

# The 9th Working Committee Meeting

The 9th NEAR Working Committee  
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## **Welcoming Address**

**Park Joon-yung**  
**Governor of Jeollanam-do Province, South Korea**  
**Chair of the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments**

Honorable participants of the NEAR Working Committee and the Sub-Committee on Agriculture,  
Honorable Secretary General Kim Jae-hyo,  
Distinguished representatives of NEAR members,  
I sincerely welcome all NEAR members who visited Jeollanam-do Province, South Korea.

Since its foundation back in 1996, the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments (NEAR) has focused on promoting mutual understanding and cooperation among its members achieving co-prosperity and continuous development of Northeast Asia for the last 17 years.

I appreciate your efforts to discuss and fulfill co-prosperity of regions by organizing regular meetings of each Sub-Committee expecting each Sub-Committee to play an active role now and for ever.

Honorable participating members!

As you may well know, the importance of the Northeast Asian region is ever-increasing. Northeast Asia has emerged as one of the three economic pillar of the world, accounting for 30% of the global GDP. Northeast Asia has infinite development and growth potentials. Many historians say that the axis of development leading the world has already been moved to Northeast Asia.

New government of South Korea launched in February, 2013 set 'Northeast Asia Peace' as one of important foreign policies as South Korea should play an important role connecting Northeast Asia Peace and global Peace.

For this reason, Jeollanam-do Province aiming for globalization through regional governments believes that continuous exchange and cooperation with member regions is a way to realize Northeast Asia Peace.

Jeollanam-do Province has been blessed with natural environment. Environment friendly agriculture, fisheries and livestock industry produced in Jeollanam-do Province and bay salt produced in clean tideland are specialties which Jeollanam-do Province is proud of. By organizing prestigious international events, such as Suncheon Bay Garden Expo 2013, World Expo Yeosu Korea 2012, and 2013 Formula 1 Korean Grand Prix, Jeollanam-do Province's status has been raised.

Various cultures blooming in a history of 5,000 years live and breathe. We are proud that those are all a dynamic force for regional development growth.

Honorable Participating members!

Jeollanam-do Province will do its best to strengthen exchange and cooperation with regional governments. Based on our and your region's excellent resources and cultures, we will make an effort to create a successful model of regional governments.

Last but not least, I wish you, every distinguished guest and dear friend, great fortune. Once again, I sincerely welcome all attendees visiting Jeollanam-do Province. I wish you health and success, and an enjoyable and memorable stay in Korea.

Thank you.

## **Congratulatory Remarks**

**NEAR Secretary General**

**Kim Jae-hyo**

Honorable Chair Park Joon-yung of the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments,

Honorable Chair Bae Yong-tae of the NEAR Working Committee,

Distinguished representatives of member regions who traveled from afar to join us,

I am KIM Jae-hyo, Secretary General of the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments.

First of all, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations on holding the 9<sup>th</sup> NEAR Working Committee in Yeongam County, Jeollanam-do Province, Mecca of environment friendly and high-quality agriculture, leading new agriculture age. I also extend my deepest gratitude to the officials of Jeollanam-do Province for organizing the 9th NEAR Working Committee Meeting.

The Working Committee meeting is hosted by Jeollanam-do Province, which was designated as the 10th Chair region at the 9th NEAR General Assembly held in July 2012 in Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, and aims to review activities of each NEAR Sub-Committee, coordinate opinions among the member regions, discuss the current status of NEAR, and prepare agendas for the 10th General Assembly to be held in 2014.

In particular, for in-depth discussion on various agendas such as the selection of the location where the 11<sup>th</sup> General Assembly is held in 2016, NEAR's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary to celebrate its foundation, and the operation and establishment of Sub-Committees, I request your constructive suggestions. From this, the 10<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 2014 will be successfully held.

I would like to request your continuous interest and participation in operation of the Secretariat expecting to reach NEAR's purpose, co-prosperity of Northeast Asian regions.

There is a meaningful Chinese word "Lao Pengyou", which is a Chinese articulation of an old friend, and Russians have a saying, "An old friend is better than two new good friends." It is enough for NEAR to be an old friend after seventeen years have passed since its founding.

I wish you, every distinguished guest, enjoy a pleasant journey while staying in Jeollanam-do

Province, an affluent green land, hoping that the Sub-Committee meeting achieves constructive results. Last but not least, I wish all of you good health and happy life.  
Thank you.

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### <Conference Schedule>

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	10:00~10:05	05'	. <b>Opening Ceremony</b> – Information on the 9 <sup>th</sup> Working Committee	Kim Hong-sa, Chief of , International Relations Division of Jeollanam-do Prov.
	10:05~10:15	10'	. P.R. video of Jeollanam-do Province	
	10:15~10:25	10'	. Welcoming Address (Bae Yong-tae, Vice governor of Jeollanam-do Province)	
	10:25~10:30	05'	. Congratulatory Remarks (Kim Jae-hyo, NEAR Secretary General)	
	10:30~10:50	20'	. Keynote Address (Jo Sang-pil, Head of Regional Development Research Center of Jeonnam Research Institute)	
	10:50~11:00	10'	. Photo Session and Information on Working Committee and Sub-Committee on Agriculture	
	11:00~11:15	15'	. Coffee break	
	11:15~11:25	10'	. <b>Opening of the Working Committee, Greetings</b>	The Chair: Jung Soon-ju, Director of Economic and Scientific Division of Jeollanam-do Prov.
	11:25~12:00	35'	. <b>Activity Reports</b> - Activity Report of the 9 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly (Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region) - Activity Report of the Secretariat (NEAR Secretariat)	
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13:20~14:10	50'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. <b>Activity Reports of Sub-Committees (8)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Environment/Educational &amp; Cultural Exchange/ /Disaster Prevention/ Cross-border Cooperation/ Science &amp; Technology/ Ocean and Fishery/ Energy &amp; Climate Change/ Mineral Resources Development and Coordination</li> </ul> </li> <li>. <b>NEAR New Vision 2020</b> (NEAR Secretariat)</li> </ul>	
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				Kwon Oh-bong, Vice Governor of Economic Affairs of Jeollanam-do Prov.
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Committees				Prefecture
	Sub-Committee on Educational & Cultural Exchange	Japan	Yamamoto Miki	Senior Staff of Culture and International Affairs Division, Shimane Prefecture
	Sub-Committee On Disaster Prevention	Japan	Moriyasu Hidekazu	Director of International Relations Division, Hyogo Prefecture
	Sub-Committee On Cross-border Cooperation	NEAR	Oh Myung-ho	Chief of Division of Planning and General Affairs of the Secretariat
	Sub-Committee On Science and Technology	Korea	Yoon Young-kyung	Staff of Economic Policy Division, Gyeonggi-do Province
	Sub-Committee On Ocean and Fishery	China	Xue Jiu Ming	Director-General of Shandong Oceanic and Fishery Department, Shandong Province
	Sub-Committee On Energy & Climate Change	Korea	Kim Gwang-muk	Chief of International Trade Division, Deagu Metropolitan City
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	NEAR New vision 2020	NEAR	Park Chang-ho	Director of Division of Planning and General Affairs of the Secretariat

Proposal by Member Regions	Formation of Sympathy to Promote Cooperation	China	Zhang Xiaomei	Deputy Director-General of Hubei Foreign Affairs Office
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## Activity Report of the 9<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 2012

### Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, China

The 9<sup>th</sup> NEAR General Assembly was held in Yinchuan City, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, China, from 24-27 July, 2012. Under the theme of "Forge Closer Cooperation, Create Joint Prosperity" the General Assembly successfully ended up.

#### 1. Overview

(1) Host: The Association of North East Asia Regional Government (NEAR)

(2) Organizer: Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region

(3) Participants: 280 delegates, from 5 countries, including China, Japan, South Korea, Mongolia, and Russia member regions and observers, representatives from non-members, Embassy of the Republic of Korea in China, and Embassy of Democratic People's Republic of Korea in China

(4) Major Activities

- NEAR Activity Report: Activity Report of the 8<sup>th</sup> Working Committee and Activity Report of the Secretariat and Sub-Committees

- Presentation by Member Regions and Related Organizations

① Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, China / Let's make tomorrow of reciprocity and prosperity through enhanced regional cooperation

② Hunan Province, China/ Green Growth promoted by deepening regional cooperation

③ Shandong Province, China/ China-Japan-Korea Regional Economic Cooperation Model Zone promoted by forged cooperation of regional governments in Northeast Asia

④ Hyogo Prefecture, Japan/ Japan's Energy Strategy and Hyogo Prefecture's reaction

⑤ Chungcheongbuk-do Province, South Korea/ The Presentation on the Job Creation Case in Chungcheongbuk-do Province

⑥ Gyeonggi-do Province, South Korea/ The House Call Bus for recruiting' in Gyeonggi-do Province

⑦ Bayankhongor Province, Mongolia/ Climate Change and Desertification responded by Northeast Asian Regional Cooperation

⑧ Zabaikalsky Territory, Russia/ International Cooperative Development's Prospect and Current Status

⑨ Asia Research Institution, Kyungpook National University, South Korea/ The Plan for Better

## Governance of NEAR

The presentation showed each member region's continuous effort in a variety of exchange and cooperation and it also presented co-prosperity and pride through NEAR.

- Major Agenda:

① The application of the Jeollanam-do Province, South Korea, to host the General Assembly 2014 ② The application of the Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, South Korea, for Extension of Term of Office and Long-term Placement of the NEAR Secretariat ③ Introduction of the Membership Fee System proposed by the Secretariat ④ The application to be a new member of NEAR ⑤ The Introduction of the Professional Internship Program of NEAR(PioNEAR)

Besides, participants at the General Assembly took part in the Northeast Asia Horticulture Industry Seminar and Tree Planting Ceremony for NEAR Friendship Forest. They could broaden their understanding of Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region's industrial facilities and the current status of the development of tourism industries. In addition, they watched <Gathering in Ningxia>.

