



Science Council of Asia Conference Held



From May 13 to 15, the 4th Science Council of Asia (SCA) Conference was held in Seoul, in the Republic of Korea.

The conference is held annually, rotating round Asian countries in turn. Its purpose is to promote collaboration and cooperation in Asia across a wide range of scientific fields. This year's conference organizer was the National Academy of Sciences, Republic of Korea (NAS), and the co-organizer was the Science Council of Japan. The theme of this year's conference was the

globalization of the Asian economy and the role of science in sustainable development. A total of approximately 80 people from 11 Asian countries and international organizations such as the International Council for Science (ICSU) attended the General Assembly and the Management Board Meeting. During the Academic Symposia opened to the general public, many people attended an address by Japanese scientist Ryoji Noyori, the director of the Research Center for Materials Science and winner of the 2001 Nobel Prize for chemistry.

The application from Mongolia for entry to the SCA was approved during the conference, and it was decided that the fifth SCA Conference will be held in Vietnam, the sixth in India, and the seventh in Japan.