

12th Asia Pacific Responsible Care Conference Held in Bali Conference Focused on the Road towards SAICM/WSSD 2020 Goal

To develop, promote and strengthen the Responsible Care ® initiative in the Asia-Pacific region, the twelfth Asia Pacific Responsible Care Conference (APRCC) was held on October 25-27, 2011 in Bali, Indonesia.

Hosted by the National Committee for Responsible Care Indonesia (KN-RCI), the conference also served as an event to champion the International Year of Chemistry (IYC).



APRCC was first held in Hong Kong in 1995, marking this year as the twelfth year of the conference. Up until 2003, APRCC was held annually, though it is now held every two years, with a total of about 130 conference attendees from the Asia-Pacific region, as well as parts of North America, Europe, Gulf countries, and Columbia attending this year, reflecting the expansion of the Responsible Care activity.

The theme of this year's conference focused on minimizing the adverse effects on human health and the environment, by aiming at the road towards a Strategic Approach to International Chemical Management / World Summit Sustainable Development (SAICM/WSSD) with a goal of 2020, through the implementation of Global Product Strategy (GPS).



The conference was divided into six key sessions, including: (1) Commemorative speeches of IYC, (2) Responsible Care updates, (3) Global Product Strategy, (4) Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS), (5) Chemical safety and security, and (6) Communication with the public.

And all presentations and discussions proved to be interesting and informative, including from Japan, the keynotes of two session speakers and one session chairperson.

In conjunction with the conference, initiatives of participating associations regarding the IYC were exhibited on posters to commemorate the International Year of Chemistry.

JCIA also exhibited posters to introduce:

(1) The IYC commemorative activities in Japan, (2) Japan Initiative of Product Stewardship (JIPS) activity, (3) Long-range Research Initiative, (4) The fostering of human resources in chemistry, (5) Dream Chemistry 21, and (6) Japan's chemical industry. In addition, a demonstration was performed on "Chemistry in Wonderland," a website for kids to play and learn about chemistry (<http://www.kagaku21.net/en>).

