

International Seminar on Traditional Knowledge/ Wisdom

December 6, 2010

14:00~16:30

Rikakei Building, Room B107

University of Tsukuba

In the last ten years, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), and a number of lawyers and academics have discussed the extent to which locally ground traditional knowledge may help us solve environmental problems or maintain healthy ecosystems. This seminar aims to elaborate on this question from legal, economic, historical and traditional perspectives.

(1) The Protection and Extension of Traditional Knowledge and Wisdom: A Case for Water Ethics

By Dr. Kenichi Matsui (Sustainable Environmental Studies, University of Tsukuba)

(2) Indigenous Peoples' Water Rights: Towards a New Water Ethic in Canada

By Ms. Merrell-Ann Phare (Executive Director/ Legal Counsel,
Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources, Canada)

(3) Fresh Water in West Arnhem, North Australia: Aboriginal/State Contestation over Property Rights and Values

By Professor Jon Altman (Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research,
Australian National University)

(4) Native Values and Family Teachings

By Mr. Greg Sam (Aboriginal Relations Coordinator, Royal Roads University,
Canada; Tsartlip elder)

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