## 2. Major Achievement

### (1) Ningxia Declaration

All participants consented to the Ningxia Declaration to propose common vision for regional development of Northeast Asia.

We decided to assume the important historic responsibility to promote regional cooperation and establish Northeast Asia of trust, prosperity, and co-prosperity with continuous participation and mutual support in preparation for globalization and regional integration. ]

All participants fully recognized the importance of mutual trust and cooperation in promoting regional development and co-prosperity in the new historic background and said as below.

First of all, reinforce specific cooperation within NEAR. We play a large role to promote regional peace and prosperity through NEAR's more consolidated influence and charisma. In addition, we make an effort to build open Northeast Asia to welcome participation from non-member regions as well as member regions for continuous peace, development, and prosperity of Northeast Asia.

Participants decided to faithfully fulfill the spirit of the Declaration by cooperating with each other.

## (2) A Code of Conduct

Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region announced four Code of Conduct to completely fulfill the spirit of the Declaration and bond of sympathy shaped in the 9<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of North East Asia Regional Governments(NEAR)

First of all, we approve the application of the Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, South Korea, for Extension of Term of Office and Long-term Placement of the NEAR Secretariat. Under the new historical standard, the placement of the Secretariat in the long-term helps to have multilateral conciliation and communication among international organizations and promote cooperation among member regions.

Secondly, we approve the introduction of the Professional Internship Program of NEAR(PioNEAR) proposed by the Secretariat. We strengthen the personal exchange for cooperation intensification and carry out training projects to send youth to member regions.

Third, we approve the application of Sejong Self-Governing City, South Korea, to be a new member of NEAR. We accept more member regions, and cooperation intensification among member regions indicates NEAR's prosperity.

Fourth, we approved the application of the Jeollanam-do Province, South Korea, to host the General Assembly in 2014. The 10<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in 2014 will be held in Jeollanam-do Province, South Korea.

## (3)Two Friendship Exchange Agreement

In the General Assembly, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region signed a Friendship Exchange Agreement with Bayankhongor Province, Mongolia.

In addition, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region also signed a Letter of Intent for Friendship Exchange Agreement with Zabaikalsky Territory, Russia.

## (4) With widespread promotion of a variety of medias, NEAR's international influence was enhanced.

33 medias and 56 reporters, including Chinese prestigious media sources, such as Guangming Daily and People Daily and internet media sources, such as People's King, Myth's King, and Takung Pao, and wenweipo of Hongkong were invited to the 9<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. With excellent articles and photographs regarding the event, NEAR's global influence has been greatly improved.

## Activity Report of the NEAR Secretariat

NEAR Secretariat

Greetings!

My name is Mr. Kim Dong-sung, Director General of the NEAR Secretariat.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Park Joon-yung, Governor of the Jeollanam-do Province, and regional representatives on the opening of the 9th meeting of the Working Committee of the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments in 'Green Jeonnam' Jeollanam-do Province. Also, I would like to express my gratitude to all staffs of the Jeollanam-do Province for organizing this meaningful event.

The NEAR Secretariat has been growing steadily thanks to your support and cooperation. Since its establishment in 2005, 71 member regions from six countries have conducted various cooperation and exchanges under the banner of co-prosperity, taking an active part in the 13 different Sub-Committees. Today, I would like to touch upon the major activities of the Secretariat.

### **1. To Promote Exchange and Cooperation among Member Regions**

- The Secretariat has actively participated in various international events and Sub-Committee meetings organized by member regions, acting as a bridge for cooperation.
- The Secretariat has organized the Working-level Workshop, networking of working-level officials. It is a chance to enhance solidarity among member regions. (The Working-level Workshop 2013 was held in the city of Pohang, attended by representatives of 42 organizations from 5 countries)
- The Secretariat's role has consistently increased in terms of giving support to attract investment for large development projects for member regions, such as Republic of Tuva, Russia and Tuv Province. Mongolia

### **2. To Establish and Operate Sub-Committee**

- The Secretariat has been actively supporting and promoting the work of 13 Sub-Committees. Sub-Committee on Life and Medical Industry (Chungcheongbuk-do Province) and Sub-Committee on Agriculture (Jeollanam-do Province) were newly established in the 8th Working Committee and have been operated.
- The Secretariat provides member regions with information for their activities, involving more participants as well as participating in all meetings of the Sub-Committee itself.

- The Secretariat will improve and supplement events and programs while supporting development of core projects of each Sub-Committee and enhancing cooperation system for joint coordinating operation.

### **3. To Establish Cooperation Network with International Organizations**

- In order to raise the global standing of NEAR, the Secretariat has established cooperation networks of information sharing and human networking with various international organizations, including AER(Assembly of European Regions) and R20(Regions of Climate Action) in Europe as well as those in the Asia Pacific region such as UNESCAP(United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific), UNDP-GTI(Greater Tumen Initiative), PATA(Pacific Asia Travel Association) and WTO(World Tourism Organization).

### **4. To Enhance Working Environment of Staff Seconded from Member Regions**

- Since 2006, officials for each NEAR member country, including China, Japan, Mongolia and Russia, have been seconded to the Secretariat on a year basis for 8 years.
- The officials seconded from countries other than Korea are provided accommodation, minimum monthly allowance, Korean language lessons, cultural exchange, and workshops.
- They cooperate with the co-workers in the office specialized in China, Japan, Mongolia, Russia, and English-speaking regions with increased efficiency to collect and compile valuable data, publish News Letters and carry out foreign relations activities.

### **5. To Publish NEAR Annual Report and News Letter**

- NEAR Annual Report was published and distributed among member regions summarizing NEAR's achievements and activities of 2012 for the first time since its foundation.
- The annual report was published in two languages (Korean and English), but the annual report will be published in six languages (Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Mongolian, Russian, English) this year.
- Besides, bimonthly "NEAR News" magazine is published. The publication is distributed not only among member regions, but also among other international organizations. At present, a system providing information on NEAR activities and the latest news of member regions is under development.

### **6. To Conduct a Research to Propose NEAR's Long-term Vision.**

- Since the inception of NEAR, as NEAR has developed as the membership was expanded to 71 member regions and 13 Sub-Committees have been operated, NEAR has asked a research institution to propose NEAR's long-term vision.

- Along with the prospect that the 21st century is "the century of Asia", the Secretariat asked a professional research institution to find better governance of the Secretariat in the long-term and to propose NEAR's new vision.

#### **7. To Provide Full Support for the General Assembly and Working Committee**

- In close cooperation with Chair regions, the Secretariat provided full support for the 8th Working Committee and the 9th General Assembly in Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region and the 9th Working Committee in Jeollanam-do Province by collecting and printing conference agenda as, and encouraging participation of member regions.
- It is our hope that great suggestions and proposals will be shared and discussed at this Working Committee in preparation for the General Assembly 2014. You are kindly requested to take an active part in such efforts.

#### **8. To Promote Projects which Member Regions are interested in**

- Regarding the Republic of Tuva's application for PioNEAR(Professional internship program of NEAR), the agenda proposed in the 9th Ningxia General Assembly to alleviate youth unemployment, NEAR has decided to choose two students. The Secretariat will try to expand the scope of services.
- NEAR runs an Essay contest, targeting youths who are interested in a variety of areas, such as Northeast Asia's society, culture, and economy. The Secretariats promotes NEAR essay contest for them to understand NEAR and cultivate a capability as a global citizen.
- To find some practical ways for co-prosperity of Northeast Asia, since 2007, the Secretariat holds the "NEAR International Economic Forum."

#### **In the end,**

- We approved the application of the Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, South Korea, for long-term placement of the NEAR Secretariat in the Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, in the 9th Ningxia General Assembly 2012. The NEAR Secretariat will make an utmost effort to keep pace with the purpose of its establishment contributing to co-prosperity and global peace through enhancing mutual exchange and cooperation among regional governments of Northeast Asia. I request your continuous interest and cooperation. Thank you.

## **Activity Report of the Sub-Committee on Environment**

**Toyama Prefecture, Japan**

### **1. Activity Report of the Sub-Committee on Environment**

Since the Sub-Committee on Environment is held every second year, there was no meeting in 2012. Therefore, we have compiled a report on activities undertaken since the 10th Sub-Committee on Environment (November 2011), translated it (into Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Mongolian, and Russian) and distributed to NEAR members.

### **2. Individual Projects**

The following is the overview of the individual projects implemented from April 2012 to March 2013. More details on each project are available on the website of the Northwest Pacific Region Environmental Cooperation Center ([http://www.npec.or.jp/northeast\\_asia/](http://www.npec.or.jp/northeast_asia/))

#### **(1) The 6th International Environment Forum 'The Nature without Borders (proposed by Primorsky Krai)**

- When: July 19~20, 2012
- Where: Vladivostok city
- Participants: more than 300 experts, including the participants of NEAR Sub-Committee on Environment
- Activity: International Seminars and Sessions regarding prevention of marine environment pollution, caused by marine garbage and management

#### **(2) Establishment of yellow sand monitoring system (proposed by Toyama Prefecture)**

- When: April, 2012~March, 2013(research period: March~May, 2012)
- Participants: 53 organizations, including companies, schools and local municipalities from 7 regions of three countries (Japan, Korea, Russia)
- Activity: Companies, schools and local municipalities conduct visibility survey with a uniform method to review the status of yellow sand/dust storms and their impacts over an extensive area.

**(3) Northeast Asian Youth Program for Experiencing Local Environment (proposed by Toyama Prefecture)**

- When: August 18~19
- Where: Himi city, Toyama Prefecture, Japan
- Participants: 57 middle-and high school students from 9 regions across 4 countries  
(Japan, China, South Korea, Russia)
- Activity: activity presentation by each participating member, production of sculptures with driftage, cleaning of coast, and drawing up 'Northeast Asia Youth Environment Declaration 2012'

**(4) Research on washed-up driftage on the coast of the East Sea and the Western Sea (proposed by Toyama Prefecture)**

- When: Autumn, 2012
- Where: Coasts of the Northeast Asian region
- Participants: 15 member regions from 3 countries (Japan, South Korea, Russia)
- Activity: Residents and children collect and sort out washed-up driftage by counting and weighing them in order to raise environmental awareness and reduce garbage thrown into the ocean.

