

## 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 2009, the following activities were conducted under the auspices of MARCO.

- The symposium “Challenges for Agro-Environmental Research in Monsoon Asia” was held from 5 to 7 October 2009 in Tsukuba. For details see <http://www.niaes.affrc.go.jp/marco/marco2009/english/>
- An agronomy researcher was invited from the Philippines for a 3-month stay and from China for a year stay.

MARCO’s website contains consortium information. For details see <http://www.niaes.affrc.go.jp/marco/>.

### 2. International Seminar in Collaboration with the Food and Fertilizer Technology Center and the Taiwan Forestry Research Institute

An International Seminar on Pesticide and Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Residues in the Environment and their Effects on Food Safety was held from 26 to 30 October 2009 in Taipei, Taiwan ROC, in collaboration with the Food and Fertilizer Technology Center (FFTC), the Taiwan Forestry Research Institute (TFRI), and NIAES. For details see <http://www.agnet.org/activities/sw/2009/665524214/>.