

Vice President Shen Wenqing Attended the Second Meeting of ASIAHORCs



Prof. Shen Wenqing, Vice president of the National Natural Science Foundation of China, attended the second meeting of ASIAGORCs in Japan which was held from Nov. 27 to 28, 2008 and delivered his speech entitled "Regional scientific collaboration in the era of globalization of science and research".

The theme of this meeting is to "create a shared vision for advancing science and technology within Asia and establish a support framework for nurturing and sustaining collaboration among the member countries." In his speech, Prof. Shen introduced the current development and international strategy of the Foundation, as well as his suggestions on the regional scientific collaboration and expectation on the ASIAHORCs. Representatives from member countries made speeches on the science and technology and funding policy in their respective countries. During the discussion, they gave their views on the ASIAHORCs, the development of regional collaboration, priorities and budgeting sharing as well as joint projects in the regional cooperation. Prof. Shen set forth the Chinese position on the topics concerned.

At the opening section of the meeting, Dr. Makoto Kobayashi, Executive Director of JSPS and Professor Emeritus of High Energy Accelerator Research Organization delivered his keynote speech. All representatives were invited to visit the University of Tokyo after the meeting.

Representatives attended at the meeting come from the National Natural Science Foundation of China, Department of science and Technology of India, Indonesian Institute of Sciences, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Korean Science and Engineering Foundation, Council of National University in Malaysia, Department of Science and Technology of Philippines and Agency for Science and Technology and Research of Singapore. Representative from the Ministry of Science and Technology of New Zealand was there as an observer. Representatives from the National Research Council of Thailand and Vietnamese Academy of Science and Technology were absent.