

The 11th Policy Plenary Meeting on “Assessment of "ASEAN+3 Summit" and "East Asia Summit"”

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The 11th Policy Plenary Meeting was held on December 21st 2005 and the discussions were conducted concerning the outcome of the "ASEAN + 3 Summit" and the "East Asia Summit" which both took place in December 2005 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The guest speakers were Mr. TAKADA Minoru, Deputy Director-General, Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Mr. YAMADA Takio, Director of Regional Policy Division, the same Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

As regards the relationship between the ASEAN+3 Summit and the East Asia Summit vis-à-vis the future building of an East Asian community, it was pointed out that the "ASEAN+3 Summit" would be the "main vehicle" and the "East Asia Summit" would also play a "significant role", and that the "Second Joint Statement on East Asia Cooperation" which to be formalized on the occasion of 10th Anniversary of the "ASEAN +3 Summit" held in 2007 will be important.

The participants (27) included Mr. HATA Tsutomu, Advisor of CEAC and former Prime Minister.