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The ASOSAI Seminar on Environmental Auditing & ASOSAI WGEA Work Meeting has been held in Wuyishan, Fujian Province, China, during March 27 to 31, 2005. There is the report on the meeting.

#### A. General Situation

There were 38 delegates from 21 Asian countries and regions participating the seminar and work meeting.

Ms. Carolle Mathieu of the Office of Auditor General of Canada, on behalf of INTOSAI WGEA, and Mr. Zbigniew Wesolowski And Mr. Jan Kowalski of Supreme Chamber of Control of Poland, on behalf of EUROSAI WGEA were invited to attend the seminar and attend the work meeting as nonvoting delegates.

The opening ceremony was held on the morning of March 28. Mr. Li Jinhua, the Chairman of ASOSAI WGEA and the Auditor General of the National Audit Office of China (CNAO), delivered a welcome speech. Mr. Wang Yuqing, the Deputy Minister of the State Environmental Protection Administration of China, Mr. Li Yucai, the Deputy Administrator of the State Forestry Administration of China, and Mr. Liu Jiayi, the Deputy Auditor General of CNAO, respectively gave brief introductions on environmental protection, biodiversity protection and environmental auditing in China.

On the afternoon of 28th and the morning of 29th, there was the seminar with themes of “Water” issue auditing and “Biodiversity” issue auditing. 20 papers were presented in the seminar, including 11 papers on the first theme and 9 papers on the latter. The scope of the seminar was comprehensive and topics covered auditing in many fields, such as ocean and port pollution, management of port area, treatment of agricultural liquid waste, pollution control, water pollution prevention and cure in drainage basin, ecosystem preservation and construction of commonweal forests and natural reserves etc.

The ASOSAI WGEA Work Meeting was held on the afternoon of March 29. Mr. Linghu An, the Deputy Auditor General of CNAO, on behalf of Mr. Li Jinhua, the chairman of ASOSAI WGEA, presented the working report. Delegates discussed the *ASOSAI WGEA 2005-2007 Work Plan* (draft). Ms. Carolle Mathieu introduced the work plan of INTOSAI WGEA. Mr. Zbigniew Wesolowski gave a brief introduction on the work of EUROSAI WGEA.

On March 30, delegates visited Wuyishan National Nature Reserve, which is 50 kilometers from the conference site.

#### B. Achievements of the Meeting

The seminar provided the delegates with an opportunity to reveal the accomplishments made in environmental auditing and share information and experience in environmental protection and environmental auditing. It would promote the development of environmental auditing in Asia.

On the ASOSAI WGEA Work Meeting, the working report was passed and the *ASOSAI WGEA 2005-2007 Work Plan* (draft) was passed in principle. It displayed the achievements made by the ASOSAI WGEA before and the general plan for the

environmental auditing in Asia in three years.

C. Plan in near future

Based on the comments and suggestions put forward by the delegates, the secretariat of ASOSAI WGEA would make some amendments to the *ASOSAI WGEA 2005-2007 Work Plan* (draft) and print and distribute it to the members as soon as possible.

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