

# **The 12<sup>th</sup> Policy Plenary Meeting on “Non-Traditional Security Issues and Environmental Cooperation in East Asia”**

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The 12th Policy Plenary Meeting was held on February 16th 2006 under the theme of "Non-Traditional Security Issues and Environmental Cooperation in East Asia" and a report was given by Prof. SHIRAISHI Takashi, Director of the NEAT WG on "Overall Architecture of Community Building in East Asia. The said WG is one of the 7 WGs established for the 4th NEAT Annual Conference to be held in August 2006, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, the three of which Japan is sponsoring.

Prof. SHIRAISHI stated that "it is Japan's responsibility to survey the current situation of the network for regional cooperation concerning non-traditional security issues such as avian influenza, terrorism, piracy, illegal drug, as well as environmental issues such as depletion of forest resources, acid rain, air pollution, and chemical pollution, as she endeavors to maintain an initiative for building an East Asian Community."

After the report, 22 Council Members had lively discussions.