

Environmental technology

Information sharing on the Internet

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The Internet has been rapidly growing as a powerful mechanism for sharing information on environmental technologies. Making use of the full potential of the Internet is critical for industries that want to gain a competitive edge over others. The APEC Virtual Centre for Environmental Technology Exchange (APEC-VC) actively promotes exchange of environmental technology information among industries, businesses, governmental organizations and research institutes by exclusively relying on the Internet.



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Introduction

Humanity faces general environmental problems such as global warming and ozone layer depletion, and specific problem areas such as air and water pollution. Cooperation beyond national and regional borders has thus become absolutely essential to protect the global environment.

Redress has become a serious matter, particularly in the APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) region, which has developed at an extraordinary pace in a few years. Though heavily blunted by the recent economic crisis, mid-range growth potential in Asia is still high. This makes it all the more important to ensure that economics and the environment coexist comfortably.

This is why information on environmental surveys, pollution control and transferable technology is being shared more and more on the Internet. The APEC Virtual Centre for Environmental

Technology Exchange, or APEC-VC, is an international project that aims to promote the exchange of information on environmental technology.

APEC-VC was approved as an official APEC joint research project at the Osaka APEC meeting in November 1995. Each APEC economy opens a homepage on the Internet, through which it makes available its information on environmental technology. By sharing this technological information as well as experiences and know-how of overcoming pollution, the project can effectively transfer technology to needy areas and contribute to environmental conservation.

APEC-VC's information on environmental technology

APEC-VC Japan was officially launched in April 1997, ahead of all other APEC economies.