

## **Research Collaborations**

### **1. Activities of the Research Consortium, MARCO**

The Monsoon Asia Agro-Environmental Research Consortium (MARCO) was established in 2006 to foster international research collaboration in Monsoon Asia. In 2008 the following activities were conducted under the auspices of MARCO.

- One symposium was held in 2008. The MARCO Workshop, entitled A New Approach to Soil Information Systems for Natural Resources Management in Asian Countries, was held from 14 to 15 October 2008 in Tsukuba. For details: <http://www.niaes.affrc.go.jp/marco/2008workshop/index.html>

- An ecological science researcher was invited from China for a 1-month stay.

MARCO's website contains consortium information. For details:

<http://www.niaes.affrc.go.jp/marco/index.html>

### **2. International Seminar in Collaboration with FFTC and Taiwan**

From 10 to 14 November 2008, an International Seminar on Management of Major Emerging Plant Pests in Agriculture in the Asian and Pacific Region was held at Taipei, Taiwan, in collaboration with the Food and Fertilizer Technology Center (FFTC), Taiwan Forestry Research Institute (TFRI), Taiwanese Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine (BAPHIQ), and NIAES. For details:

<http://www.agnet.org/activities/sw/2008/674201955/>