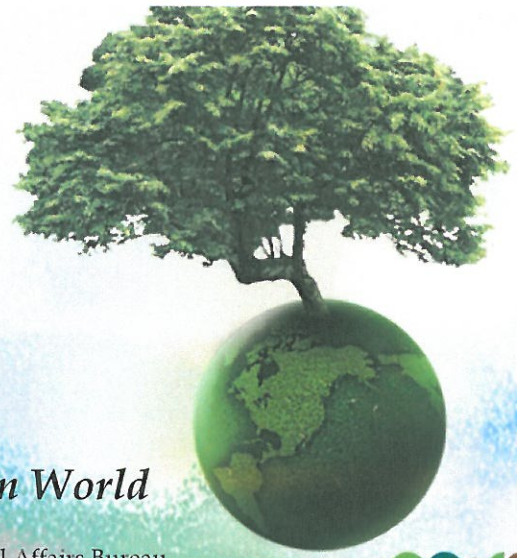
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Welcome to the ninth issue of the Korea Forest Service Newsletter on international forestry cooperation. In our quarterly newsletter, we aim to provide you with updates on our international affairs and key cooperation projects on forestry.

Your comments or suggestions will be highly appreciated in order to improve each and every issue we publish.

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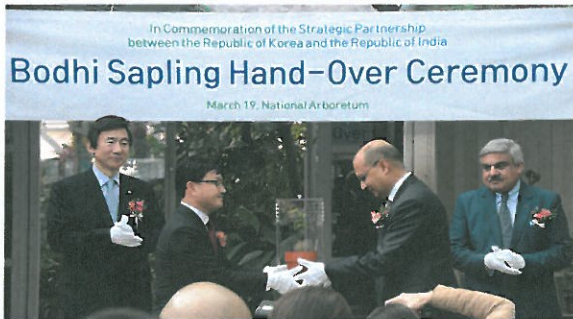
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The Bodhi Tree Sapling Hand-Over Ceremony was held at the Korea National Arboretum on 19 March 2014.

The Bodhi sapling was presented by Ambassador of India to Seoul H.E. Wishnu Prakash to Minister of the Korea Forest Service H.E. Shin Won Sop at the Ceremony.

In commemoration of the strategic relationship between the Republic of Korea and the Republic of India, it is a special gift from Prime Minister of the Republic of India Manmohan Singh to President of the Republic of Korea Park Geun-hye on the occasion of President Park's visit to India for the Korea-India summit held in New Delhi on 16 January 2014.

Particularly H.E. Anil Wadhwa, Indian Secretary for External Affairs visited Korea for this occasion to grace the Ceremony. H.E. Yun Byung-se, Korean Minister for Foreign Affairs wished for a stronger partnership between the two countries like a deeply rooted tree which can bear abundant fruit.



Bodhi Tree Sapling Hand-Over Ceremony

The presented sapling is a direct descendent of the sacred Bodhi tree under which Buddha achieved the enlightenment. This symbolic sapling is of the third presentation by the Government of the Republic of India following the previous gifts to Thailand and Sri Lanka.



Unveiling Ceremony of the information board

The special care is being given to the sapling which is now cultivated in the Tropical Plant Resources Center of the Korea National Arboretum. When it grows more than 1 m high in good condition, it will be open to the public.



The Launching of AFoCo Landmark Program in Myanmar

The Launching Ceremony for the AFoCo Landmark Program was held in the capital city of the Republic of Union of Myanmar, Nay Pyi Taw, on 14 March 2014. Many distinguished guests from the ASEAN member states had participated to this ceremony.



Ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Launching

The welcome remarks were given by H.E. U Win Tun, the Union Minister of the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry of Myanmar, and Mr. Hadi Pasaribu, the Executive Director of AFoCo Secretariat. Minister of the Korea Forest Service, H.E. Shin Won-Sop also gave the congratulatory remarks. There were also four members of the Korean National Assembly participating in this ceremony, as well as the Council members of AFoCO.



