

## The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Board Meeting of the e-ASIA Joint Research Program

28 June 2012

Singapore

### Minutes of the Meeting

1) The first Annual Board meeting of the East Asia Science and Innovation Area Joint Research Program (the “Program”), chaired by Dr. Takayoshi Mamine, Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) was held on 28 June 2012 in Singapore at Mandarin Orchard Hotel. The meeting was attended by six Board Members from six Members of the Program, namely, RISTEK of Republic of Indonesia, MEXT of Japan, MOST of Lao People’s Democratic Republic, MOST of Republic of the Union of Myanmar, NSTDA of Kingdom of Thailand and MOST of Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, with guest speakers from Japan and Kingdom of Thailand and observers from MOD of Brunei Darussalam, MIME of Kingdom of Cambodia, Embassy of People’s Republic of China in Singapore and A\*STAR of Republic of Singapore.

2) We, the attending six Board Members, confirmed the concept of the Program and the Members at the time of inaugurating the Program. As of 28 June 2012, we announced that the Program was formally inaugurated and also adopted the Statute of the Program.

3) We recognized that the Scientific Advisory Council and Peer-Review

Panel as well as the Program Secretariat would be formulated as necessary functions of the Program and acknowledged that there should be continuous discussions at the next Board meeting.

4) We approved the projects “Plasmonic bio-sensor for detecting serious diseases in Southeast Asia” and “Advancement of Asian Cassava Molecular Breeding by Cutting-edge Technologies” would receive research fund from JST of Japan, NSTDA of Kingdom of Thailand and MOST of Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, out of 14 proposals applied to the 1<sup>st</sup> Pilot Call for proposals in the fields of “Nanotechnology and Materials” and “Biomass and Plant Science”.

5) We discussed the possibility of conducting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pilot Call for Proposals in coming November 2012 in the fields of “Disaster Prevention” and “Infectious Diseases” in addition to “Nanotechnology and Materials” and “Biomass and Plant Science”. We encouraged that there would be continued discussion among interested Members on this matter.

6) We welcomed to set up our efforts for activating brain circulation and mobility scheme of researchers in the region. We expected all Members would also give special consideration for brain circulation when joint research activities related to the Program took place.

7) We discussed tentative topics for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting.

8) We acknowledged that the tentative Secretariat had been in operation through support from JST which would continue for three years. For long-term sustainability, detailed mechanism should be discussed at the next Board meeting.