

Abstract

SESSION 2:

Accelerating Actions for Sustainable Development and Climate Change

WORKSHOP 2.1:

Scaling up ICM: Innovations and Impacts at Local, National and Regional Levels

Challenge of Obama City – Future Conference for Coastal City Development

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Obama City faces Wakasa Bay, which has a wonderful natural environment, hence the city has flourished with the bounty of the sea for a long time. On the other hand, Obama has some problems recently, such as the depression of the fishery industry and deterioration of the coastal ecosystems.

In Obama, many people and sectors work for the sea. It is therefore necessary to consider the interests of various sectors towards achieving a common goal. Obama City has compiled the “Coastal City Development Plan in Obama”, which serves as an ICM plan based on the discussion of the coastal city development council.

The “Future Conference for Coastal City Development” has been established as an important driving mechanism for the implementation of the plan. In the conference, young people are involved. Various sectors with interest in the sea are also widely invited. The conference provided a venue for exchange of information about the problems in the sea and coastal areas and in reviewing the values and traditions of the sea from fresh perspectives. Most of people are not interested in sea and this can be a root of the problems in managing the sea in Obama.

Members of the Future Conference actively disseminated information on the value of the sea. At the first onset of the conference, the members visited each fishing village of Obama City to research on their problems and challenged them to regenerate the seagrass beds that are currently damaged. It is hoped that the activities of the “Future conference” will lead to the creation of new industry that takes advantage of the sea.



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