

## **Poster Session**

### **Non-governmental Education Activities in the Seto Inland Sea Area**

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The reporter and the group have made announcements about Non-government Education Activities in the Seto Inland Sea Area from 1960's to 2003 at the 3rd and the 6th EMECS Conference. The following is about Educational Activities of Japanese NGOs since 2003.

In 1988, Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Technology renewed the National Courses of Study containing establishing "Period for Integrated Study", which they bring into pay for environmental education. Since 2005, however, reasoning from declining of pupils' academic level, they are replacing the terms with other subjects such as languages, sciences and so on. We concern if the opportunity for environmental education that were near to be settled will be lost.

And also, there is few opportunity of environmental education for those who has passed their school age. Under such circumstance, The People's Alliance to Protect the Japanese Inland Sea has played a role in environmental educating by reporting the investigation that biologists have made on the vegetations which live on sea sides under artificial and natural harsh environment for 10 years. Besides, we also aim to use for environmental education the reconstituting the plans of the towns which were damaged by environmental pollution and the investigation about the birds which migrate to artificial sea sides and turtles which come there to lay eggs.

In our opinion, forward, not to setback environmental education, the NGOs have needs to make a stronger connection between local communities and educational institutions.

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