Launching of the AFoCo Landmark Program

This Landmark Program aims to strengthen human resources in forestry and to restore degraded forest in South Asia. Under this Landmark Program, several rehabilitation projects and education programs are planned, and two MOUs were signed in this regards: one for the Education and Training Center in Myanmar and the other for the forest rehabilitation in Cambodia.

The Landmark Program will span 10 years involving all 10 ASEAN member states. Within this 10 years, AFoCo targets to achieve the goals as well as establish greener Asia through this Landmark Program.



Cooperation on REDD+ Joint Project with Indonesia

The Second Joint Steering Committee for the Korea-Indonesia FMU / REDD+ Joint Project in Tasik Besar Serkap

The 2nd Joint Steering Committee (JSC) for the Korea-Indonesia FMU / REDD+ Joint Project in Tasik Besar Serkap was held on 19 March, 2014 at the Ministry of Forestry in Jakarta, Indonesia.



The 2nd JSC on Korea-Indonesia FMU/REDD+ Joint Project

The objective of the second JSC was to establish detailed implementation plans for the REDD+ Joint Project. A total of 20 participants from Indonesia and Korea joined the discussions, including Basoeki Karyaatmadja, Secretary of Directorate General of

Forest Planning from the Indonesian Ministry of Forestry, and Lee Mira, Director of the Global Forest Resources and Trade Division, Korea Forest Service, as head delegates of each country.

The K-I FMU/REDD+ Joint Project in Tasik Besar Serkap is one of KFS efforts to secure carbon credits, correspond to climate change mitigation, and contribute to the development of national economy through REDD+ activities (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation in developing countries plus).

The Second International Workshop on Forest Recreation and Ecotourism in Indonesia

As a follow up action to the MOU between the Republic of Korea and the Republic of Indonesia signed by the two leaders on cooperation in forest recreation and ecotourism in 2013, the Second International Workshop on Forest Recreation and Ecotourism was held in Indonesia from 20 to 21 March, 2014. The Workshop provided an opportunity for both sides of the governments, academia, and private sectors to exchange opinions and discuss the direction of the Master Plan 2014.



The 2nd Int'l Workshop on Forest Recreation and Ecotourism



Training Course on Forest Management System between Korea and Kazakhstan

Following up on the signing of the MOU on the cooperation in the field of forestry at the 7th ROK-Central Asia Cooperation Forum on 4 October 2013, four specialists from the Republic of Kazakhstan visited Korea for the short-term training course, titled “Training Course on Forest management System between the Republic of Korea and Republic of Kazakhstan” from 15 to 20 March.

These specialists visited the major forest organizations and institutes of Korea, including the Korea Forest Service, the Korea Forest Research Institute, the Korea National Arboretum, the National Forest Seed and Variety Center, and the AFoCo Secretariat. Beginning with this visit, it is expected that there will be more vigorous forest activities between two countries.



Kazakhstan Specialists Visiting the KFS

Upcoming Events & Programs

- 7~9 April, Korea : The 8th Korea-Myanmar Forestry Cooperative Committee,
- 21~23 April, Jeju Island, Korea : The 8th ROK-Central Asia Cooperation Forum,
- 7~8 May, Cambodia : The 3rd Korea-Cambodia Forestry Cooperative Committee,
- 20~21 May, Tunisia : The 2nd Korea-Tunisia Forest Cooperative Committee
- 7~9 May, Songdo, Korea : Regional Training Workshop on UNCCD National Reporting
- May, Korea : Short-term training program on REDD+ capacity-building for Indonesia, Cambodia, Myanmar and Laos
- June : Planting event in commemoration of the World Day of Combating Desertification Day in Mongolia, and International Symposium on Combat Desertification in Seoul, Korea
- June, Rome, Italy : plan to sign the MoU between the Korea Forest Service and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on Cooperation for Global Forest Restoration and Sustainable Management