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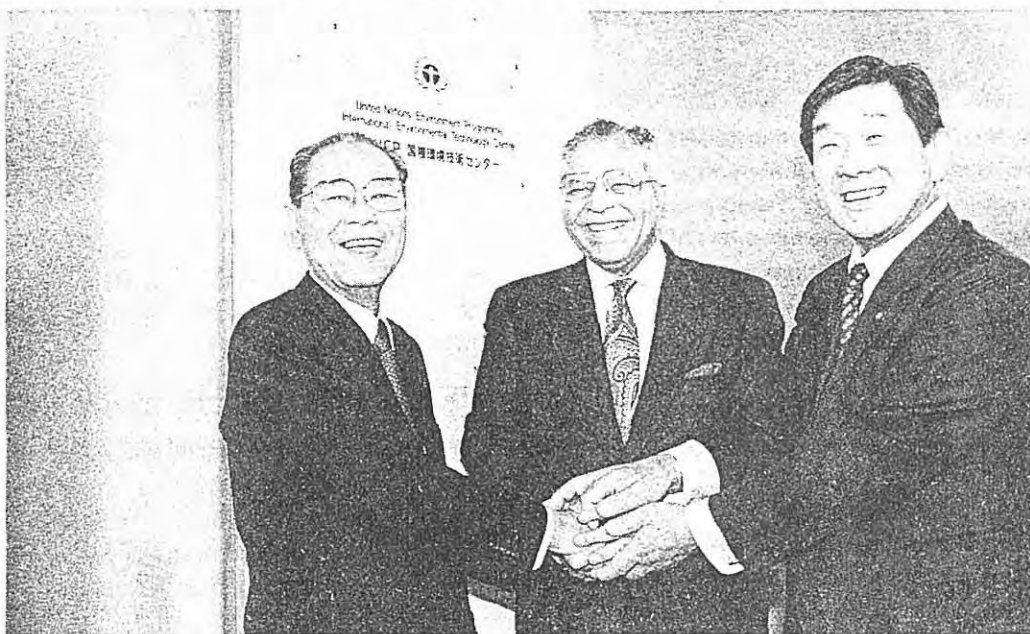
NEWSLETTER

INTERNATIONAL LAKE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FOUNDATION

— For Better Lake Management —

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UNEP International Technology Centre (UNEP/IETC) OPEN!!



Mr. Inaba,
Dr. Tolba,
& Mr. Takada
(from l to r)

The UNEP International Technology Centre (UNEP/IETC) was established on October 30, 1992 in Japan, as a result of an agreement between the Government of Japan and UNEP. The opening ceremony for the Shiga Office was attended by Dr. Mostafa K. Tolba, then Executive Director of UNEP, Mr. Minoru Inaba, Governor of Shiga Prefecture and Mr. Saburo Takada, Mayor of Kusatsu City. Those attending confirmed their determination to cooperate to make the Centre a success.

UNEP/IETC will be dedicated to the transfer of environmentally sound technologies to developing countries and countries with economies in transition by means of providing training and consulting services, carrying out research, and accumulating and disseminating related information, with special focus on environmentally sustainable management of big cities and fresh water lake and reservoir basins.

There will, in effect, be two centres, one in Kusatsu (Shiga) and the other in Osaka. The Shiga office will be in charge of fresh water environmental management. Associated with the establishment of UNEP/IETC, ILEC will further expand its activities as a supporting founda-

tion in Shiga, to support the Centre and to coordinate local contributions to the Center.

Shiga Prefectural Government has determined to support IETC in many ways such as constructing a new building to house the Centre, mobilizing a fund for the Centre to cover its operation cost, and providing manpower to expand its projects. The new building will be completed in the end of 1994 and will be located on the shore of Lake Biwa.

The Osaka Office will be in charge of environmental management of big cities. The Global Environment Center (GEC) will function as a supporting foundation and be located in the city of Osaka.

UNEP has been advertising worldwide for new staff for the Centre since February 1993. Posts are expected to be filled by June.

International Symposium on Networking of Environmental Conservation Technology Transfer

In commemoration of the establishment of the UNEP

Environmentally Sound Technology
of the Establishment of
International Environmental Technology Centre—

環境保全技術移転ネットワーク化シンポジウム
—UNEP国際環境技術センター開設記念—

主催 環境庁 外務省 滋賀県 大阪府 大阪市



Dr. Tolba

International Environmental Technology Centre (UNEP/IETC), the International Symposium on Networking of Environmental Conservation Technology Transfer was convened in Otsu, Shiga and in Osaka with over 1,000 participants from international organizations attending. The Symposium was organized by the Environment Agency of Japan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Shiga Prefectural Government, and the city of Osaka, with the special cooperation of the International Lake Environment Committee (ILEC) and the Global Environment Center (GEC).

The themes of the Symposium were the promotion of effective transfer of environmentally sound technology and the establishment of global networks through collaboration among relevant countries and organizations, focusing on the modality of operation of UNEP/IETC.

