

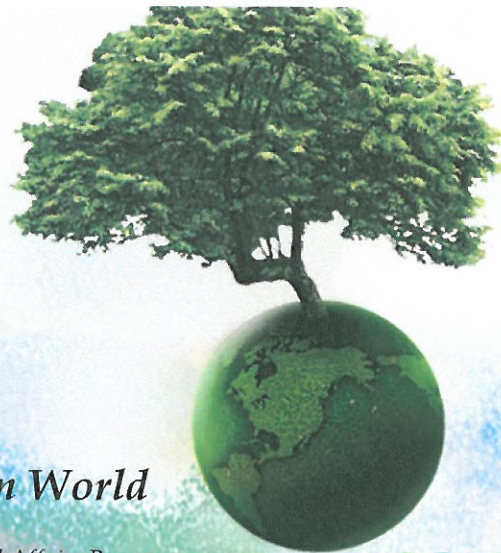
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Welcome to the tenth issue of the Korea Forest Service Newsletter on international forestry cooperation. In our quarterly newsletter, we aim to provide you with updates on our international affairs and key cooperation projects on forestry. Your comments or suggestions will be highly appreciated in order to improve each and every issue we publish.

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Signing of Forest Reforestation MOU between Korea and Kazakhstan

President Park Geun-hye of ROK took a visit to three Central Asian nations – first to Uzbekistan and then to Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan.



Signing of MOU, attended by the Presidents of Korea and Kazakhstan

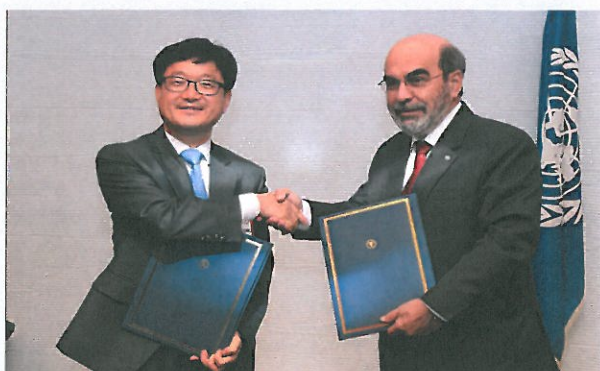
It was to bolster the economic cooperation as well as to highlight the 'Eurasia Initiative' (proposed by ROK, it calls for building more infrastructures and freeing up trade between Eurasian nations to create what could become a large single market rivaling the European Union).

In the presence of President Park and President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan, the Memorandum of Understanding for 'Cooperation on Forestation and Reforestation' between the Ministry of Environment and Water Resources of Kazakhstan and the Korea Forest Service of Korea, was signed by Minister Shin Won-Sop of the Korea Forest Service and Minister Nurlan Kapparov Dzhambulovich of the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources.

This MOU deals particularly with the restoration projects for the degraded Aral Sea, establishment of the Astana Friendship Forest, and the establishment of the post of forestry resident officer at the Embassy of ROK to Kazakhstan.



KFS signs MoU with FAO on Cooperation for Forest Restoration and Sustainable Management



Signing of MOU at FAO, Rome, Italy

On the 23rd of June, the Korea Forest Service signed the general Memorandum of Understanding with the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations on cooperation for forest restoration

and sustainable management during the 22nd Committee on Forestry and the 4th World Forest Week in Rome, Italy.

Under this MoU, the KFS and FAO will work together on areas including forest and landscape restoration, sustainable forest management, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and forest health and protection.



Keynote speech by Minister of KFS

Earlier that day, the Minister delivered a keynote speech introducing the successful restoration experience of Korea and emphasizing the international community's responsibilities towards the greener future.

On the second day of COFO 2014, the Korean delegation attended a side-event celebrating the launch of the FAO Forest and Landscape Restoration Mechanism.



Launch of the FAO Forest and Landscape Restoration Mechanism during FAO-COFO 2014



The 8th Meeting of Korea-Myanmar Forestry Cooperative Committee

The eighth meeting of the Korea-Myanmar Forestry Cooperative Committee was held between the Korea Forest Service (KFS) and the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry (MOECAF) of Myanmar in Daejeon, on 8 April 2014. The Korean delegation was headed by H.E. Dr. Shin Won Sop, Minister of the KFS and the Myanmar delegation by H.E. U Win Tun, Union Minister.



The 8th meeting of Korea-Myanmar FCC

It was agreed at the 8th meeting of the Committee to collaborate on signing the MOU on forest plantation investment and climate change this October between KFS and MOECAF, and the MOU on joint research between the Korea National Arboretum and the Forest Research Institute of Myanmar. Further both sides agreed to make shared efforts in implementing a REDD+ pilot project, a capacity-building program for Myanmar forestry officers and extending the current AFoCo Agreement.



