The 1st circular for invitation of participation and presentation in
The 10th Forum on Studies of Environmental and Public Health Issues
in Asian Mega-cities (EPAM 2019)

August 28, 2019

1. Aim of the Forum

Rapid urbanization and economic development in most Asian countries and regions have brought about many problems experienced in the past by most developed countries, regarding water, soil and air environment and public health. Intensified social activities, lifestyle diversification, rising living standard as well as the increasingly popular cross-urban exchanges of people and goods have made the problems more prominent and at the same time have raised many new issues that have to be addressed and probably tackled, such as water safety and security, agricultural soil security, transboundary air pollution, renewable energy development and utilization, micro-plastics, and newly-emerging chemical compounds and microbial and viral agents of health concerns.

EPAM provides a platform for sharing knowledge, building collaborative relations, engaging discussions and debates among policymakers, stakeholders, scientists, academics and professionals through high quality presentations showcasing sustainable technological solutions, processes and management strategies that address current and emerging Environmental and Public Health Issues in Asian Mega-cities, and it has been held once a year since 2009 in rotation between Japan, Korea, and P. R. of China. EPAM 2019 will be held in December 11–15, 2019 in the most beautiful city Gifu, Japan. This forum will focus mainly on strategy, innovation and solutions relating to the current and emerging environmental and public health issues in Asia. Discussions and debates over the latest scientific and practical knowledge, strategic approaches and innovations that contribute to sustenance and improvement of the environment and public health of our cities are welcome.

2. Outline of the Forum

2.1 Conference Date
December 11 – 15, 2019

2.2 Place of the Forum
Gifu University, Gifu, Japan

2.3 Program
Arrival registration in hotel(s): December 11th 14:00 -
Presentation: December 12th (Oral presentation sessions)
December 13th (Oral & Poster presentation sessions)
Technical tour: December 14th (P-I, theme: natural environment)
December 15th (P-II, theme: urban environment, optional)
A session of Message Delivery and Dialogue on environment education, training and roles expected from international society will be designed most probably after the poster session on December 13th between several experts participating in the forum and graduate course students of Gifu University who are learning under the program called BWEL “Gifu University Rearing Program for Basin Water Environmental Leaders” that has been running since selected for implementation by Japanese government in 2009.

2.4 Topics
The topics include, but not limited to, the followings:
Watershed management strategies and policies
River basin environment monitoring and evaluation
Transboundary air pollution and health impacts
Current and newly-emerging contaminants of health concern
Current and newly-emerging microbial and viral agents of health concern
Physicochemical and biological water treatment
Advanced water and wastewater treatment
Nano particles and micro-plastics in environment: occurrence, behavior and fate
Novel water, air, soil pollution control strategies and technologies
Solid waste management strategies and technologies
Resource and energy recovery strategies and technologies from wastewater, excess activated sludge and solid waste
Air quality and indoor quality
Public health

2.5 Language
English

2.6 Presentation time
Oral presentation: to be decided later
(Probably 20-25 minutes for each presentation including discussion)
Poster presentation: core time about 2 hours

2.7 Submission information
Deadline for submission of one page-long ABSTRACT (about 300 words) to be appeared in the BOOK of ABSTRACT for EPAM 2019 is October 20, 2019. The abstract should be submitted as attached word file to the email address of epam2019@gifu-u.ac.jp
Please use the attached MS word file Template for Abstract of EPAM 2019 directly when prepare your abstract for oral or poster presentation.

2.8 Registration and registration fee for participation
Please fill in the required items in the Registration Form available on the website of the forum https://www.green.gifu-u.ac.jp/BWEL/epam2019/index.html or to be sent directly by email, and submit to the email address of epam2019@gifu-u.ac.jp by October 20, 2019.
Registration fee for participation is 20,000 Japanese yen per person (10,000 yen for student), and it should be paid by CASH when register on site.

2.9 Accommodation

There are several comfortable hotels with reasonable prices nearby Meitetsu Gifu. However, since a big music event will be held in the nearby city of Nagoya, to book a room only days before the forum will be very difficult. For this reason, the organization committee is considering to reserve rooms in an earlier time on behalf of the participants, particularly the participants from countries and regions outside Japan. A confirmation column for hotel reservation is combined in the conference Registration Form and it will be sent to the participants who want the organization committee to book rooms for them through a representative person in their country or region nominated by the committee in advance or through other appropriate channels soon. The participants can also download it from the website https://www.green.gifu-u.ac.jp/BWEL/epam2019/index.html and sent to the email epam2019@gifu-u.ac.jp by October 20, 2019.

※ Meitetsu Gifu is the railway station in Gifu that connects the Central Japan (Nagoya) International Airport.

※ The hotel rent is about 7,000 Japanese yen per night for single bed room, and 14,000 yen for two-bed room or double-bed room for accommodation of two persons.

3. Organization

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