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**Results of the 17th Yellow Sea Rim Economic and Technological Conference
~ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICE CO.,LTD. and Fukuoka Foreign Trade
Association win 4th Yellow Sea Rim Economic and Technological Awards!~**

1. Kyushu Economy International (Chairperson: Yutaka Aso, Chairperson, Kyushu Economic Federation; Advisor: Koichi Shiota, Director-General, Kyushu Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry), with the cooperation of the ROK's Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy and China's Ministry of Commerce, held the Yellow Sea Rim Economic and Technological Conference ("Yellow Sea Rim Conference") as an industry-academia-public sector platform for the Yellow Sea Rim region of Kyushu, the ROK and China in Gunsan City, North Jeolla Province, ROK from November 19-21, 2018.
2. There were approximately 70 participants representing Kyushu from Kyushu Economy International, companies and organizations, about 110 representing the ROK including Roh Keon-ki, Director General of Trade Cooperation at the ROK Ministry of Trade, Industry, and roughly 130 representing China such as Yang Weiqun, Deputy Director of the Department of Asian Affairs at the Chinese Ministry of Commerce (about 310 participants in total).
3. The Yellow Sea Rim Conference Plenary Session, Yellow Sea Rim Business Forum, and Industrial Parks and Special Zones Cooperation Forum were held with the overall themes of the "promotion of interregional exchange" and "creation of new industries and new markets through innovation." Information was actively exchanged on promoting economic exchange in the Yellow Sea Rim region of Kyushu, the ROK and China and the results so far for future cooperation in the region and to deepen exchanges.
4. In addition, ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICE CO.,LTD. (Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka Prefecture) and the Fukuoka Foreign Trade Association (Fukuoka City, Fukuoka Prefecture) respectively won awards for the 4th "Yellow Sea Rim Economic and Technological Awards" in the companies and individuals category and local governments and economic organizations category. This award is to honor in collaboration among the three countries local government agencies, economic organizations and companies that undertake advanced or exemplary initiatives within the Yellow Sea Rim region.
5. The next conference (2019) is scheduled to be held in Jining City in Shandong Province, China.

[Results of respective projects]

Yellow Sea Rim Business Forum (Tuesday, November 20, 9:30-13:30)

Presentations of examples from the three countries and proposals of future collaborative steps were given on common issues of each country in the medical, healthcare, e-commerce, environmental and energy industries in the Yellow Sea Region and technological cooperation.

(Presenters from the Kyushu side)

1st Session [Medical / Healthcare Industry]

“Initiatives for medical and nursing care robots towards 2025”

Makoto Toyoda, General Manager, Humatronics Sales Department, Corporate Sales & Marketing Division, Yaskawa Electric Corporation

2nd Session [E-Commerce]

“Current state of disaster prevention technology and commodity e-commerce”

Akira Doi, Secretary General, Japan Bosai Platform

3rd Session [Environment/Energy Field]

“Report on results of ROK business development through trilateral cooperation, and achievements of the radiating air-conditioning unit ‘ecowin’ in Japan”

Takanobu Murakami, President, Eco Factory Co., Ltd.

Industrial Parks and Special Zones Cooperation Forum (Tuesday, November 20th, 9:30-14:45)

Participants discussed cooperation plans sharing the policies, expertise and experience of the three countries regarding the “establishment and operation of industrial parks and investment promotion” and “regional and economic revitalization through the special zone system.”

(Presenters from the Kyushu side)

Keiichi Nakashima, Director (National Strategic Special Zone Manager), Planning Division, Planning and Coordination Department, Fukuoka City General Affairs and Planning Bureau

“Special Zones for Global Startups & Job Creation”

Yukihiro Sato, Special Zones Chief, Regional Revitalization Promotion Office, Kitakyushu City Planning and Coordination Bureau

“International technology cities in Asia ~initiatives of national strategic special zone in Kitakyushu City~”

* Presentation on the initiatives of the national strategic special zones in Fukuoka City and Kitakyushu City

Yellow Sea Rim Trilateral Director-Generals Meeting (Tuesday, November 20th, 9:50-12:50)

Opinions were exchanged on issues shared by the three countries and the future course of action for initiatives aimed at the promotion of regional exchange in the Yellow Sea Rim region and the creation of new industries and markets through innovation.

Plenary Session (Tuesday, November 20th, 15:00-18:20)

In addition to remarks by national representatives and the reviews of the Yellow Sea Rim Business Forum and Industrial Parks and Special Zones Cooperation Forum, trilateral economic and technological examples were introduced, proposals were presented, and the 4th Yellow Sea Rim Economic and Technological Awards Ceremony was held.

• Kyushu Representatives:

Yutaka Aso, Chairperson, Kyushu Economy International

(Chairperson, Kyushu Economic Federation)

Koichi Shiota, Director-General of Kyushu Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry

• ROK Representative:

Roh Keon-ki, South Korean Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy

- China Representative:
Yang Weiqun, Deputy Director, Department of Asian Affairs, Ministry of Commerce

(Presenters from the Kyushu side)

“Prospects of the solar power O&M business from Kyushu and possible cooperation with the ROK and China”

Gaku Fujii, Deputy Manager, Research Department, Kyushu Economic Research Center

“Kyushu Economic Federation activities concerning trilateral cooperation triggered by Yellow Sea Rim Economic and Technological Conference”

Akira Hirai, Managing Director, Kyushu Economic Federation

(Yellow Sea Rim Economic and Technological Award Winners)

- (1) Category of Companies & Individuals
ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICE CO.,LTD.
- (2) Category of Local Governments & Economic Organizations
Fukuoka Foreign Trade Association

<<Yellow Sea Rim Economic and Technological Conference>>

This conference was started in March 2001 to facilitate economic development of the East Asia and Yellow Sea Rim region and deepen exchanges. So far, the conference has been held 16 times on a rotating basis in Kyushu, the ROK, and China. Based on the commitment of the three governments (Japan: Kyushu Bureau of Economy Trade and Industry; China: Ministry of Commerce; ROK: Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy), those from industry, academia and the governments of the three countries gather once a year with the aim of deepening exchanges in each of the three areas.

At the 10th China-Japan-ROK Economic and Trade Ministers' Meeting (on October 30, 2015, in Seoul, ROK), it was confirmed that the Yellow Sea Rim Economic and Technological Conference has been successfully organized. Also, the conference was highly evaluated by the leaders of the three countries in the annex to the joint declaration at the 7th Japan-China-ROK Trilateral Summit held in Tokyo on May 9, 2018.



- * 1st Conference: Fukuoka City, Japan; 2nd: Jeonju City, ROK; 3rd: Weihai, China; 4th: Miyazaki City, Japan; 5th: Daejeon, ROK; 6th: Rizhao, China; 7th: Kumamoto City, Japan; 8th: Incheon, ROK; 9th: Yantai, China; 10th: Kitakyushu City, Japan; 11th: Daejeon, ROK; 12th: Lianyungang, China; 13th: Sasebo City, Japan; 14th: Busan, ROK; 15th: Yancheng, Jiangsu, China; 16th: Kagoshima City, Japan

Group photo from the plenary session of the Yellow Sea Rim Economic and Technological Conference



Overall review by Koichi Shiota, Director-General of the Kyushu Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry at the plenary session of the Yellow Sea Rim Economic and Technological Conference



Opening remarks by Yutaka Aso, Chairperson of Kyushu Economy International and representative for the Yellow Sea Rim Business Forum



Yellow Sea Rim Economic and Technological Awards Ceremony



Industrial Parks and Special Zones Cooperation Forum



Reception hosted by venue (Gunsan City, North Jeolla Province)