**3. Future Schedule**

The 11th Sub-Committee on Environment 2013 will be held in Toyama Prefecture this October.

## Activity Report of the Sub-Committee on Educational and Cultural Exchange

Shimane Prefecture, Japan

### International Culture Palette of Northeast Asia

1. When: 11-14 November, 2013
2. Participation: 40 members of Yinchuan Art Theater of Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, China
3. Where: Shimane Prefecture
4. Overview
  - (1) Objective  
Promote networking and mutual exchange among Northeast Asia regions by conducting activities such as traditional cultural and arts performances within Shimane.
  - (2) Project Details  
Invite theaters and 1,500 audiences to the Shimane community center. Promote exchange with Shimane Prefecture through invitation to Shimane Prefecture with the project to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a friendship relation with Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, China.
5. Future Plan  
By inviting China Jilin Art Group, show traditional culture and artistic talents of Northeast Asian regions and spread exchange with Shimane Prefecture next year.

### Northeast Asia Wings of Exchange in Shimane 2013 (sponsored by NEAR)

1. When: 2-7 August, 2013
2. Participation: China, Japan, South Korea, Russia (20 participants from 4 countries)
3. Where: Shimane Prefecture
4. Overview
  - (1) Objective  
Promote networking and mutual understanding among NEAR regions by hosting a youth exchange program in Shimane; Nurture next-generation leaders of North Asia in a multi-cultural setting.

(2) Project Detail

① Introducing the cultures of each participating region

② Welfare Training (visit to nursing facilities and opinion sharing under the theme of Welfare)

③ Introducing the culture of Shimane (Experience of Japanese traditional book)

④ Others

- Cultural exchange through home-stay
- Various ice-breaking parties for participants to get to know each other

## Activity Report of the Sub-Committee on Disaster Prevention

Hyogo Prefecture, Japan

### <Intro>

It is my pleasure to introduce myself. I am Moriyasu Hidekazu, Director of the International Relations Division, Hyogo Prefectural Government.

I would like to extend my gratitude to Governor Park Joon-yung and officers of Jeollanam-do Province for giving this opportunity to address the distinguished members of the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments (NEAR).

Hyogo Prefecture is going to deliver a presentation on the activity report of the 11<sup>th</sup> Sub-Committee on Disaster Prevention and the next Sub-Committee meeting on Disaster Prevention.

Hyogo Prefecture experienced the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake in 1995 and the people of each Northeast Asian countries have rendered warm support.

After the earthquake, we have made a variety of efforts with an aim to realize a disaster reduction society by associating with disaster prevention organizations worldwide. We have given a support and recovery efforts for 2008 Great Szechuan Earthquake and 2010 Haiti Earthquake.

These activities were recognized by the United Nations and the Governor of Hyogo Prefecture was appointed as a leader playing an active role for importance of reduction of disaster (disaster prevention and reduction). Advanced knowledge regarding disaster prevention and reduction capability is accumulated in Hyogo Prefecture.

Hyogo has spread the knowledge regarding regional government's disaster prevention, to repay the neighbor countries' love, 18 years ago and the NEAR Sub-Committee on Disaster Prevention is as part of that.

We expect your active support and participation in our efforts.

### <Activity Report of the 11<sup>th</sup> Sub-Committee on Disaster Prevention>

The 11<sup>th</sup> Sub-Committee on Disaster Prevention was held in Kobe city, Hyogo Prefecture in March, 2013 and 29 participants from 16 members of 4 countries attended the Sub-Committee.



The lectures regarding Hyogo prefecture and Union of Kansai Governments' countermeasure for the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake and the Great East Japan Earthquake were given during the workshop and opinion exchange between experts of international disaster prevention organizations and participants and presentations on practices by attendees were also arranged.

In addition, we visited the Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution and Hyogo Prefectural Emergency Management and Training Center, and E-Defense for the study-visit. We expect this workshop to be helpful for improvement of regional disaster prevention.

#### **<Agenda for the 12<sup>th</sup> Sub-Committee on Disaster Prevention>**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Sub-Committee on Disaster Prevention, under the theme of Disaster Prevention Education for local residents, will be held in Hyogo Prefecture in January or March, 2014.

Although people who were saved by local residents in the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake are less than eight percent of its population, self-disaster prevention ability is important at the moment of large-scale disasters. This year(2014), we want to prepare lectures and visiting programs based on above things(held in 2014).

We expect your active participation in our efforts. Moreover, if you have any preferences for the place to visit, please send your opinion directly or through the NEAR Secretariat.

#### **< Tourist Attraction of Hyogo >**

Let me give you some tourism information on our prefecture.

Hyogo's most popular tourist attractions at home and abroad include UNESCO World Heritage Site "Himeji Castle" with its trademark white plastered walls; the world's largest suspension bridge "Akashi Kaikyo" known as Pearl Bridge; Arima hot springs, one of three oldest hot springs and etc..

Hyogo is also known for its exquisite cousin like Kobe beef, Kobe sheep snacks, fresh marine products of Seto Inland Sea, and Rice Wine of Nada.

Dear member of NEAR, Hyogo will warmly receive you with attractive tourist spots, delicious food and generosity.

#### **<Conclusion>**

We will continue to work for the growth of NEAR in various fields including disaster reduction and join hands in contributing to co-development of Northeast Asia and global peace.

Thank you for your attention.

## **Activity Report of the Sub-Committee on Cross-Border Cooperation**

### **Irkutsk Region, Russia**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> NEAR Sub-Committee on Cross-border Cooperation was held from November 7-9 in Irkutsk, Russia. 44 participants from 14 organizations across 4 countries attended the Sub-Committee and shared information and discussed ways for cross-border cooperation. Attendees discussed the water quality of the river flowing between Zabaikalsky region and the border of Mongolia within China and the current status of Irkutsk and Khabarovsk's cross-border cooperation with NEAR member regions. Information on "Our common house, Altai," by the International Conciliation Committee of the Altai region was also one of the topics of conversation.

In addition, Attendees made suggestions regarding improving mutual trade among regional governments in cross-border territories and enhancing local PR efforts and exhibition activities. Moreover, mutual cooperative activities with respect to the border checkpoint between Russia-Mongolia-China were suggested, with a discussion on 24-hour surveillance. Lastly, attendees discussed the establishment of an international free trade zone in Altanbulag-kyakhta, the border of Mongolia-Russia.

#### <The Result of the Sub-Committee>

1. Suggestion of mutual trade, presentations on local promotion, and the enhancement of exhibition activities in Russia and neighboring regional governments
2. Suggestion of common project: discussion on the border checkpoint between Russia-Mongolia and mutual agreement of the Russia-China border checkpoint, including 24-hour surveillance
3. Crackdown on border infractions and the promotion of task to war against crime to continue cooperative relations with NEAR
4. Preparation of the Altanbulag-kyakhta International Free Trade Zone Plan within NEAR member regions
5. Suggestion of giving opinions to regional governments on the Russian meat import quota system in neighboring countries, including China and Mongolia
6. Establishment of a common organization for participants to exchange information to strengthen cooperation and relationships within the field of trade and economy. Preparation of a common website for exchanging information on investment projects, foreign trade activities, legislative proposals, and international conferences (possible to use the NEAR

website)

7. Joint efforts to improve water quality in the joint border area as part of nature and environment protection cooperation

8. The activities of NEAR Working Committee, Sub-Committee, and <International Association-Siberian Agreement> share the experience of "International Conciliation Committee -Our Common Home-Altai"

## **Activity Report of the Sub-Committee on Science & Technology**

### **Gyeonggi-do Province, South Korea**

Greetings!

I am Yoon Young-Kyung, Officer of Economic Policy Division, Gyeonggi-do Province, South Korea.

It is my pleasure to deliver a presentation on activity report of the Sub-Committee on Science & Technology. Gyeonggi-do has been the coordinator of the Sub-Committee on Science & Technology since 2007 hosting the Sub-Committee meeting every second year. We have hosted the Sub-Committees under the topics of Nano in the 1st Sub-Committee 2007, Bio in 2009, and Innovation Cluster in 2011.

The 3rd Sub-Committee on Science & Technology, which was held in Suwon city, Gyeonggi-do Province on October 26-28, 2011, was co-hosted with Gyeonggi Institute of Science & Technology Promotion under the theme 'the way to develop Northeast Asia's innovation cluster'.

Innovation cluster means through concentrated innovation activities focusing on a certain location, innovation competitiveness has high comparative advantages than other locations do, creating added values.

The Sub-Committee was attended by 45 delegates representing 3 countries. including South Korea, China, and Mongolia.

The meeting was participated by regional government and science related organizations and research institutes. Participants adopted joint cooperative assignment along with topic and practice presentations, away from previous international conference focusing on Northeast Asian regional governments.

Dr. Lee Won-il of Gyeonggi Institute of Science & Technology Promotion introduced Gwanggyo Technovalley, Pangyo Technovalley, and Ansan Sciencevalley, all of which are Gyeonggido's innovation clusters, under the topic of 'The current status and the issues of Gyeonggi-do Innovation Cluster' Dr. Im Duck-soon. Director of CEWIT Korea(Center for Wireless Information Technology), suggested the concept and a stage of development in terms of major role, strategy, management of innovation cluster development, under the

theme of 'Major Issues in operating innovation clusters' and discussed proper innovation cluster models, which are different based on the cultural traits and industrial development of each country.

Shandong Institute of Science, the division of science and technology of Heilongjiang Province, and Bayankhongor and Bulgan province of Mongolia also participated.

The division of science and technology of Heilongjiang Province, China introduced industry complex focusing on industrial technology and innovation complex focusing on R&D. Science Institute of Shandong Province, China also introduced fostering the scientific personnel and supporting projects for venture incuation, by establishing 14 R&D Research Institutes in three areas.

