



Asian Forum for Polar Sciences (AFOPS)

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MEMBERS



China



India



Japan



Korea



Malaysia



observer country



OBJECTIVES

- ▶ **Recognizing the importance of international cooperation and aiming to serve the common interests in polar sciences, member countries work together**
- ▶ **To provide a foundation for cooperative research activities**
- ▶ **To present Asian achievements toward international polar communities**
- ▶ **To encourage Asian countries' involvements in polar research**



ORGANIZATION

- ▶ **Chairman**

Japan → Korea

→ China → India

- ▶ **National Representatives (NRs)**

- ▶ **National Coordinators (NCs)**

- ▶ **Secretary**

- ▶ **Working Groups (WGs)**

- ▶ **Earth Science (ES)**

- ▶ **Life Science (LS)**

- ▶ **Planetary Science (PS)**

- ▶ **Engineering & Logistics (E&L)**

- ▶ **Public Relations & Data management (P&D)**



MAJOR ACTIVITIES

- 1. Provide a forum to seek a common view on polar affairs among member countries**
- 2. Develop and support cooperative programs on polar research**
- 3. Convene joint symposia and workshops for polar sciences**
- 4. Support Asian countries to develop their national polar programs**
- 5. Produce joint publications on polar sciences**



RECENT FORUM



**Next AFoPS will be hold in India
in 2011**

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