

Summary of Discussion

At the end of the International workshop, the following discussion had been made;

(1) Linkage between each parts of the Yellow River Project

There are three subprojects in the Yellow River Project; (1) Interaction between atmosphere and land, (2) Interaction between land and ocean, and (3) Modeling of the Yellow River Domain. The linkages between each three subprojects were strongly recommended.

(2) Number of the observation sites

Only one field site is planed for the field observations on “Land-Atmosphere Interactions” in the Plateau. Some arguments and discussion on the number of the field sites had been made from financial and scientific perspectives.

(3) International workshop

Prof. Fukushima suggested the international workshop would be held every two years. (Next international workshop will be held in 2005). Some Chinese scientists suggested that the workshop would be held every year. As a conclusion, we will have the international workshop on the Yellow River every two years, however, each subgroup will have a workshop between each international workshop.

(4) News letters and Home Page of the Yellow River Project

Making News letters and HP in the web site had been decided. This is not only for the members of the Yellow River Projects, but also for the other researchers for the global environmental studies, stake holders and local community, to advertise and recognize the Yellow River Project. Prof. Fukushima will ask the readers of the subjects and each researcher to contribute their plans and works to the News letters and HP.

(5) International framework

Subproject of “Land-Ocean Interaction” of the Yellow River Project has been already submitted to the IGBP/LOICZ as one of LOICZ core projects. The subproject of “Land-Atmosphere Interaction” will be considered to submit some international societies under the umbrella of international research framework.