

# Association of East Asian Environmental History (AEAEH)

- New formation and establishment since August 2009

## Rationale for Establishing the Association of East Asian Environmental History (AEAEH)

More than twenty scholars doing East Asian environmental history participated in the First World Congress of Environmental History convened by the International Consortium of Environmental History Organizations (ICEHO) in Copenhagen and Malm#246; during August 4-8, 2009. Because East Asia is not well represented among the current members of ICEHO, many of us who joined in a discussion during the conference agreed to form an association and named it the Association of East Asian Environmental History (AEAEH). The AEAEH will be an organization of individual members engaged in doing research on East Asian environmental issues with historical perspectives. Scholars from fields related to environmental studies, such as history, archaeology, literature, ethics, anthropology, geography, demography, economics, sociology, law, biology, ecology, agronomy, nutrition, medical science, public health, meteorology, geology, and engineering (energy, hydrology, municipal engineering), are all welcome to become members. Interdisciplinary approaches will be emphasized and within the sphere of East Asia a wide temporal span will be covered. Comparative studies, of course, will also be encouraged. A website of AEAEH will be set up by Academia Sinica to serve as a newsletter and for communications. The Computing Center of Academia Sinica has informed Prof. Liu Ts'ui-jung that it would take about one month to set up the website. For this, we will need some preliminary information; please do not hesitate to send suggestions.

## Rationale for Establishing the Association of East Asian Environmental History (AEAEH) in Japanese

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