

Asian polar science gearing up for a leap



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Outline

Introduction of AFoPS

AFoPS just marked 10th anniversary

AFoPS preparing for next decade

AFoPS an advocate for
collaboration

What is AFoPS and who are they

a non-governmental organization established in 2004 to encourage and facilitate cooperation for the advance of polar sciences among Asian countries

consists of its 5 Members, national polar research institutions representing China, Japan, Korea, India, and Malaysia

4 observers: Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam



Polar Research Institute of China

National Centre for Antarctic and Ocean Research (NCAOR), India

National Polar Research Institute, Japan

Korea Polar Research Institute

National Antarctic Research Center (NARC), Malaysia

AFoPS structure



AFoPS history

- COMNAP in Brest 2003, Korea and Japan initially agreed to establish a regional forum with China joining soon after by on-line communication
- ***AFoPS pre-meeting 2004. 5. 25 Shanghai, China***
Directors and coordinators from the polar research institutes of China, Japan and Korea first met and started to draft TOR.
- ***AFoPS-I 2004. 9. 10 Jeju Island, Korea***
 - ToR finalized and AFoPS officially inaugurated
 - Korea (Dr. Yeadong Kim) the first Chair





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