In addition, along with the discussion on participating groups' seeking an opportunity for future cooperation, we found the way to develop among participating groups by adopting mutual cooperation projects for the development of innovation cluster which is infrastructure of technological innovation.

Cooperation project for the development of innovation cluster is as follows:

- Promote mutual cooperation for researches, such as development of innovation cluster, activation, and related policies
- promote mutual cooperation for holding meeting, seminar, and forum related to innovation cluster
- promote mutual cooperation for short and long-term interchange of personnel related to innovation clusters
- promote mutual cooperation for major cooperative work related to other innovation clusters

The 4th Sub-Committee on Science & Technology was supposed to be held in 2003, but the plan is pending due to the necessity to have coordination for selecting managing agency related to science and technology.

We look forward to hosting fruitful 4th Sub-Committee soon.

Thank you.

## **Activity Report of the Sub-Committee on Ocean and Fishery**

### **Shandong Province, China**

In the following, let me introduce the Activity Program of the Sub-Committee on Ocean and Fishery 2011.

1. "Forum for scientific use of marine resources" of NEAR Sub-Committee on Ocean and Fishery was successfully held in Yantai City, Shandong Province, China, on September 15-18, 2011. 120 people, including representatives from China, South Korea, and Mongolia members, the NEAR Secretariat, executives of the Ministry of Agriculture of China, representatives from international organizations, experts and researchers who are specialized in ocean and fishery, from home and abroad, and journalists took part in the forum. Mr. Jia Wanzhi, Vice-governor of the People's government of Shandong Province, NEAR Secretary General Kim Jae-hyo, and Cui Lifeng, Vice-director of Ocean Division in the Ministry of Agriculture of China, delivered congratulatory message in the forum. Hou Yingmin, Director of Ocean and Fishery office of Shandong, delivered a keynote speech under the theme of 'win-win prosperity Northeast Asia created by technological use of marine resources'.

In particular, 6 experts, including Gao Congjie of Chinese Academy of Engineering and Dr. Myung Jung-gu of the Marine Biological Resource Research Department of Korea Institute of Ocean Science & Technology presented report on the exploitation and utilization of renewable ocean energy, carbon absorbing fishery, restoration of marine ecosystem. The forum was favorably reviewed by the NEAR Secretariat and other participants.

2. Shandong Province has actively taken part in the NEAR activities. We strengthened communication and cooperation among member regions by taking part in the NEAR Workshop and the 9<sup>th</sup> General Assembly held in Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, China.

In addition, by actively participating in the specific projects based on cooperative relationship between the People's government of Shandong Province, China and Jeollanam-do province, South Korea, we promoted related cooperation projects with realistic suggestions and related works in the area of ocean and fishery of two countries.

3. The Sub-Committee on Ocean and Fishery 2013 is currently in active preparation. In the

end of October, 'Forum on emerging ocean industry and construction of Blue Silicon Valley' will be held in Qingdao city, Shandong Province, China.

By using the role of NEAR Sub-Committee on Ocean and Fishery, we intend to promote mutual exchange and cooperation in the area of ocean economy development among Northeast Asian regional governments or each country and policy, economy, and technology related to emerging ocean industry development. Furthermore, we will introduce the construction of Blue Silicon Valley in China and promote regional co-prosperity by forming sympathy among NEAR member regions. The forum will be composed of several lectures by 3~5 experts specialized in emerging ocean industry development and specialists in construction of Blue Silicon Valley. The preparation for exchange meeting among member regions for NEAR Sub-Committee on Ocean and Fishery is also in underway.

We welcome the participation of representatives from famous enterprises, officials from science research institutes, and related departments from all member regions to the forum.

## **Activity Report of the Sub-Committee on Energy & Climate Change**

**Daegu Metropolitan City, South Korea**

Honorable representatives of NEAR member regions,

Twenty years have passed since NEAR was founded in 1996.

In the meantime as you all may know, Northeast Asia has experienced rapid changes and growth. Among those hardships, energy crisis and environmental pollution have been the most significant issues.

With regard to these problems, to strengthen countermeasure for these issues and to promote mutual cooperation for energy climate & change within Northeast Asian regions, a Sub-Committee on Energy & Climate Change proposed by Daegu Metropolitan city was established.

Thanks to your active participation and support, we could successfully hold the first Sub-Committee on Energy & Climate Change last year. Participated by 50 people from 4 countries, it was good opportunity to plan directions for establishing an energy policy and strengthen cooperation network among member regions by discussing cooperation plan to cope with energy & climate change and visiting various new renewable energy facilities in Daegu city. We prepared an opportunity to experience new culture, such as visiting Palgong mountain and experiencing oriental medicine in Yangnyeong city.

Now we are about to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sub-Committee. We will make a full preparation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sub-Committee to be more meaningful than previous one based on the previous experiences. To achieve this, we request your active interest and support.

First of all, let me begin with what we are going to do:

Daegu Metropolitan city will arrange a cooperative way to find out long-term solution plan about issues related to energy and environment faced by member regions, through various political discussions among member regions.

Also, with the chance to network with renowned experts and specialists in energy & climate change field and enterprises participating in Green energy Expo and LED Expo, we will promote vitalization of industry-academic cooperation. Furthermore, with these procedures, we will prepare business opportunities.

Besides, through the active sharing of information regarding new renewable energy which can be a good countermeasure to cope with energy depletion and environmental pollution, we will help member regions participating in the Sub-Committee to acquire high-quality information.

In particular, image as a Global Green Energy City obtained through World Energy Congress, which will be held this October, and technology and information related to green energy of the world leading enterprises will be a stable foundation to make the Sub-Committee activities more strong.

Daegu city has been growing steadily as a Mecca of new renewable energy and energy-efficient city through promotion of smart grid business along with sunlight of Nakdong River, small hydro of Shinchun town, wind power of Choijeong Mountain, and acceleration of supply of LED lightening.

Based on these things, Daegu city become a new city in which energy and environment co-exist by holding a variety of international events such as the World Energy Congress and World Water Forum. In this situation, NEAR Sub-Committee will be a worldwide event that goes beyond Asia.

I know that the first Sub-Committee had some insufficient parts, because it was the first event, but I promise that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sub-Committee on Energy & Climate Change which will be held next year will be more great event. I request your active participation.

I wish all of you every success. Thank you.

## **Activity Report of the Sub-Committee on Mineral Resources Development &**

### **Coordination**

#### **Magadan Region, Russia**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sub-Committee on Mineral Resources Development & Coordination was held between August 1-3, 2012 in the Magadan Region, Russian Federation. Various topics were discussed, including laws and regulations for investment in the mining industries and related industries, locations and potential of mineral reserves, establishment of partnerships among representatives of mining companies, and many others. Magadan cordially invited officials from departments related to strategic economic development and mining industries in NEAR member regional governments and executives of mining and investment companies.

※ When: August 1~3, 2012

※ Where: Magadan Region, Russia

※ Participation: 20 people from 4 organizations(2 member regions) across 3 countries (1 from Japan, 1 from China, and 2 from Russia)

#### 1. Overview

○ When: August 1~3, 2012

○ Where: Magadan Region, Russia

○ Participants

- 20 people from 4 organizations from 3 countries (1 from Japan, 1 from China, and 2 from Russia)

- 2 staffs from the NEAR Secretariat and NEAR Secretary General

#### 2. Schedule

○ Presentation on Magadan Region and potentials on natural resources

(Elena Suranova: Ministry of Administration Bureau of Natural Resources, Magadan Region)

○ Chinese investor's experience in mineral resource development in Magadan Region

(Riu Min Li: Vice President, Optical Industries Limited)

○ Investment potentials of Republic of Sakha (Yakurtia)

(Aleksei Yepimov: Director, Department of Jewelry Craft, Republic of Sakha Ministry of Economy, Industries, and Policies)

○ Innovative Settlement of Mining in Magadan Region

(Presenter: Galina Golovokova: Director, Department of Investment Policies, Magadan Region Ministry of Public Administration)

3. Resolution

○ Agenda regarding regional governments of NEAR members

- Sharing Information on local natural resources
- Persuasion of representatives of mining companies in NEAR member regions to participate in the Sub-committee
- private-government cooperation system support

○ Agenda regarding the NEAR Secretariat

- Report on the accomplishments of Sub-Committee to members
- Support of holding the 3rd the Sub-committee on Mineral Resources Development & Coordination in 2014
- Analysis of common problems concerning natural resource development
- Search for possibility of NEAR members' joint resource development
- Suggestion of specific investment presentation on mining useful minerals

## NEAR New Vision 2020

NEAR Secretariat

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### I. Background

○ While NEAR, which was founded in 1996, has developed in terms of both quality growth and quantitative expansion, NEAR has been growing as the largest international cooperative organization among regional governments of Northeast Asia, with members, consisting of 76 regional governments from 6 countries (5 observers included) as of 2013.

○ In the event that the 21st century is the century of Asia and Northeast Asia is in a hub of the era, NEAR has played an important role for regional development and it is time to need New Vision 2020 satisfying the spirit of the age predicting 2020.

○ In particular, establishing interregional level's exchange and cooperation is important for national competitiveness and regional development in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and international awareness for regional government that plays a supplementary role for cooperation among nations is increasing.

○ In the event that long-term operation of the Secretariat within same region is assured and operation with continuity and consistency through a variety of Sub-Committee activities is possible, with strategy to perform specific purpose which is co-prosperity through connected cooperation among regional governments, reestablishment in terms of hardware and software is needed.

### II. Current Status

○ Since its founding, continuous growth and development: the membership was expanded to 71 regional governments of six countries, such as China, Japan, South Korea, Mongolia, North Korea, Russia, and five observers.

