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Preface

The International Workshop is 6th holdings in this time; many research results have so far been produced and released officially in many academic journals and books. The International Workshop on Forest Research in Cambodia was starting in 2004 aiming at releasing the result of research widely to society with the beginning of the joint research project “Changes of Water Cycle in the Mekong River Basin (CWCM)” between Cambodia and Japan, and considering it as the part of the solution of all kinds of problems through the friendship with people of different fields. Since forest hydrology was emphasized for the purpose of the project at the beginning, water cycle researches were centered. However, in the conference of IUFRO (International union of forest research organizations) held in Phnom Penh in 2005, many results of research in various fields about the forest in the Mekong River Basin were presented comprehensively, and many study papers were published as the academic book by Springer company. Also, annual workshop presentations have been published in Proceedings with ISBN number.

Currently, the second phase project has been progressing from 2008 following on the first phase project from 2002. In these periods, the situation of surrounding forests in the this region is changing a lot, and we need to deal with various problems, such as the forest environment change by global warming, maldistribution of water resources in connection with climate change, evaluation of role of the forest in these situations. Therefore, in order to proceed various researches for two main forest types in most of lower Mekong river area, we have established new super observation site in this region which has included new experimental watershed and 30m-high meteorological observation tower in deciduous forests area, in addition to present evergreen super observation site. Many presentations of new field researches are contained in this proceedings. There would be no greater pleasure than if, through the proceedings, better forest management or an improvement of a life environment were promoted by deepening understanding of this field.

I would like to give my sincere gratitude to all the members of organizing committee who have made this conference successful. Most of them are involved in the Japan-Cambodia joint research program “CWCM-Phase II” which is related to the research project “Construction of Integrative Forest Ecosystem Observation Site and Observation Network Formation in middle and lower Mekong River Basin” supported by Ministry of the Environment (MOE) in Japan. I would also like to recognize here and highly value the friendly and good cooperation that has been established between Forest Wildlife Research and Development Institute of Cambodia Forestry Administration and Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute in Japan.

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