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The ASOSAI WGEA

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Distinguished Chairman, Dear colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of Mr. Li Jinhua, Auditor General of the National Audit Office of China (the CNAO) and Chairman of the ASOSAI Working Group of Environmental Auditing (the ASOSAI WGEA), I am very honored to report to the conference on the work of the ASOSAI WGEA during the period of 2006 to 2007.

I. Website of the ASOSAI WGEA has been upgraded

In 2006, the Chinese government budgeted outlays for the operation of secretariat of ASOSAI WGEA. The Secretariat, according to its work plan, has launched on the work of upgrading the website of ASOSAI WGEA. From June 2006, the upgraded website of ASOSAI WGEA resumes its full operation and presents itself with various columns like *About the ASOSAI WGEA*, *News*, *Case Study*, *Resources*, *Links*, *Contact Us* and *Sitemap* etc. When you log in, you can browse through the website for the latest news about environmental auditing in Asia and find interlinks with websites of members of the ASOSAI WGEA with an easy access to essays and cases presented by Asian SAIs. Upon its upgrading, the website shall promote experience-exchange and information-sharing in the field of Environmental Auditing. It will also give a better publicity of environmental auditing in Asia to the world and provide timely information in this field.

II. Concurrent audit carried out by the National Audit Office of China and the Board of Audit and Inspection of Korea is steering a steady course to its goal

In February 2006, the National Audit Office of China (the CNAO) and the Board of Audit and Inspection of Korea (the BAI) have signed a *Cooperation Protocol with Respect to Cooperative Audit*. According to this agreement, SAIs of China and Korea shall conduct concurrent audit over Dust and Sandstorm (DSS) Prevention Projects. The concurrent audit shall be carried out simultaneously by two SAIs, but with a separate

audit team from each SAI and within the mandate of each SAI reviewing only its own country's DSS prevention projects. Later in this year, SAIs of China and Korea started to execute the audit pursuant to their respective work timetables.

In light of the provisions in the agreement, a study tour of the Korean auditors to China has also been managed with the assistance of the National Audit Office of China, the Forestry Administration of China and Meteorological Administration of China. All three institutions helped to make detailed arrangement concerning the study tour and sent experts to accompany the study team. So during the period of October 23-27, 2007, an audit team composed of 7 senior auditors dispatched by the BAI has visited Tongliao city of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, Dalian city of Liaoning Province and Huiming county of Shandong Province of China. They have reviewed various sites under the Sino-Korean Afforestation Project and collected information regarding the operation of monitoring facilities under the Sino-Korean DSS Monitoring Network. This study tour is a full success and has promoted the cooperation and friendship between SAIs of China and Korea.

By far, auditors in both SAIs have completed field audit respectively and moved into the stage of compiling audit reports for future exchange. Here, on behalf of the National Audit Office of China, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the hard work of our colleagues in the Board of Audit and Inspection of Korea.

III. The ASOSAI WGEA has participated meetings of Steering Committee of INTOSAI WGEA as well as other activities.

Since last meeting, the ASOSAI WGEA has also carried out the following activities:

(1) In September 2006 and February 2007, representatives of SAIs of China and Indonesia have attended the 5th and 6th Meeting of Steering Committee of INTOSAI WGEA with their active involvement in meeting agenda.

(2) In July 2006, members of the ASOSAI WGEA have made their contribution to the 5th Survey organized by the INTOSAI WGEA.

(3) In September 2006, at the 37th Governing Board Meeting of ASOSAI, the proposal of *Environmental Auditing Guidelines* as the theme of 8th ASOSAI Research Project has been approved. At present, the Office of Comptroller and Auditor General of India, the SAI hosting Secretariat of ASOSAI, has drafted a proposal model for the research project and SAIs in Asia have nominated the representatives for participating in the project.

IV. Work plan for the future

For future regard, the ASOSAI WGEA has planned to fulfill the following tasks:

(1) Move on in the follow-up work of the concurrent audit by SAIs of China and Korea, including the sum-up for the audit experience in light of the agreement.

(2) Further enhance information exchange through various channels like the website of the ASOSAI WGEA.

(3) Using the 2008-2010 Work Plan of INTOSAI WGEA as the reference and taking the development of environmental auditing in Asia into consideration, prepare the work plan for ASOSAI WGEA.

Thank you all.