

# Stock-Taking of Niigata Action Plan

## **1 Program • Project Title / Activity No. :**

Share results of a forum on sustainable biomass energy production and use and experiences of biomass town projects launched in East Asia. / Activity No. 38

## **2 Responsible Economy**

Japan

## **3 Objectives**

- Exchange information about sustainable production and use of biomass energy, and enhance cooperation on them.
- Dissemination of the Biomass Town which is the system for achieving sustainable use of biomass and food supply.

## **4 Synopsis of Activities**

- The 4<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Forum on Biomass Energy was hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in Japan ( MAFF ) on 12-14 July 2011 in Chiba City. The representatives of eight ASEAN Member States (Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam), China and Japan as well as ADB and the ASEAN Secretariat participated in the Forum.

The Forum provided the participants with the opportunity to exchange information and experiences on sustainable

biomass energy production and use in the each country. The result of the Forum is presented on information platform.

- The Biomass Town Project in the East Asia has been conducted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in Japan from FY 2008 to FY 2012.

In the selected pilot areas, regional working groups were organized, and members of each regional working group discussed on how to design regional sustainable biomass utilization systems in cooperation with food production. Four Biomass Town Project Plans have been developed in Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia and Indonesia. A Guidebook that propose a framework to plan a sustainable utilization of biomass by local people, will be developed in FY 2012. The result of the Project is presented on information platform.

## **5 Status**

Not yet dealt    On going    Completed

## **6 Further Activities needed**

- MAFF will participate the APT Forum.
- MAFF help countries to develop sustainable biomass utilization through the Guidebook ( sending experts ) .