○ To organize and operate 13 Sub-Committees, including Sub-Committee on Economy & Trade, by topics and industries

- As a standing secretariat was established in 2005 and it has been operated at the same place in the long term since 2012, it has been possible to efficiently manage the Secretariat with continuity and consistency.
- The organizational structure of the secretariat is 1 Bureau and 2 Divisions (Division of Planning & General Affairs, Division of International Cooperation). Experts (China, Japan, Mongolia, Russia, South Korea) and seconded officials from member regions (5 from Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, South Korea, 1 from China, 1 from Japan, 1 from Mongolia, 1 from Russia) are working in collaboration at the secretariat.
- Gyeongsangbuk-do Province fully burdens operating expenses of the Secretariat and the introduction of membership fee has been left up in the air.
- The expenses for NEAR activities (General Assembly, Working Committee, Sub-Committee) are burdened by regional governments that host the meetings and part of the expenses is covered by the fees for participation.
- With lack of capability to perform specific services, interest and participation of member regions are in decline and director-level's participation of regional government is poor when General Assembly and Working Committee are held.
- Establishing systematic governance for the operation of NEAR is insufficient, compared to many member regions.
- With lack of support related to Sub-Committee's activities to perform NEAR's core services, lack of systematization of management capability, and lack of the number of experts, NEAR's research and planning ability are also insufficient.

### **III. New Development Strategy**

#### **1. Mission**

**“Establishing trust relationship based on mutual understanding and Contributing to co-prosperity of Northeast Asia and global peace by building exchange and cooperation network among regional governments based on the spirit of reciprocity and equality.”**

=> Specified “contributing to improving quality of life and guaranteeing human security, including right to live, and the right to pursue one’s happiness of the members by enhancing connected cooperation and co-prosperity of regional governments based on the spirit of reciprocity and equality. “

## **2. To Rebuild Governance**

- To strengthen activities of the chairman
- To strengthen Secretary General’s authority to policy decisions and grant autonomy
- To organize expert groups and advisory panels to support the Secretariat and Secretary General and supplement research, study, and planning
- To organize Chairman and Leadership (Presidium, Bureau)
  - To organize Bureau consisting of Chairman, Secretary General, and Committee’s presidents (two representatives from each member country)
  - To give advance mediation, according to agenda setting and decision making
- To integrate 13 Sub-Committees according to functions. Redesign present 13 Sub-Committees into 3~4 Committee groups and the role of previous Sub-Committee is absorbed into the Sub-Committee activities under each committee.
  - In new committee, president is appointed for responsible management.
  - To allow rotation host for specific Sub-Committee activities
  - To hold regular president-level meeting (discussion on direction for operation)

## **3. To Strengthen the Secretariat’s Capability**

- To review relocation of the current Secretariat to the region, but within Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, with exhibition and convention facilities provided and easy accessibility
- To strengthen national-level’s networking and communication capability with the secretariat by establishing liaison office in each member region,
- To enhance the professionalism and consistency by employing many full time experts corresponding to the number of staffs seconded from member regions,

## **4. To Reorganize the Secretariat’s Financial Structure**

- Current Financial Structure is divided into a) Expenses of running the Secretariat b) Expenses of running NEAR services
  - Secretariat: Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, South Korea, fully burdens all the financial spending of the Secretariat
  - Services by field: each organizing member region fully burdens all financial spending
- Current Charter: articles in finance sector, “Members shall temporarily not be obliged to

pay membership fees" and "The operating expenses of the Secretariat shall be borne by the member government which hosts the Secretariat." need to be modified in the long term.

- Introduction of membership fees should be reviewed for NEAR's development and efficiency of the Secretariat's management in the long-term.
- Operating expenses of the Secretariat: Gyeongsangbuk-do Province burdens the operating expenses (within 50 % of the total budget)
- The budget related to NEAR services: all project expenses are covered by the membership fee in the long term (within 50 % of the total budget)
- Membership Fee
- Ratio for a share of membership fee is calculated on a sliding scale based on each member region's economic power
- A certain amount of basic fee payment is considered an obligation, but the rest is calculated on a sliding scale.

#### **IV. Development of NEAR's New Service Capability**

- Upon new vision and strategy, if NEAR's capability in human and financial resources is expanded, new service capability will be achieved.
  
- a)Human Interchange b)Economy and Trade Exchange c)Cultural Exchange
  
- New service area
- PioNEAR: Professional internship program of NEAR
- NEAR Circuit Education
- NEAR Cultural Heritage Designation Service (protect cultural assets, prevent outward flows of the cultural property, and receive outward flowed cultural items.)
- NEAR Product Certification, NEAR Store, Exhibition of NEAR best items, Education contents shared by Northeast Asia, etc..

### **Proposal for Better Governance of NEAR**

- Formation of Sympathy to Promote Cooperation (Hubei Province, China)
- Enhancement of Exchange and Cooperation to Promote Co-Prosperity  
(Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, China)

## **Formation of Sympathy to Promote Cooperation**

### **Hubei Province, China**

Honorable Park Joon-yung, Governor of the Jeollanam-do Province and Chair of NEAR,  
Honorable Kim Jae-hyo, NEAR Secretary General,  
Distinguished representatives from NEAR member regional governments,

On behalf of Hubei Province, it is my pleasure to take part in the Working Committee meeting, held in Jeollanam-do Province of beautiful South Korea. I extend my greetings to Jeollanam-do Province, the chair region and the NEAR Secretariat for preparing the Working Committee and giving a warm welcome.

As globalization of economy is intensively growing, international exchange has been closer day by day. Northeast Asia, which has the greatest potentials in world economic development, has boundless opportunities for regional cooperation among nations and it has important significance. The NEAR Secretariat is a significant place to promote friendship exchange and cooperation among Northeast Asia. The Secretariat regularly prepares cooperative and academic activities in various areas, with all member regions, including Sub-Committee coordinators.

In addition, the Secretariat actively participates in the friendship exchange and cooperation activities held by member regions. In particular, NEAR has recently expanded the scope of exchange and broadened international influence through exchange with international organizations such as Assembly of European Regions(AER) and Regions of Climate Action(R20) leading external exchange.

I extend my deepest respect and sincere gratitude to NEAR for preparing a place for significant international exchange for cooperation and friendship among Northeast Asia.

Hubei Province, situated in central China, is proud of high cultural ability and traffic hub. In addition, it has solid industrial infrastructures, excellent scientific and educational capacity, and beautiful nature. Various tourist spots of Hubei Province attract many tourists from home and abroad; Three Gorges of Hubei Province showing off amazing scenery; mysterious and attractive Shennongjia of pristine forest; Wudang Mountains, the holy land of Taoism, which was designated a world heritage site of UNESCO; historical sites of the three kingdoms loved by Korean and Japanese friends.

Hubei Province has actively participated in a variety of international NEAR events in economy and trade, science and technology, humanities exchange, tourism, and disaster prevention as Hubei considers the role of NEAR important since joining NEAR in 2006.

While actively promoting cooperation in a wide variety of areas, Hubei has developed concrete exchange and cooperation projects. As a result, we have achieved positive outcomes.

I sincerely welcome NEAR Secretary General, representatives from each member region, and delegates from each organization to the Hubei Province on behalf of Hubei Province. I would like to discuss the plan for the development with all of you. I firmly believe that exchange and cooperation between Hubei Province and each regional government of Northeast Asia through NEAR will achieve abundant results.

In terms of overall aspects, all countries in the world establish strategic plans in a wide range of areas, including politics, the military, economy, and diplomacy and establish a relationship with other countries.

What makes relations between the two countries healthy and safe and what makes national welfare consistently achieved are efforts made from central governments to regional governments and from people of every part.

Therefore, enhancement of private exchange and cooperation should be accompanied.

As a result, enhancement of exchange and cooperation participated by governments, regional governments, organizations, communities, and enterprises, etc. should be considered more important.

For these reasons, Hubei Province proposes two things as follows.

First of all, mutual exchange among member regions should be intensified.

In the framework of NEAR's overall activities, besides holding Sub-Committee meetings, personal interchange in the areas of government, council, and economy and trade among member regions should be encouraged and friendship city relations should also be promoted.

Secondly, information exchange should be enhanced. By the NEAR Secretariat's leading, the route for information exchange among member regions should be extended and useful information should be provided for exchange and cooperation by using the mass media, publications and internet, etc..

I wish NEAR prosperity and the meeting success.

Thank you.

## **Enhancement of Exchange and Cooperation to Promote Co-Prosperity**

### **Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, China**

Honorable Park Joon-yung, Governor of Jeollanam-do Province,  
Honorable NEAR Secretary General Kim Jae-hyo,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Greetings! With some recommendations and suggestions, I would like to have a discussion with you about how to strengthen exchange and cooperation between NEAR and each member region.

#### **1. Promote international friendship relations by effectively using the NEAR Secretariat**

Now, NEAR has a large number of member regions and all member regions have certain jurisdictions such as city, state, and district. Also, when NEAR working-level meeting or the General Assembly is held, member regions, observers, non-members, and representatives of related embassy attend the meetings. All representatives who are attending the meetings bring massive information about cooperation and exchange for economic and social development of the region.

Hence, Basic regional governments belonging to the NEAR member regions, which are interested in the plan to sign an international friendship city agreement, are required to send a letter of intent and information regarding establishment of international friendship relation to the NEAR Secretariat in advance. I suggest that the NEAR Secretariat play a role as a mediator to introduce and send information according to the related demand. After both regional governments that want to sign international friendship relation go through basic negotiations, representatives from the regional governments may sign international friendship city agreement or a letter of intent in the Working-level meeting or the General Assembly held by NEAR. This will reduce inconvenience by cancelling business trips arranged only for the event to sign international friendship city agreement.

#### **2. Promote co-prosperity by actively participating in large international events organized by member regions**

Many NEAR member regions have recently held large international events every year. These events have a large amount of information on international exchange and cooperation gathered and it plays a positive role in promoting the region's opening to the foreign

countries and economic and social development. I suggest NEAR member regions send the information on international events planned to the Secretariat and NEAR deliver a presentation on it. Through NEAR's useful information, other member regions or enterprises will select and share the information and find an opportunity to have practical exchange and cooperation with other member regions. Further, we expect general development in economy and society of Northeast Asia by actively participating in related events, based on the principal to support large international events organized by NEAR member regions.

