

Nagoya city, Aichi prefecture, Japan
International Day for Biological Diversity
22 May 2009

Various events in celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity were held in Nagoya city, Aichi prefecture, where the tenth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP10) is to be held in 2010.

The Aichi-Nagoya COP10 CBD Promotion Committee held events especially focusing on promoting the incoming conference as reported below.

1) Festival for the International Day for Biological Diversity

Date: May 22-24, 2009

Venue: Oasis 21, an urban festival plaza, Nagoya, Aichi

Outcome: Various enjoyable stage programs including talk session, quiz show, concert, musical, as well as exhibition booths of NGOs, private sectors, and public sectors, focusing on biological diversity, attracted tens of thousands of visitors in the three-day long event.

2) Symposium for the International Day for Biological Diversity

Date: May 22, 2009

Venue: Chuden-Hall, Nagoya, Aichi

Theme: "Immediate natural environment and the invasive alien species- current and future problem"

Outcome: An audience of more than 200 attended to listen to the keynote speech by Prof. Shoichi Sengoku, a popular zoologist familiar on TV in Japan, along with a panel discussion by three panelists on the invasive alien species.



Talk session on Biological diversity at Oasis 21



Whole picture of the festival at Oasis 21



Symposium at Chuden-Hall

Besides that, Aichi celebrated the Day with a large number of events held by various sectors. Here are some of them.

- “Aichi Green Wave Campaign” by primary schools
Primary school students in Aichi participated in tree planting activities in their schoolyard as “the Green wave campaign in Aichi” in May, 2009 regarding the CBD-led campaign.
- “The kick off event for Afforestation Movement” by the Aichi Prefectural Government
- “Aichi-Nagoya Clean Action” for COP10 by the Aichi Prefectural Government, City of Nagoya, and the other municipalities in Aichi
- Special programs for the International Day for Biological Diversity by Nagoya Higashiyama Zoo and Botanical Gardens
- “Eco Hiking in Cape Irigo -Encounter with precious seaside plants-“ by Nagoya Railroad Co., Ltd.
- “Tree planting in Obu” by City of Obu and AEON Environmental Foundation
- “Millennium Forest” tree planting by the Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd
- Cultural Lecture on the Environment by Asahi Breweries Ltd., and the Chunichi Shimbun (a newspaper company)
- Eco tour to see natural lives on the shore by Nagoya Port Foundation