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The FNCA 2019 Workshop on Radiation Safety and Radioactive Waste Management (RS&RWM) was held from 1st to 3rd October 2019, at the Silk Path Hotel Hanoi. The workshop was jointly organised by the Vietnam Atomic Energy Institute (VINATOM and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan.



At Yen Phu Rare Earth JSC

Dr Tran Ngoc Toan, Vice President of VINATOM and FNCA Coordinator of Vietnam, and Mr Tomoaki Wada, FNCA Coordinator of Japan delivered a welcoming speech. Both of them emphasized the importance of radioactive waste management in the member countries, and wished the success of workshop

Following the welcome remarks, Mr Wada gave a presentation on the FNCA Achievements in 2018

and 2019. In his presentation, he introduced the Conclusion and Recommendation issued by the 19th FNCA Coordinators Meeting in which the project is suggested to assist member countries with safety improvement of low level radioactive waste management. Next, Dr Le Thi Mai Huong, FNCA Project Leader of Vietnam presented on the Vietnam's achievements in FNCA activities. In her presentation, she explained that through the activities of the FNCA RS&RWM project, especially the exchange of information and experiences among participating countries, understanding of, and correct information about, Radioactive Waste Management has been promoted, especially the technical viewpoints. Finally, Prof Toshiso Kosako, Project Leader of Japan reported the overview of the project, in which he explained about the consolidated report to be discussed during the workshop.



Prof Toshiso Kosako Explaining the Contents of Consolidated Report on LLWR

After the introductory sessions, Eleven (11) countries reported their progress, challenges, problems and future plans for low-level radioactive waste repository or repositories. Following the country reports, Dr Nguyen Ba Tien from Vietnam and Dr Norasalwa Binti Zakaria from Malaysia gave a presentation on NORM/TENORM and Disposal of Disused Sources respectively. Dr Tien presented on the NORM/TENORM disposal in Vietnam and introduced the issue of managing tailings wastes in uranium processing experiments, in mining and processing beach sand minerals, in exploiting and processing rare earth ores and in ZOC (Zircon) production. Dr Norasalwa presented on the disposal of disused sources in Malaysia referring to their borehole disposal system, and explained site location and site characterization, safety assessment and plans for the years to come.



On the second day, Dr Hideki Namba, FNCA Advisor of Japan introduced the MEXT Human Resources Development programs and FNCA activities related to the Radiation Safety and Radioactive Waste Management project. According to Prof Kosako, some fellows have attained important positions of their institutes after completing the program including chair or president of the organization. Furthermore, six people among the workshop participants had an experience to join the MEXT HRD program before. After the morning session, The participants discussed on the general part and specific part of consolidated report. The revised drafts of the general and specific reports from each country are to be sent to Ms Tanida by Fri 29 November 2019. The report will come from the FNCA project leaders in each country.

In the afternoon, eleven countries introduced their hot topics using a poster. The title of each poster is as shown below:

- Australia: ILW Storage at the Australian LLW Repository: Centralised Storage of Intermediate Level Waste Benefits and Disadvantages
- Bangladesh: Activities of Heath Physics & Radioactive Waste Management Unit (HPRWMU)
- China: Unbalanced Development between Nuclear Energy Boom and Radioactive Waste Disposal Site Construction in China
- Indonesia: Study on Inventory and Repository of TENORM Waste from Tin Industry in Bangka Island Indonesia
- Japan: Decontamination Evaluation and Reduction of Radioactive Waste / JAEA actions in Fukushima
- Kazakhstan: Kazakhstan's Activities on Bringing the Territory of the Former Semipalatinsk Test Site to Safety State
- Malaysia: Strengthening Radiation Safety and Facilities Upgrade at the National Radioactive Waste Management Center
- Mongolia: Radiation Safety and Radioactive Waste Management in Mongolia
- Philippines: Radioactive Waste Management in the Philippines Moving Forward
- Thailand: Radioactive Waste Management Support Megaport Initiative at Laem Chabang Seaport Thailand



• Vietnam: A Study on a Closed-Loop Production of Coagulants and Pigments without Secondary Wastes from Vietnam Red Mud



Summary of each presentation can be found on the **FNCA website**.

The participants joined a technical visit to Yen Phu Rare Earth JSC.

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*Detailed information and summaries of the workshop can be found on the FNCA website. (<u>http://www.fnca.mext.go.jp/english/rwm/e_ws.html</u>)



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