After the opening ceremony, Keynote addresses delivered by representatives of UNEP, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Environment Agency of Japan. Intensive discussions were held on four topics, namely 1) transfer of environmentally sound technologies and the role of UNEP/IETC; 2) environmental management of big cities and international cooperation; 3) environmental management of fresh water lake/reservoir basins and international cooperation; and 4) expected functions of UNEP in the post-UNCED process and proposals to strengthen UNEP.

It was suggested that UNEP/IETC should promote technology transfer through the following activities:

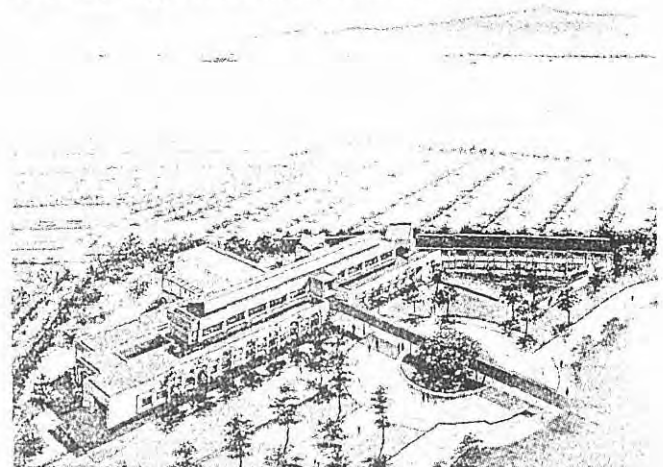
- 1) establishing an easily accessible database on relevant technological information;
- 2) training people in both public and private sectors, who are in charge of environmental management;
- 3) conducting research and studies on methodologies and mechanisms to facilitate technology transfer as well as to assess technologies suited to the needs and conditions of developing countries;
- 4) raising public awareness through information dissemi-

nation and educational programs on the role of technologies in solving environmental problems; and

- 5) providing consulting services including dispatch of experts for the purpose of assisting in solving specific environmental problems and in developing environmental policies.

Commemorative Lecture by Dr. Tolba

In order to celebrate the establishment of the UNEP International Technology Centre, the Shiga Prefectural Government held a commemorative lecture in Otsu on October 29. After the opening address delivered by Mr. Shouzaburo Nakamura, Minister in charge of Global Environment Problems, Japan and Mr. Minoru Inaba, Governor of Shiga Prefecture, Dr. Mostafa K. Tolba, Executive Director of UNEP, gave a commemorative lecture entitled "Necessity, Invention an All That". In his lecture, he expressed his expectations for the future. He said, "The Centre will be among the most important Centres of excellence of UNEP. And together, they will cover all facets of technology transfer; planning, information dissemination, training particularly in the area of technology assessment, consulting and research."



ILEC Activities in 1992

Jan 25 - Mar 26 The 2nd Group Training Course in Lake Water Quality Management in Otsu, Shiga (ILEC/JICA)

Jan 26 - 31 Missions to Dublin, Ireland for International Conference on Water and Environment

Mar 22 - 27 Mission to Thailand on Lake Environmental Education

May 6 - 26 Missions to Lake Erhai in Yunnan Province, China for Inland Water Consulting Service

May 31 - Jun 15 Mission to the Amazon River Basin, Brazil for Inland Water Management Consulting Service

Jun 1 - 6 Missions to Rio de Janeiro Brazil for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED)

Jun 4 ILEC activities were introduced and reported on Japan Day during UNCED

Jun 22 - 24 Discussion on Data Collection Project between ILEC and CIP, Russia, at Otsu

Jun 27 Environmental Education Pilot Classes at Kohoku Jr. High School (Kohoku Town, Shiga)

Jun Guideline book Vol.4 "Toxic substances Management in Lakes and Reservoirs" was published

Aug 2 Participated at the 10th "Lake Aid Festival" (Kusatsu City, Shiga)

Aug 12 - 22 Involved in UNCED Poster Exhibition (Otsu City, Shiga)

Aug 27 Environmental Education Outdoor Pilot Class at Sawayama Primary School (Hikone City, Shiga)

Sep 13 - 17 Sponsored a session INTECOL IV International Wetlands Conference (Ohio, U.S.A)

Sep 29 Environmental Education Pilot Class at Daihoh Primary School (Rittoh Town, Shiga)

Oct 15 - 20 Co-organized "Asian Wetland Symposium"
300 Participants from 24 countries (70 Overseas participants)

Oct 29 Visit of Dr. M. Tolba (UNEP Execu-

tive Director) to UNEP International Environmental Technology Centre (Kusatsu, Shiga)

Oct 30 UNEP International Environmental Technology Centre was inaugurated

Nov 26 - 28 Participation in the symposium called "GRENTEX '92" in Yokohama

Dec 8 Environmental Education Pilot Class at Moriyama Kita Jr. High School (Moriyama City, Shiga)



Mr. Kei Yamazaki (Director General of ILEC) at Japan Day during UNCED on Jun. 4 at Rio de Janeiro



Asian Wetland Symposium during Oct.15 - 20 at Lake Biwa Research Institute

