

Asia Green IT Forum Joint Statement

Global warming is a critical issue requiring a global response.

In this context, with the full-scale introduction of IT expected to greatly increase the number of IT devices in use, saving energy in IT devices themselves has become vital. At the same time, IT and electronics technologies open the way for the sophisticated control and management needed to boost efficiency in production, logistics and administration, and this in turn is expected to generate greater productivity in all economic and social activities, contributing substantially to reducing environmental impact.

Particularly in Asia, which is already a world production and service center, and which is expected to sustain strong growth into the future, green IT could have a substantial effect.

In light of this situation, representatives from East Asian and ASEAN governments and industrial groups (China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam) met in Makuhari, Chiba on 6 October 2009 to examine how green IT could be utilized to counter global warming. They exchanged views on initiatives in this regard, and discussed future directions. Participants affirmed that maximum efforts would be made to use green IT to resolve global warming as a key challenge for the human race, and that Asia as a whole would accelerate the promotion of green IT.

Specific items of common understanding were as follows.

1. The importance of green IT in combating global warming
 - * Participating countries will utilize green IT to counter global warming.
2. Mutual cooperation in Asia for green IT activities
 - * Participating countries will cooperate with each other in organizing seminars, symposia and other green IT activities in Asia.
3. Forum continuation and sharing information among countries
 - * Further Forum meetings will be convened and participation expanded, with next year's meeting again held in Japan. Information will be shared among countries as appropriate.