

Comments - Memories & From the Heart

"I think I and my organization gained a lot from the participation in the congress. The theme of the congress was very important. climate change issues are crucial to the environmental discourse. Still, they don't find as much space in the media as they should."

EK Visarakhun- Cambodia

President, Cambodia Media Forum on Environment

"Chairman of the SLEJF must be congratulated for the kind of leadership he has provided the Asia Pacific Forum Environmental journalists(APFEJ). Within no time, SLEJF turned the organization into an extremely vibrant entity. He is moving in a very right direction by concentrating on the institutionalization of the organization. APFEJ definitely has a strong future."

Tika Ram Rai- Nepal

Convener, Nepal Forum of Environmental Journalists(NEFEJ)

"It was a great opportunity to interact with cross cultural delegates group and get a feel of their country perspective on gender related issues congratulates to SLEJF team for making this happen"

- Wasantha Ramanayake of Daily News Newspaper , Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka Best Environmental Journalist of the Year – 2009

"The congress was able to motivate the media involvement in many activities and it added a new dimension to the stock of knowledge in the field. It was a great pleasure to participate in this congress. It is very important to say that the Management was very good and very well organized..."

Yani Saloh - Indonesia

*Regional Communications Officer of
Center for International Forestry Research(CIFOR)*

"There is a huge need for continued cooperation in the field of environmental journalism in the Asia-Pacific. Environmental Issues are of an urgent and pressing nature, and it is only through the grass-roots actions of people working together across a region that change will occur."

Rebecca Alice Henschke- China

Editor, Asia Calling

"Rare experience to go through such a programme of intensity"

- Jagath Kanaharaarchchi of Divaina Newspaper, Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka Best Environmental Journalist of the Year - 2008

"Good management, learned resource persons and the headway made in the affairs of APFEJ and CEJA"

Ram Ajaya Kumaran- India

Secretary, Environmental Communication Society of India

"Great Organizer. Well done, Congratulations SLEJF/APFEJ and CEJA."

Myint Zaw- Myanmar

Editor, JOU Publishing House

"To meet with active, interesting and informed people; to hear about their activities and actions; to learn about environment concerns in different countries"

Mohammed Zahir Hussain

Haveen Daily - Maldives

“The Congress was certainly an eye opener for everyone. I certainly think that I have gained a lot from the congress and the aspect of the Congress was superb. We must thank all organizers for excellent Preparation and Commitment.”

Chulie De Silva

Senior Communication Officer of The World Bank

“The Congress was useful in regard of expanding our knowledge about how environmental journalism is practiced in other countries and improving our ability to tackle issues in our work based on the environment.”

Eurico Pereira

Radio Rakambia- East Timor

"The Congress was very effective, useful learning, which can be easily adopted into our work areas. The design and methodology of the Congress was very good, participatory and more focused on facilitative skills" ..

-Rathindra Kuruwita, Sri Lanka.

Environmental Journalist of The Nation

“The congress opened up a new horizon of the seriousness of the problems lying ahead of us. The congress was well planned, and I will take this opportunity to thank the management”

Moonthala Thalangsy- Laos

Editor, National Radio Station

“Interaction, sharing, participation, networking, linking and forging stronger partnerships were the highlights of the congress.”

Ifham Nizam- Sri Lanka

Environment Editor, The Island

“The congress was a key to the Environmental World and it opened the door of media. The conversations we had were very truthful and we exchanged ideas and a lot of things many people do not take that seriously....”

Svetlana Dylevskaya- Kazakhstan

Network Editor of Green Women Environmental Agency

“It was very helpful to know about media views and activities in the media and to encourage future collaboration in the field. I want to take back home an idea of what the level of media awareness is in covering environmental issues and also a sense of global networking among EJs.”

Harry Kofi Arkhurst- Ghana

Regional Coordinator of DAAPU

"Such programmes should be held often, it could help many people.

it was a wonderful experience to go through it both for my organizational and personal perspective"

- NM Ameen

Editor Navamini, Tamil Daily and

Chairman of Sri Lanka Muslim Media Forum, Sri Lanka.

“Besides networking with colleagues, we learnt about training and other issues, as well as participated in the discussions on the SLEJF 3 years Management Plan.”

- Pham Tuan Ann, Vietnam

Managing Editor of DTInews.com - Dan Tri Media Group.

“Very good organization well planned and well executed by a dedicated staff of local and loyal professionals, under the leadership of Dharman.”

Owais Aslam Ali- Pakistan

Secretary General of Pakistan Press Foundation

“The congress provided an opportunity to make contacts with other professionals in the field. It was extremely useful because it brought together journalists from 34 countries. For the first time a APFEJ management plan was established and contacts to possible donors were made, who can support future congresses.”

Dr.Ellaha Sadat- Afghanistan

**Media Monitor/ Environmental Analyst of
IFES/ ASA and SAFMA**

“We want to thank you again for SLEJF efforts which made this one of our most successful APFEJ Congress”

- **Nina Ratulele, Fiji**

News correspondent of the Islands Business Magazine and Media consultant

“It was a wonderful experience! Thanks, I have learned a lot!”

Dilrukshi Handunnetti- Sri Lanka

Environment Editor, Sunday Leader

“It was one of the most stimulating conferences I have attended for a long time. I can go home and focus more on the environment – it has never been a significant or important issue back in Bhutan. I will try to relay to other journalists what I’ve learned here.”

Airaj Tamang- Bhutan

Producer, Bhutan Broadcasting Service

“The event has been an eye opener in the areas of climate change for most of us....”

-**Sharmini Boyle**

Chief Editor of Young Asia Television(YATV)

“It was very useful to my own professional development. It was an eye-opener of a topic and I have learnt a great deal from it. I aspire to share this information that I’ve learnt with our people. The organization was excellent”

Laurent BOLA- Congo

President, OLESDK/NGO

“Networking information exchange not only of what’s hanging of the solutions and technology, and more public awareness.”

Syed Muhammad Raza- Pakistan

*Chief Editor of Communication and
Advance Linguistic Links(CALL)*

“It was the best event I have ever attended. The resource persons were great, the participants were bright, the logistics was perfect and the case studies and exercises were very interesting and exciting.”

- **Saliya Kumara Gunasekara of Lakbima Newspaper, Sri Lanka.**

Sri Lanka Best Environmental Journalist of the Year - 2006

"Unique learning opportunity".....

- **Chulawansha Sirilal**

General Secretary of Free Media Movement(FMM) , Sri Lanka.