

## **Welcome address for the CTC project and joint research**

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Dear Colleagues! Friends! The scientists who have devoted the scientific activity to studying of forest - the major riches, presented to mankind by nature.

We are glad to welcome you at the Far East State Agricultural University. In one of the most east regions of the Russian Federation – Amurskaya oblast, more than 60% of which territory are covered by forest, in which territory meets more than 2000 species of plants. In territory of the Amurskaya oblast, however, deeply regretted to say that there are frequent forest fires. Therefore, the theme of the international symposium “Regeneration mixed-coniferous and broadleaf forests of East Asia after natural and man-made disturbances including fires” is actually important for the Amurskaya oblast, but also that is important globally.

Forests are the main treasures of any countries. They have the big resources of foods, medical and technical raw materials. Forests have not only raw, but also high nature protection potential and huge ecological importance. Forests are one of the major factors determining "the future of the Earth and well-being of all human beings". Biological forest resources are renewable resources within rationally and scientifically verified use.

Preservation and regeneration of forests are major, global problems. The decision of which will allow keeping these unique natural riches for us and for the following generations. The decision of the given problem depends on joining of efforts of the scientists of various countries, because problems at global level can be solved only by the effort at international level.

We are grateful to our colleagues for opening this important symposium in our university.

Far East State Agriculture University (FESAU) started the subjects of forest science in 2005. The institute of forest is the youngest research and education group in our university, was established in 2001. Our scientific schools on problems of forest are not generated yet, they are still in progress of wood technology and forest ecosystem studies. We organize to participate in this symposium, as an unique opportunity to familiarize with world experience of studying of regeneration of forest after a fire, a politics of preservation of the wild nature in forest ecosystems.

We do hope that this cooperation will form a basis for development of forest scientific researches in our university that will be unconditional to promote development of institute of forest and improvement of quality of experts for forest fields.

Our cooperation with scientists from Hokkaido University began in 2004, after carrying out the international conference "Biological resources of the Far East". Professors K. Sasa and F. Satoh together with the specialists of our university have been working on scientific expedition on studying of forest regeneration after a fire in Amurskaya oblast. Mr. Makoto Kobayashi who is a graduate student of Hokkaido University worked in our university in several months in this year. Graduate students of FESAU, Mr. Alexander Naumenko and Mr. Symeon Brjanin, were engaged in soil studying of mixed coniferous-broadleaf forests in the Zeisko-Bureinskaya soil province, within the framework of the given project under the direction of senior lecturer, Mr. V. F. Prokopchuk. The joint project promotes also the preparation of young scientists. In part, we have visited Hokkaido University where have familiarized with scientific researches of forest science, special impression has made visiting an experimental forest and modern scientific equipments.

I wish the success of work of all the participants of this symposium. And also I would like to express my hope that our cooperation is continued to promote training of highly skilled specialists for forest department, to preservation and regeneration of the major riches of mankind - forest.

Thank you very much!

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