

Youth Model Ramsar Convention 2009, Changwon City, South Korea

On March 28-29 in Changwon, South Korea, high school students from various locations in Korea got together to hold the second Youth Model Ramsar Convention in continuation of the event developed through an increased awareness of wetlands and wetland conservation and established during the year of COP10. The event, supported by Gyeongsangnamdo Ramsar Environment Foundation, was a success, hosting two days of events with over 150 attendees.



On the first day, Saturday March 28th, students listened to presentations given on The Ramsar Convention and their activities in Asia, Wetland Conservation in Canada, the organization of the YMRC and procedures to be followed during the Model Ramsar Convention. The second day saw three distinct committees, respectively discussing; Transboundary Wetland Issues, Wetland Loss, and Biodiversity of Wetlands.



Each committee developed and amended resolutions regarding the topics of interest, with voting and acceptance of the amended resolutions being performed later that afternoon. Debates provided exciting with some students getting fully involved.

The activity, well organized by the student representatives, was fully

supported by the Gyeongsangnamdo Ramsar Environmental Foundation, which supported the Model Ramsar Convention. Due to the success of the Model Ramsar, the organizing committee (student representatives and GREF staff) expressed the desire to continue with the convention into the future. As a result, all who partook in the event went away feeling good about the event and its future. Once firmly established, the cooperation between these two organizations will be supported as an activity of the Ramsar Regional Center – East Asia, and enhance the Centers CEPA activities.