The 3rd Meeting of Korea-Cambodia FCC and the Opening of IRD in Cambodia

The third meeting of the Korea-Cambodia Forestry Cooperative Committee was held between the

Korea Forest Service and the Forestry Administration of Cambodia on 7 May 2014, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The Korean delegation was headed by Dr. LEE Chang-jae, Director General of the International Affairs Bureau, KFS and the Cambodian delegation by Dr. Chheng Kimsun, Head of the Forestry Administration.

Both sides agreed to facilitate the follow-up activities under the MOU on the Investment in Forest Plantation and Climate Change, make shared efforts in resolving challenges in forest investment in Cambodia, explore cooperation areas on forest resources use, and cooperate on REDD+ pilot project, forest researches and seed conservation.

On the same day, the opening ceremony of the Institute of Forest and Wildlife Research and Development (IRD) took place on May 7th, which was established in Cambodia with the support of the Government of Korea, and distinguished participants from both countries celebrated this significant cooperation between the two countries.



Opening Ceremony at IRD

Now a Korean expert has been dispatched to provide assistance with the initial operation of the IRD and the development of forest research activities



KFS celebrates the 2014 WDCD

The Korea Forest Service (KFS) joined the celebration of the 2014 World Day to Combat Desertification (WDCD) by hosting the International Symposium on Combating Desertification and organizing a tree-planting ceremony in Mongolia. Both events were held in collaboration with the Republic of Korea's National Assembly Caucus on Tree Planters.

On 10 June 2014, the International Symposium was successfully held at the National Assembly Member's Building in Seoul and was attended by over 150 participants from home and abroad.

Presentations on the actions taken by the UNCCD secretariat, Korean and Chinese Government, academia and CSOs highlighted the importance of land. In particular, the Symposium enhanced the understanding of Republic of Korea's ODA (official development assistance) projects in the forestry sector that aim at combating DLDD.

Following the Symposium, tree planting activities took place in the dry area of Bayankhangai, one of the Korea-Mongolia Greenbelt Plantation Project¹ sites on 13 June 2014. Participated by over 100 people, including parliamentarians, government officials, local residents, volunteers and journalists from Korea and Mongolia, the event was held in a

¹ The Korea-Mongolia Greenbelt Plantation Project is a 10-year project (2007-2016) with the aim of planting 300ha of trees in the Gobi Desert. The KFS and the Mongolian Ministry of Environment and Green Development have joined hands to prevent desertification and mitigate effects of dust and sand storms. So far, the project was implemented in the area of over 1,500ha. Capacity building and joint research programmes are also well underway.

very amicable atmosphere. It is envisaged that the event will significantly contribute to raising the awareness of the issue as well as strengthening cooperation with Mongolia.



Tree planting in Mongolia on 13 June 2014



International Symposium on Combating Desertification on 10 June 2014



KFS Provides Capacity Building Programs

The 1st 2014 REDD+ Capacity Building Program

This Program was held at the Forest Training Institute of the Korea Forest Service (FTI) from May 12 to 16, 2014.

A total of 17 government officials from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, and Myanmar were invited to participate in lectures, discussions, and field studies on REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries). More specifically, the program included lectures such as "Current Status

and Policies of REDD+ in Korea,” “Forest Carbon Survey and Field Study,” “REDD+ Socio-economic Survey,” etc.; a field visit to the Healing Forest of Saneum Natural Recreation Forest; National Reports and discussions; and Korean cultural experiences.



The Forest Management Capacity Building Program

This Program for the government officials of 4 developing countries held at the FTI from May 26 to June 2, 2014 focused on forest management and policy. Participating countries included Benin, Indonesia, Lao PDR, and Myanmar.



Korea-Vietnam Friendship Forest and Green Mountain Village Restoration Project

The Project for Korea-Vietnam Friendship Forest & Green Mountain Village Restoration in Vietnam is in progress of development. It is a follow-up project in

accordance with the Joint Statement of the Korea-Vietnam Summit which was held on September 9 2013 in Hanoi, Cambodia.

The final project sites have been selected after two field surveys and the project proposal is accordingly prepared to apply to the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).

The project is expected to enhance the partnership and friendship between the two countries by establishing the Friendship Forest and contribute to improving local livelihoods and quality of life and promoting land development by restoring degraded forest and improving forest vitality.

Upcoming Events

- **14~18 July** on Jeju island, Korea

The Capacity-building workshop for Central, South and East Asia on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets with the CBD Secretariat

- **Last week of July** in Vietnam

The 8th Korea-Vietnam Forestry Cooperative Committee

- **26~27 August** in Seoul, Korea

REDD + International Symposium & High-Level Panel Discussion

- **Last week of August** in Canada

The signing of the MOU on Forest Cooperation with Canada