

Summary & Conclusion of the 1st. Conference

1. During the final discussion the following opinions were exchanged among participants.

Importance of defining the goal of Asian Forum was identified. The importance lies in establishing the policy of our activities.

Communication to encourage introduction of information and technology of each country is important, and its concrete method of transfer must be discussed.

Each country will have sub-center to integrate information of technology and resources so that exchange of information will be accelerated.

Establishment of common platform for transferring technology and providing financial system will become a great asset for both developing and developed countries.

Standardization of various rules such as specification style, approval process, procurement and construction method are required to cope with barriers between countries. In the first place, common core issues such as management of wastes, fire and safety and disaster control must be specified and discussed.

Putting priority is also an important factor in specifying such issues. Further and a continuous study is necessary.

Strong action will become possible if we define adequately what is desired both technologically and financially.

The promotion of technology information exchange, and human resources exchange should be started in the first place of Asian Forum activity.

It will be necessary to define the priority of the field to be discussed such as human resources and procurement of construction materials.

The common database must be organized, and common tools such as application and contract forms for international financing organization could be even developed and utilized.

Asian Forum can act as one body in the international business field to promote contractors and consultants of participating

countries for their better benefits, and to negotiate with international organizations as well.

Asian Forum can act as a database system in the field of architecture and construction to pool professional information and business resources.

It is revolutionary in the field of architecture and construction that we exchange ideas without borders.

Process of finding issues and discussion for them is more important than finding solution for them itself because each country has a different background and concerns.

A common professional background and experiences will be useful for finding better solutions.

And it will generate good opportunities for such professional skills and experiences to be utilized abroad.

It is desirable to reinforce financial and legal aspect in order to make the discussion more practical and powerful.

Future discussion will include the standardization of construction material and appliances.

Both the private and the government sectors participating in Asian Forum, it could achieve what other organizations in the same field could not.

A principle of the Asian Forum must be established after thorough discussion is made.

2. The conclusion of the 1st. conference of Asian Forum is as follows:
 1. Asian Forum will continue for at least five years supported by the Japanese government.
 2. Asian Forum will specify the most commonly concerned needs in Asia and have them recognized among the member countries.
 3. Asian Forum will provide opportunities to create better understanding of common issues such as standardization, legal structure, fire and safety system, environmental control, sustainability, technology transfer and exchange of resources.
 4. Asian Forum will establish common vision for achieving more effective international collaboration.
 5. Institute of International Harmonization for Building and Housing (IIBH), as the Secretariat, will provide the members with sufficient communication means such as a website of the forum. The members will propose the topics for the next conference and IIBH will organize the next conference.