

## Summary of Discussion of First Steering Committee Meeting (Provisional)

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Date: 27<sup>th</sup> August 2007

Venue: Meeting room of Institute of Geoecology

Chair: Dr. Tsogotobaatar (Institute of Geoecology), Prof. Matsuoka(Waseda Univ.)

Participants: Mr. Enebish.T (Ministry of Finance and Economy), Mr. Avirmed A(Ministry of Nature and Environment), Mr. Batjargal(4<sup>th</sup> Bag Chief of Saintsagaan Sum), Mr. Moriya(JICA), Dr. Azzaya(Institute hydrology and metrology), Mr.Tumenbayar.Ch(Goyo Co., Ltd), Ms. Mandakh (Intsitute of Geoecology), Dr. Okayasu(The University of Tokyo), Dr. Chizaki, Mr. Nakamura(Global Environmental Forum)

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After indtroducing participants, Dr. Okayasu, The University of Tokyo, made a presentation about resultofresearches. Then Prof. Matsuoka introducing the project and Steering Committee.

Adress of Mr. Moriya/Resident Representative of JICA Mongolian Office

- We have some project about Environment. And rural development is main target. We're interesting in the project.
- About Environmental activities of JICA, we have a project of conservating lake ecosystem and monitoring yellow dust.
- We will participate in the Steering Committee as observer.

Summary of discussion:

- Desertification have been caused by climate chage, not human activities.
- Althought grazing impact grassland, desertification will be not caused in some degree. But if grazing pressure over the degree, land will degradate.
- Japanese organization will only support Mongolians policy or activities.
- We need this meeting continuously for exchang infomations of several project for combating desertificatio.
- In future, harder will live in settled and semi-settled for grazing and agriculture. So this project is very important future grazing models.
- As regards as desertification, we need study from broader perspective included economic aspect.
- Participant from Mongolian Ministry of finace say we will introducing information about desertification projecto and budget, some reports.
- Land law is very important for implementing model project of settled and semi-settled models.
- In preparation to not continue grazing in some degree, Rural development take a important role.
- For implementing project in Dundgovi aimg, group size of harders suitable 3 fammilies.
- Increasing income of group, harder's aspect for environment will chage and bring good infruence to environmental and sociaeconomic condition.
- In Dundgovi aimg, under ground water usage is very important
- We would like to have 2nd Steering Committee Meeting at March 2008 in Ulaanbaatar.