
NGO International Mercury Symposium
Minamata and Global Mercury Issues
Learn from Minamata and Make Mercury Treaty Strong

Date: December 4, 2010

Venue: JICA Research Institute 10-5 Ichigayahonmuracho, Shinjuku, Tokyo

Introduction

13:00 - 13:30

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- Mr. Toshikazu Fujiwara (*) (5 min) : Opening the meeting as a host to give welcoming remarks and to introduce the topic and speakers (5 min). (*)Executive Director of CACP.
 - Mr. Takeshi Yasuma (25 min): Overview of the mercury treaty and mercury issues in Japan including Japan's mercury export.

Session 1. Lessons Learned from Minamata

13:30 - 15:20

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- Mr. Yoichi Tani (30 min): Struggle of Minamata victims and challenge
 - A Minamata victim (10 min): Statement as a victim of Minamata disease
 - Dr. Masazumi Harada (40 min): Lessons learned from Minamata disease
 - Q/A (30 min) on Minamata Issues

Break (15 min)

Session 2. Global Mercury Issues

15:35 -17:05

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- Dr. Joseph DiGangi (30min): Minamata is not alone: Highlighting the global nature of the problem with case studies and NGO actions
 - Mr. Richard Gutierrez (30 min): ASGM in Developing Countries: Case Study in the Philippines of Hg Trade Impacts the Poor.
 - Q/A (30 min) on Global Mercury Issues

Wrap-up and Closing

17:05 – 17:15

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- Mr. Takeshi Yasuma (10 min): Wrapping up the meeting thank you etc.