

The Fourth International Symposium on Asian Monsoon Held in Japan

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The Fourth International Symposium on Asian Monsoon was held at the Tsukuba Center for Institutes, Ibaraki, Japan in September 21–25, 1992. More than sixty scientists working in the fields of atmosphere and oceanography from China, Japan and United States attended the Symposium. They presented fifty six research reports in the following subjects:

- numerical modelling and mechanism study,
- atmospheric circulation over the monsoon area,
- disturbances over the ocean,
- flood and rainspell,
- ocean in the monsoon area,
- remote sensing of atmosphere / land / ocean,
- monsoon climate,
- heat and water exchanges over land surface,
- intraseasonal variations, and
- mesoscale and boundary layer.

The Fourth Symposium was jointly organized by Japan and China.

Although the Asian Monsoon Symposium was initiated by Chinese and Japanese scientists in 1985, it is open to international science communities. The First Symposium, the International Conference on Monsoon in the Far East was held at the Ocean Research Institute, University of Tokyo in November 1985. The Second Symposium, the General Circulation of East Asia was held at Chengdu Institute of Meteorology in China in April 1987, organized jointly by the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Meteorological Society of Japan. The Third Symposium was absorbed in International Symposium on Climate Change which was held in Beijing in August 1990.

During the Fourth Symposium, all participants agreed that, the Asian monsoon plays important roles in the global climate changes. To understand these roles, international cooperation should be strengthened, and more scientists from different countries should be invited to present their research in the future symposium.

At the Closing Ceremony of the Fourth Symposium, Professor Tao Shiyan from Institute of Atmospheric Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, announced that the Fifth International Symposium on Asian Monsoon will be held in China in 1994 or 1995. Scientists in different countries working in the relevant fields and interested in the sphere are welcome to attend the Symposium.