

The First EMECS Conference

EMECS '90

For the Environmental Management
and Appropriate Use of Enclosed Coastal Seas



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EMECS '90 was sponsored by the Environment Agency, the Governors and Mayors' Conference on the Environmental Protection of the Seto Inland Sea, Hyogo Prefecture, the City of Kobe and other organization, for the exchange of information between government representatives, relevant private organization and researchers involved in studying the Seto Inland Sea and other enclosed coastal seas throughout the world. The world's first EMECS Conference was attended by 1,238 persons from 42 countries and regions around the world, including representatives from UNEP, OECD and FAO.

The 186 presentations were divided into 9 sessions and covered a broad spectrum, including the humanities and social sciences as well as the natural sciences.

The achievements of the conference were summarized in the Seto Inland Sea Declaration. Related parties in countries around the world pledged their solidarity and cooperation to work to achieve the goals set forth in the declaration.