Thank you.

## **Agenda for the 9th NEAR Working Committee**

- Application to Host the 11th NEAR General Assembly in 2016  
  
(Uvurkhangai Province, Mongolia)
- Application to Host the 11th NEAR General Assembly in 2016  
  
(Zabaikalsky Territory, Russia)
- Application to Host the 11th NEAR General Assembly in 2016  
  
(Irkutsk Region, Russia)
- Revision of the name of Sub-Committee on Economy & Trade  
  
(Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, South Korea)
- Establishment of a Sub-Committee on Sports (Republic of Sakha, Russia)  
  
: Details will be separately distributed.
- Revision of Regulations (NEAR Secretariat)

## **Application to Host the 11th NEAR General Assembly in 2016**

**Uvurkhangai Province, Mongolia**

Honorable NEAR members participating in NEAR Working Committee,

First, let me introduce Uvurkhangai Province briefly. Uvurkhangai Province consists of 19 districts and encloses an area of 63,500km<sup>2</sup>. The population is about 110,000. Its capital is Arvaikheer, which is 420km away from Ulaanbaatar City, the capital of the country. Agriculture of Uvurkhangai plays an important role in the country's economy. Also, Uvurkhangai yields many livestock and in terms of the number of livestock, the city is in the upper ranks in Mongol. 34% of total production of the region is food area, 19% is energy heating, 23 % is lumber industry, and 12 % is mining industry. Uvurkhangai is the region which has a great development potential in tourism resources because there are many chances to participate in traditional events along with beautiful nature and historic sites. According to the statistics, 90% of the foreign tourists are visiting Karakorum of Uvurkhangai, which was not only the ancient capital of the Mongol Empire but also the center of northern Silk Road.

In the Busan General Assembly 2006, Uvurkhangai joined NEAR. Since then, we have spread exchange activities such as sharing information, solving agendas and case studies by putting related public officials in various events, including General Assembly and each Sub-Committee. Our research shows that, in the last three years, about 150 Mongolians have participated in the NEAR events, such as General Assembly, Working Committee, Sub-Committee, etc.. Last April, we received an official notice from the NEAR secretariat stating that the NEAR Secretariat will receive applications from member regions which want to hold the 11th General Assembly 2016.

Uvurkhangai has dispatched our employees to the NEAR secretariat and General Assembly has never been held in Mongolia. Also, Given member region's fair opportunity to host the General Assembly among member regions, we would like to hold the General Assembly 2016 in Ulaanbaatar. If Mongolia hosts the General Assembly, Given Mongolian Situation, it would be appropriate to select Ulaanbaatar where half of the Mongolian population lives as cultural and economic center. Besides, we hope that the Working Committee is co-hosted with the General Assembly. If the General Assembly 2016 is held in Ulaanbaatar, it will be a good opportunity to introduce the country, to expand exchange among member regions,

and to strengthen capability of international exchange in the region.

However, Uvurkhangai can't afford the budget alone which is needed for hosting the General Assembly so that we asked Mongolian government, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and each province to hold the General Assembly with joint budget of each province in Mongolia and Ulaanbaatar. Because Mongolia is busy with a presidential election and the festival, the suggestion is now under consideration.

Therefore, if our proposals are positively accepted as soon as possible, we would like to hold the 11<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 2016 in Mongolia. Lastly, I look forward to meeting you at the General Assembly in Mongolia which has a beautiful nature.

Thank you.

## **Application to Host the 11th NEAR General Assembly in 2016**

### **Zabaikalsky Territory, Russia**

Zabaikalsky Territory is located in the South Asia of Russia and main city is Chita.

Zabaikalsky covers an area of 431,900km<sup>2</sup> accounting for 2.5% of Russian territory and its size is 10th largest among Russian Federation administration districts. It takes no.3 ranking in size following Krasnoyarsk Territory and Irkutsk Region among Siberian Federal districts.

Zabaikalsky is adjacent to the Republic of Buryatia and Irkutsk Region to the south and the northwest and borders on the Republic of Sakha and Amur to the east and the northeast. Away from 1064km to the East, Zabaikalsky borders on China and Mongolia is located away from 863km to the Southeast. As a result, Zabaikalsky is in advantageous graphical location in terms of relations with the Pacific and Northeast Asia.

The population of Zabaikalsky is 1,098,800 and population density is 2.6person/km<sup>2</sup>. More than 120 people reside in Zabaikalsky and the population consists of Russian(89.8%), Buryatia(6.1%), Tatar(less than 1%), Ukraine, and white Russian. Zabaikalsky has extreme continental climate and it is geographically located high above sea level.

Subsoil in Zabaikalsky is widely spread with useful minerals. There are dozens of minerals, including gold, copper, zinc, lead, steel, coal, and magnesite. Most uranium and tungsten mined in Russia are produced in Zabaikalsky. Representative large mining mountains are Nobosh-rokitansky where several types of gold are buried and Greensky which produces gold and molybdenum. These regions are not only for mining but also for producing and processing industrial items.

Besides, Lumber industry has high potentials in the region.(the whole size of forest area of Zabaikalsky is 31,300,000ha) Except for Onon-Arkunski, total forest area of Zabaikalsky is proud of abundant lumber amounts for Russian industry development and natural environment of the area consists of various and plentiful animals and plants.

1800 types of plants, 80 types of mammals, 350 types of birds, 60 types of fishes and 500 types of vertebrates live in Zabaikalsky. To protect mountain and step region composed of

unusual animals and plants and typical and unique nature environment, and tiger, two nature protection areas and 18 areas which prohibit hunting have been designated as Al Hanaei national park.

One of the most promising parts in Zabaikalsky development is international trade activities. As Zabaikalsky borders on Asia Pacific nations, especially China and Mongolia, it has advantageous condition for economic cooperation.

The volume of trade has recently increased more than three times and Zabaikalsky communicates with 54 countries in the world. Zabaikalsky's the largest trading partner is China as usual. The principal exports include timber and pulp products, metal and metal processed products, machine, equipment, vehicles, and agricultural products, and the principal imports are food and the machine products.

Its Exchange and cooperation with China and Mongolia which border on Zabaikalsky are continuous and long-term reciprocity relationship will be continued. Zabaikal government will actively broaden geographical cooperation relationships with Asia Pacific countries.

Development strategy for international economic activities is to attract foreign investment, effectively use foreign labor forces, improve border infrastructures, and optimize border customs work.

Transportation infrastructure brings the development of international economic activities. Chichinski airport in Zabaikalsky is located in the shortest distance connecting Europe and Northeast Asia and it has international standard runways.

The total length of the railway in Zabaikalsky is 2400km and there is railway rehabilitation project called the gate toward south.

Zabaikalsky has an advantageous geographical condition in the Russia and has abundant natural resource potentials. In addition, it has promising investment potentials in society, economy, and culture. and is famous for the most beautiful place among East Siberian regions.

## **Application to Host the 11th NEAR General Assembly in 2016**

**Irkutsk Region, Russia**

Honorable NEAR members, I would like to extend my gratitude for giving me the opportunity to introduce Irkutsk among excellent member regions of NEAR. In addition, I appreciate NEAR Secretary General Kim Jae-hyo who is head of NEAR for smooth operation and makes a great effort for mutual cooperation and friendship relations among member regions.

Irkutsk puts a high valuation in that we could prepare the momentum to increase international cooperation with more comprehensive meanings by having international exchange activities with NEAR's help.

For a long time, we have considered international cooperation as Irkutsk's participation in the activities of international organizations. For example, one of the leading activities of International organizations is NEAR's one.

Irkutsk is a founding member of NEAR and coordinator region of Sub-Committee on Cross-border Cooperation. The 2nd Sub-Committee on Cross-border Cooperation 2012 was held in Irkutsk.

Shanghai Cooperation Organization accounts for a great part of Irkutsk. Several Council of Enterprise meetings as a project under Shanghai Cooperation Organization at the International Vaikal Economic Forum held in Irkutsk were held.

We regularly exchange information on the region's investment environment and the condition to conduct a project with ROTOBO which promotes the trade between Russia and CIS nations and perform joint projects according to the international event organizations.

Irkutsk played an important role creating the Russian Federation's positive image on the international stage, by holding a meeting co-hosted with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation, which is similar to Social and Economic Commission for Asia's one.

In addition, Irkutsk has continued to have a cooperative relationship with Angara River and KOTRA (Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency) for a long time. Irkutsk government signed MOU with (KOTRA) Korea Trade Investment Promotion Agency meaning support for Irkutsk enterprises and Korean enterprises to promote active cooperative project this year.

It is no accident that there is the interest in leading international organizations mutually cooperating each other. This occurs due to Angara River region's special geopolitical situation. This region is a gateway for Europe and Asia and has special potentials with enormous economic potentials and unique natural conditions.

Most of forest, gold, oil, gas, coal reserves are converged on Irkutsk in the country. Based on the region's important resources' potentials, powerful industrial infrastructures are established. Irkutsk creates industrial complex of fuel-energy, mining industry, forestry, and petrochemistry. Especially, Aluminum industry will bring special development affecting manufacturing machine.

Irkutsk has potentials in tourism and leisure facilities as we have abundant history and cultural heritages, existing basic infrastructure, beautiful nature, and plenty of resources. The attraction of Angara River shore includes the deepest fresh water on earth- a variety of natural view, including, wonderful coast view adjacent to clean Baikal lake, unique animals and plants, vast mountainous area, wide lake, and picturesque valley.

Irkutsk promotes co-prosperity and peace based on exchange and cooperation in the fields of economy, culture, and tourism among Northeast Asian regions in accordance with the NEAR Charter and hopes to invite the representatives of NEAR member regions to Irkutsk. We ask for your support for Irkutsk to host the 11 th NEAR General Assembly among outstanding competitive member regions. Thank you.

