



Activity by HUISD* The Hokudai Network for Global Sustainability Derived from SD Symposium in Summer 2006

The Hokkaido University International Symposium on Sustainable Development was the first multidisciplinary international meeting of its kind, bringing together educators of higher educational institutes and researchers together to share their views on sustainable development of the world. Around 950 educators and researchers from 19 different countries and regions, representing fields as diverse as Earth Science, Ecology, Veterinary, Engineering, Political Science, Education and more, gathered for three days in Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan on August 7-9, 2006.

The Symposium ended with proposals made for the creation of a network, named, the "Hokudai Network for Global Sustainability." ('Hokudai' is a very popular nickname for HU in Japan.) The purpose of the Network is to accelerate education and research on Sustainable Development by sharing ideas and information through the internet, therefore increasing exposure of its methods and increasing opportunities for collaborative activities. The information will be available soon at the following website.

Hokudai Network for Global Network: <http://www.hokudai.ac.jp/huisd/en/>

Partner Universities' contribution to Symposium

Thirteen partner universities sent their faculty members to the Hokkaido University International Symposium on Sustainable Development with eight of them making posters and fliers to assist their respective institution. Their contribution made the symposium fruitful in academic terms, and enhanced our students' interests on exchange programs between partner schools.

*About HUISD

Aspiring to become a more international university, Hokkaido University launched the new "Hokkaido University Initiative for Sustainable Development (HUISD)" project in 2005. A headquarter responsible for this project was established, with the expectation of strengthening the foundation for HU's internationalization policy to be fulfilled in five years' time by March 2009 (FY 2008).



▲Panel discussion



▲Poster session



▲Partner university introduction corner

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