



United Nations Pavilion

EXPO 2005 AICHI JAPAN

Open Dialogue

"Diversity Matters – together we care, together we sustain"
UN Pavilion, 16 September 2005, 13:00-16:00



In line with the theme of the Expo 2005 Aichi, "Nature's Wisdom" and UNESCO's theme "Celebrating Diversity", UNESCO Office, Jakarta, presents UN Pavilion a video presenting a number of UNESCO supported sites and their cultural and biological values. The video highlights "the challenges on the cultural and biological matters in the Asia and the Pacific region", "the importance of sustainable traditional practices", "peoples' perceptions and understanding about their environment" and "their responses to possible changes threatening the environment and natural resources".

In connection with this video, UNESCO Office, Jakarta will hold an Open Dialogue "Diversity Matters – together we care, together we sustain" on 16 September 2005 at UN Pavilion in the expo site, and inviting 50 junior/high school students from Mie and Aichi Prefectures.

The students will be discussing environmental/cultural issues shown in the video with the invited speakers from China, Cambodia, Indonesia and Vietnam, consisted of local people, field workers and researchers.

The cases in the video:

Cambodia:

- Tonle Sap Lake – a unique hydrological regime leading to the dynamic freshwater ecosystems and land-water ecotone,

China:

- Elunchun nomads – a disappearing hunting culture in far north of China,
- Yunnan minorities – a culture with a long history of harmony between Man and Nature,

Indonesia:

- Jakarta – beautiful islands in Jakarta bay, threatened by the waste from Jakarta area;
- Mahakam Delta – mangrove ecosystem damaged by destructive shrimp farming;
- Siberut Island – indigenous culture and its biodiversity endangered by unsustainable practices;
- Banda Island – spectacular landscape and high marine biodiversity,

Japan:

- Shiretoko - new World Heritage nomination in recognition of its outstanding biodiversity and natural beauty,

RO Korea:

- Jeju Island –traditional women divers,

Palau of Micronesia;

- Palau – traditional knowledge for nature conservation,

Vietnam:

- Cat Ba and Halong Bay - spectacular seascapes threatened by development of tourist industry.

SCHEDULE:

13:00	Welcome remarks by Ms. Maria Helena Henriques-Mueller, UN Pavilion Director
13:05	Introduction by Mr. Stephen Hill, Director of UNESCO Office, Jakarta
13:20	Video show in UN Theatre "Diversity Matters Together we care, Together we sustain"
14:00	Opening remarks from Japanese National Committee for MAB / Japanese National Committee for IHP
14:10	Addressing Opening Ceremony by Mr. Stephen Hill, Director of UNESCO Office, Jakarta
14:20	Site presentation. Facilitator: Prof. Kuniyoshi Takeuchi, Chairman, Japanese National Committee for IHP, University of Yamanashi
14:50	Questions and Answers
15:30	Closing remarks by Mr. Stephen Hill