## Revision of the name of Sub-Committee on Economy & Trade

Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, South Korea

### << Necessity and Background >>

○ By expanding and changing the Sub-Committee on Economy & Trade to the Sub-Committee on Economy & Humanities Exchange, creative economy is realized through humanity and economy convergence.

#### **Present Sub-Committee (Sub-Committee on Economy & Trade)**

○ Foundation Background: In the NEAR General Assembly 1998, Gyeongsangbuk-do Province was selected to be the coordinating regional government of Sub-Committee on Economy & Trade

○ Purpose: establish a trade cooperation network and to promote economy and trade among member regional governments

- Seminar on trade promotion, Meeting for investment policy, Trade fair, Exhibition of specialty products and catalogues, Industry inspection

#### **Agenda: Sub-Committee on Economy & Trade-> Sub-Committee on Economy & Humanities Exchange(draft)**

#### **The Reason Why Gyeongsangbuk-do Province Changes the Name of Sub-Committee**

○ To expand international network of humanities exchange besides economic area

○ To promote connected cooperation in humanities exchange and government project to prosper cultures

※ To embody and expand the projects, including humanities exchange between South Korea and China, South Korea-China-Japan Trilateral Local Government Meeting, Silk Road Project, POST Istanbul Expo, Globalization of Saemaul Humanities Exchange

#### □Project

##### ○ To expand Northeast Asia's humanity exchange

- To foster Northeast Asian region's culture by establishing humanities exchange network among NEAR member regions
- To promote understanding among regional governments by discovering contents in the area of humanities shared by Northeast Asia

##### ○ To reinforce internal stability of Northeast Asia's economy and trade exchange

- To improve exchange in Northeast Asia's creative economy using trade cooperation network
- To share information on economic development through diversification of contents, including Model Village, Saemaul Movement, etc.

## Revision of Regulations

### NEAR Secretariat

#### 1. Reason for Proposal

◦ In accordance with Sub-section 1 of Article 10 of the Charter of NEAR stipulates "The Working committee consists of director-general level senior administrative staffs nominated by the head of each member regional government. The chair of Working Committee shall convene a meeting more than once every year. "

As present Working Committee is held every other year, a year before the General Assembly is held, above regulation isn't correspond to the reality and shall need revision.

◦ Article 12 (Organization and Operation) of the Charter of NEAR stipulates "...The term of the Secretariat is 4 years, and may be extended by the decision of the General Assembly." As the application of the Gyeongsangbuk-do Province for long-term placement of the NEAR Secretariat in the 9<sup>th</sup> Ningxia General Assembly 2012 was approved, Article 12 shall be revised corresponding to the reality.

◦ In addition, Article 1 (Name) of the Charter of NEAR stipulates "This organization shall be named as "the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments" (hereinafter referred to as "The Association".)"

As the concept of regional government is viewed differently by different member regions, inconsistency among member regions occurs. In addition, because the types of regional government are used in a variety ways, we shall revise "자치단체(in Korean)" into "지방정부 (in Korean)" in order for it to clear up the scope, to create uniformity among member regions, and correspond to NEAR's purpose..

#### 2. Goal

◦ As present Working Committee is held every other year, related article (Article 10) shall be reviewed in the Working Committee and revised in the General Assembly 2014 in order for it to correspond to the reality.

◦ As, in the 9<sup>th</sup> Ningxia General Assembly, Gyeongsangbuk-do Province's long term placement in the Gyeongsangbuk-do Province was approved, related article (Article 12) "...The Secretariat will be placed in Gyeongsangbuk-do Province in the long term. If

necessary, by the decision of the General Assembly, the location of the Secretariat can be changed.” shall be reviewed in the Working Committee and revised in the General Assembly 2014.

◦ In addition, Article 1 of the Charter of NAER stipulates “This organization shall be named as “the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments”(hereinafter referred to as “The Association”).”

There can be misunderstanding in interpreting “regional government”. As many types of regional governments exist and the scope is ambiguous, to correspond to the purpose of NEAR, the revision of “자치단체(in Korean)” in the Charter into “지방정부(in Korean)” shall be reviewed in the Working Committee and revised in the General Assembly 2014.

**Mark Example of “자치단체(in Korean)” by each language**

English	Chinese	Japanese	Korean	Mongolian	Russian
Regional government (지방정부)	地方政府	自治体	자치단체	Орон нутгийн захиргаад (지방행정)	региональные администрации (지방행정)

**3. Proposal**

Original	Revised (Draft)
<p><b>Section 2 Working Committee</b>  <b>Article 10 (Organization and Operation)</b>  <b>1 The Working Committee consists of director-general level senior administrative staffs nominated by the head of each member regional government. <u>The chair of Working Committee shall convene a meeting more than once every year.</u></b></p>	<p><b>Section 2 Working Committee</b>  <b>Article 10 (Organization and Operation)</b>  <b>1. The Working Committee consists of director-general senior administrative staffs nominated by the head of each member regional government. <u>The chair of Working Committee shall convene a meeting a year before the General Assembly is held.</u></b></p>

<p><b>Section 3 The Secretariat</b></p> <p><b>Article 12 (Organization and Operation)</b>  The Secretariat is a standing body of “the Association.” Each member government may set up a liaison body if necessary. <u>The term of the Secretariat is 4 years, and may be extended by the decision of the General Assembly.</u></p>	<p><b>Section 3 The Secretariat</b></p> <p><b>Article 12 (Organization and Operation)</b>  The Secretariat is a standing body of “the Association,” Each member government may set up a liaison body if necessary. <u>The Secretariat is placed in Gyeongsangbuk-do Province in the long term. The location can be changed by the decision of the General Assembly if inevitable situation occurs.</u></p>
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In the Charter of NEAR, “자치단체(in Korean)” shall be revised to “지방정부(in Korean).

## Reference

- The Charter of NEAR
- Regulations on Establishment and Operation of Sub-Committees of the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments
- Status of NEAR Membership

## **The Charter of NEAR**

### Charter of the Association of the North East Asia Regional Governments

#### **Preamble**

In the spirit of reciprocity and equity, representatives of regional governments in the Northeast Asian Region, which has unlimited potential to contribute to the international community, have resolved to combine our efforts to accomplish co-development in the region and, at the same time, to contribute to world peace by promoting exchange and cooperation in all fields of administration, economy and culture. Accordingly, to accomplish these noble aims, the representatives have agreed to the present Charter of the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments and do hereby establish an international organization to be known as the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments.

#### **Chapter 1 Name and Purposes of the Association**

**Article 1 (Name)** This organization shall be named as "the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments" (hereinafter referred to as "The Association").

**Article 2 (Purposes)** In the spirit of reciprocity and equity, "The Association" has the purposes of pursuing joint development of the Northeast Asian Region and, at the same time, contributing to world peace by building trust on mutual understanding through the establishment of networks for exchanges and cooperation among member governments.

**Article 3 (Agenda)** "The Association" shall perform the following clause :

1. Regularly hold the Conference of Northeast Asian Regional Governments (The General Assembly)
2. Collect and distribute information on economic and technological development within the region.
3. Support and execute projects related to exchange and cooperation.
4. Review projects pertinent to accomplish the purposes of the Association.

## **Chapter 2 Membership Scope and Rights & Obligations of Members**

**Article 4 (Membership scope)** The members of the Association shall be the regional governments of People's Republic of China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Japan, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, and Russian Federation, which agreed to the purposes of the Association. The membership is open to other regional governments, and will be effected by a decision of the General Assembly.

**Article 5 (Rights and Obligations of Members)** Members shall have the rights to participate in various projects and activities performed by the Association, and have the obligations to comply with the provisions stipulated in the Charter.

## **Chapter 3 Organization and Functions**

### **Section 1 The General Assembly**

**Article 6 (Structure and Operation)** The General Assembly is the supreme legislative body of the Association, which consists of representatives of member organizations, and is held biennially.

**Article 7 (Executives)** The General Assembly shall be given due authority to appoint executives to positions specified below.

1. The General Assembly shall designate one person as the chair who represents the Association. The head of the regional government, which holds the General Assembly, shall ex officio become the chair of the General Assembly. The chair's term of office ends on the last day of the General Assembly (revised on 28 October, 2010). However, when the chair cannot represent the Association, the deputy representative of the regional government shall act as the chair on behalf of the representative.

2. Each country shall have an auditor. Auditors shall administer accounting and audit, and be elected at the General Assembly. The auditor's term of office is the same as stipulated in clause 1 of Article 7.

**Article 8 (Functions)** General Assembly shall perform the following clause.

1. Appointment of auditors
2. Approval of budget, project plans, settlement of accounts
3. Resolution of member admission and dismissal
4. Determination of membership fees
5. Amendment of the Association Charter
6. Determination of termination and liquidation of the Association
7. Determination of agendas related to the next General Assembly

8. Determination of the venue for the Secretariat
9. Determination and execution of business plans of the Association
10. Other functions deemed to be necessary

**Article 9 (Resolution)** Decision-making of the General Assembly shall be made as the following clause:

1. Each regional government member shall have one vote.
2. The particulars specified under clause 1 to 8 of Article 8 shall be resolved by a majority of the members present and a two-thirds majority of the members voting.
3. Other particulars, with the exception of clause 2 of Article 9, shall be resolved by a majority of the members present and a majority of the members voting.

## **Section 2 Working Committee**

### **Article 10 (Organization and Operation)**

- 1 The Working Committee consists of director-general level senior administrative staffs nominated by the head of each member regional government. The chair of Working Committee shall convene a meeting more than once every year.
2. The chair of the Working Committee shall be the vice head of the chair local government.
3. The chair of the Working Committee reports the result of the meeting to the General Assembly.
4. For smooth operation of individual projects and other works, a separate sub-committee or sub-committees for each field of work may be organized as a supporting organization for the Working Committee with the approval from the General Assembly. (new provision since September 1998)

**Article 11 (Functions) The Working Committee shall perform the following clause.**

1. Discussion of business plans and individual projects
2. Documentation of annual reports and audit reports
3. Coordination of opinions among members
4. Determination of the establishment of sub-committees (composition, functions and operations / new provision since September 1998)
5. Determination of issues delegated by the General Assembly to the Working Committee
6. Other functions deemed to be necessary

### **Section 3 The Secretariat**

**Article 12 (Organization and Operation)** The Secretariat is a standing body of "the Association." Each member government may set up a liaison body if necessary. The term of the Secretariat is 4 years, and may be extended by the decision of the General Assembly.

