

<Outline of Keynote Speech and Session 1>

- Professor Okada and officers in the Ministry of the Environment made presentations on “Japanese Experiences on the Management of Water Environment”, “Water Environmental Management in Japan”, and “Water Quality Conservation Measures for River Water in Japan”, respectively.
- During the discussion, information on policy of water quality standard and decentralised sanitation in Japan was shared between Japanese side and Lao participants.
- One participant from Lao asked Japanese participants to suggest the lesson from the experience of water management in Japan for the Lao PDR. Mr. Kawasaki and Mr. SHIRAISHI mentioned the Japanese experience of serious pollution problems such as Minamata-diseases and emphasized the importance of preventive measures rather than mitigation ones to minimize the damage. It is also pointed out that consideration of future risks should be prioritized in decision making process of environmental policy.

< Session 2>

- Lao speakers made presentations on “Status of Water Environmental Quality and Current Major Issues in Lao PDR”, “Environmental Water Quality Standards and Water Monitoring System in Lao PDR”, and “Non-point Source Pollution Control Policy and Measures for Protection of River Water Quality Protection in Lao PDR”.
- Information on sanitation system and inspection system for industrial wastewater in Lao PDR was exchanged between Japanese participants and Lao.

< Session 3>

- Lao speakers made presentations on “Regulatory on Water Supply in Laos” and “Water Supply Sector Development in Lao PDR”, and the questions on waster supply policy in Lao PDR were raised after the presentations.

< Session 4>

- Lao speakers made presentations on “River Basin Management Framework, Environmental Water Quality Standard and Water Monitoring System of Mekong River” and “Multistakeholder Water Governance for Sustainable Livelihood in Laos”, and after the presentations the discussion on water quality monitoring system for Mekong River was conducted.

<Introduction of WEPA activity>

- IGES made a presentation on the introduction of WEPA activity and database.