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1.Events and Activities

(1) ISOR 2004

As we announced by our previous e-mail, the International Symposium of Organics Recycling (ISOR 2004) will be held on Oct5-7, 2004 at Akita City, Akita prefecture under the auspices of Akita Prefectural University and JORA.

Chairperson of this symposium is Dr. Chino, professor of Akita University, vice president of JORA and we are delighted to inform you that many leading professional persons such as Dr. Bidlingmaier, Chairman of ORBIT (Organic Recovery and Biological Treatment) which is one of the most influential organic recycling associations in Europe and Steering Committee members of ANOR are going to make lectures on various fields of organic recycling as per attached papers.

2.Information

(1) Earth Policy Institute

We had a chance to hear the lecture of Mr. Lester R. Brown who is founder and president of Earth Policy Institute about global environment movement on 1/June, 2004 in Tokyo and we asked to send "Eco-Economy Updates" of his institutes which is short research analyses of environmental issues because we were very much impressed by his lecture. Please refer to attached two releases: "World Food Security Deteriorating Food Crunch in 2005 Now Likely" by Lester R. Brown dated May5, 2004 and "Dead Zones Increasing in World's Costal Waters" by Janet Larsen dated June16, 2004.

Followings are excerpts from his biography in Earth Policy Institute's homepage.

"In 1974, with support of the Rockefeller Brothers fund, he founded the World Watch Institute, the first research institute devoted to the analysis of global environmental issues. While there he launched the World Watch Papers, the Annual State of the World Reports, World Watch Magazines etc.

In May 2001, he founded the Earth Policy Institute to provide a vision and a road map for achieving an environmentally sustainable economy.

He is one of the world's most widely published authors and his books appeared in some 40 languages. Some of his well known books are Man, Land and World without Borders; Building a Sustainable Society; Who will Feed China? ; Plan B: Rescuing a Planet Under Stress and a Civilization in Trouble.

(2) Zero Waste Declaration

As you may know, Zero Waste Declaration by municipal government in order to build the environmentally sustainable societies of 21st century was started in 1996 with 2010 as target year at Canberra in Canada.

In Japan, the small town of Kamikatsu in Tokushima prefecture declared Zero Waste as the first municipal government in Japan in September 2003 with 2020 as target year.

The Environment Ministry officially announced on 15/June, 2004 to approve Kamikatu project as one of 11 projects of "exemplary models for community development based on the good balance of economy and environment"

Please refer to the attached "Kamikatu-cho Zero Waste Program Declaration" reported by Green Peace Japan.