**Article 13 (Executives and staffs)** The Secretariat shall have the following executives and staffs:

1. The Secretary-General shall be one person. The Secretary-General shall be recommended by the head of the member regional government where the Secretariat is located and be appointed by the Chair of the Association.
2. The executives and staffs of the Secretariat shall be comprised of government officials dispatched by "the Association" in principle. However, when it is deemed necessary by the

Secretary General, it can be constituted in a separate way after receiving approval from the chair of the Association.

**Article 14 (Functions)** The Secretariat shall perform the following clause.

1. Budgeting and budget execution
2. Documentations of business plans, annual reports, and accounting reports
3. Liaisons and coordination among members
4. Execution of decisions made by the General Assembly and the Working Committee
5. Other functions deemed to be necessary

**Article 15 (Finance)**

1. The accounting of the Secretariat shall be treated as special accounting, and its operations shall be covered by membership fees and other miscellaneous income.

2. Accounting shall temporarily be carried out in accordance with the following clauses:

- (1) Members shall temporarily not be obliged to pay membership fees.
- (2) All expenses incurred by holding the General Assembly and the Working Committee shall be covered and shared as follows:

① Half (B) of the total expenses (A) shall be borne by the regional government hosting the General Assembly.

② As to the other half ( $C=A-B$ ), the rest of the regional governments shall share the amount ( $C/D$ ), which is equally divided by the number of the regional governments of the Association, excluding the host of the conference (D).

③ In the event that the number of regional governments actually participating in the General Assembly is less than D, the balance shall be borne by the regional government hosting the conference.

④ In the event that a member regional government is unable to bear a significant portion of the expense due to unavoidable circumstances such as natural disasters, the expense to be borne may be partially reduced to a reasonable level based on the agreement of other member regional governments.

⑤ During the General Assembly, the regional government which proposed to host the next General Assembly shall submit tentative accounting of expenses for organizing the General Assembly and the Working Committee.

(3) The operating expenses of the Secretariat shall be borne by the member government which hosts the Secretariat.

(4) Expenses for other individual cooperation projects shall be covered by the member government which proposed those projects. However, based on agreement, they may be shared among participating members which desire to join the projects.

#### **Section 4 Associated Supporting Organizations**

**Article 16 (Establishment)** Aimed at contributing to the development of the Northeast Asian region, each member regional government may establish a supporting organization

(hereinafter referred to as 'Supporting Organization of the Association') to support the activities of the Association (new provision since September 1998).

#### **Article 17 (Registration)**

1. In the event that a member regional government establishes a Supporting Organization of the Association, it can register the organization by submitting application (new provision since September 1998).
2. The Supporting Organization of the Association shall report its activities to the Association (new provision since September 1998).

### **Chapter 4 Final Provisions**

**Article 18 (Effectuation)** This Charter shall take effect from the 28th of October 2010.

**Article 19 (The Scope of Members)** The founding members of the Association consist of regional governments, which attended the General Assembly in 1996 and agreed to the basic spirit of the Association.

**Article 20 (Language)** This Charter shall be written in English and in the languages of the countries where the member regions belong. Original copies of which shall be kept at the archive of the Secretariat and copies of which shall be kept by each member.

In faith whereof, the representatives of the regional governments, who were given the due authority from each member government, have signed the present Charter of the

Association of North East Asia Regional Governments in Gyeongju City, Gyeonsangbuk-do  
Province, Republic of Korea on the 12th day of September, 1996.

Supplementary Provision

This Charter shall take effect from the 21st of October 1998.

Supplementary Provision

This Charter shall take effect from the 12th of September 2002.

Supplementary Provision

This Charter shall take effect from the 8th of September 2004.

Supplementary Provision

This Charter shall take effect from the 28th of October 2010.

**Appendix: Regulations on Establishment and Operation of Sub-Committees of  
the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments**

The present regulations stipulate rules regarding establishment and operation of Sub-Committees in accordance with Clause 4 of Article 11 of the Charter of NEAR.

**Article 1 (Establishment)** For smooth operation of individual projects or tasks (hereinafter referred to as "Individual Projects") proposed at conferences of the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments, Sub-Committees shall be established for each field of work.

**Article 2 (Name and Working Area)** The name of the Sub-Committees shall be as follows:

1. Sub-Committee on Economy and Trade
2. Sub-Committee on Environment
3. Sub-Committee on Educational and Cultural Exchange (integrated on 2 September, 2008)
4. Sub-Committee on Disaster Prevention
5. Sub-Committee on Cross-border Cooperation (5 September, 2004)
6. Sub-Committee on Science and Technology (14 September, 2006)
7. Sub-Committee on Ocean and Fishery (2 September, 2008)
8. Sub-Committee on Tourism (2 September, 2008)
9. Sub-Committee on Mineral Resources Development and Coordination (28 October, 2010)
10. Sub-Committee on Energy and Climate Change (28 October, 2010)
11. Sub-Committee on Women and Children (28 October, 2010)

**Article 3 (Functions)** 1. Each Sub-Committee reviews and discusses methods to materialize and realize project plans by coordinating opinions among regional governments in order to promote effective execution of "Individual Projects" led by member regional governments which initiated them.

2. Each Sub-Committee shall report the results of the review and discussion on "Individual Projects" proposed by regional governments to the Working Committee.

**Article 4 (Structure)** Each Sub-Committee consists of directors of local government divisions who have interest in the field that each Sub-Committee is responsible for.

**Article 5 (Operation)** 1. An elected member regional government (hereinafter referred to as "Coordinator") shall be in charge of liaison, coordination and operation of each Sub-Committee.

2. The office term of a "Coordinator" is two years, and it can be re-elected..

3. In principal, the operation of a sub-committee shall be based on telecommunications such as postal mail and fax.

4. Each Sub-Committee may convene a meeting, if necessary.

**Article 6 (Participation)** 1. Regional governments which intend to participate in a Sub-Committee shall submit application to the "Coordinator."

2. Each "Coordinator" shall notify the Working Committee of any changes in the membership of the Sub-Committee.

**Article 7 (Expenses)**

Expenses for the operation of each Sub-Committee shall be borne by the "Coordinator." In the event of a Sub-Committee meeting being convened, expenses for transportation and accommodation shall be covered by participating regional governments, in principle.

**Article 8 (Relation to the Secretariat)** Each "Coordinator" shall send updated information of the Sub-Committee to the Secretariat, which shall distribute the documentation to the rest of the regional governments with the exemption of members of the Sub-Committee.

**Article 9 (Revision of Regulations)** Revision of the present regulations shall be decided by the Working Committee.

**Article 10 (Effectuation)** These regulations shall take effect and be in full force on October 28, 2010.

**Supplementary Provision**

**These regulations shall take effect and be in full force on October 21, 1998.**

**Supplementary Provision**

**These regulations shall take effect and be in full force on September 4, 2007.**

**Supplementary Provision**

**These regulations shall take effect and be in full force on September 2, 2008.**

**Supplementary Provision**

**These regulations shall take effect and be in full force on October 28, 2010.**

## Status of NEAR Membership: 71 members from six countries

Nation	No. of Members	Name of Member Regional Government
<b>Korea</b>	<b>16</b>	.Busan Metropolitan City .Daegu Metropolitan City .Incheon Metropolitan City .Gwangju Metropolitan City .Daejeon Metropolitan City .Ulsan Metropolitan City .Sejong Self-Governing City .Gyeonggi-do Province .Gangwon-do Province .Chuncheongbuk-do Province .Chungcheongnam-do Province .Jeollabuk-do Province .Jeollanam-do Province .Gyeongsangbuk-do Province .Gyeongsangnam-do Province .Jeju Special Self-governing Province
<b>China</b>	<b>6</b>	.Heilongjiang Province .Henan Province .Hubei Province .Hunan Province .Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region .Shandong Province
<b>Japan</b>	<b>10</b>	.Aomori Prefecture .Yamagata Prefecture .Niigata Prefecture .Toyama Prefecture .Ishikawa Prefecture .Fukui Prefecture

		.Kyoto Prefecture .Hyogo Prefecture .Tottori Prefecture .Shimane Prefecture
<b>North Korea</b>	<b>2</b>	.Hamgyeongbuk-do Province .Rasun City
<b>Mongolia</b>	<b>22</b>	.Ulaanbaatar City .Arkhangai Province .Bayanulgii Province .Bayankhongor Province .Bulgan Province .Govi-Altai Province .Govisumber Province .Darkhan-Uul Province .Dornod Province .Dorno-govi Province .Dund-govi Province .Zavkhan Province .Orkhon Province .Uvurkhangai Province .Umnu-govi Province .Sukhbaatar Province .Selenge Province .Tuv Province .Uvs Province .Khovd Province .Khuvsgul Province .Khentii Province
<b>Russia</b>	<b>15</b>	.Republic of Buryatia .Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) .Republic of Tyva .Altai Territory .Zabaikalsky Territory .Krasnoyarsk Territory .Primorsky Territory .Khabarovsk Territory .Amur Region .Irkutsk Region .Kamchatka Region .Magadan Region .Sakhalin Region

		.Tomsk Region.Kemorovo Region (joined in 2010)
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 Observer: 5 Organizations from 2 countries

Nation	No. of Organization	Name of Organization
<b>China</b>	<b>4</b>	.Tianjin City, Shanxi Province, Shaanxi Province, Liaoning Province
<b>Japan</b>	<b>1</b>	.Yamaguchi Prefecture



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