Nagoya Biodiversity Summit Ends Successfully

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The United Nation’s Nagoya Biodiversity Summit (COP10) that has started on 18th October with participation of its 193 parties of UN’s Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD) concluded on Saturday 30th October successfully. The summit which was scheduled to end on Friday had extended until the early hours of the next day due to intense negotiations on some issues, but parties adopted historic decisions that will permit the community of nations to meet the unprecedented challenges of the continued loss of biodiversity.

Governments agreed on a package of measures that will ensure that the ecosystems of the planet will continue to sustain human well-being into the future. The meeting achieved its three inter-linked goals: adoption of a new ten year strategic plan to guide international and national efforts to save biodiversity through enhancing the objectives of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, a resource mobilization strategy which provides the way forward to a substantial increase to current levels of official development assistance in support of biodiversity; and a new international protocol on access to and sharing of the benefits from the use of the genetic resources of the planet.

The Strategic Plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity or the “Aichi Target,” adopted by the meeting includes 20 headline targets, organized under five strategic goals that address the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and reduce the pressures on biodiversity. Inline with these global biodiversity targets, nations will have to make their own targets.

The COP10 summit is participated by 18,000 people and one of the main achievements in protecting biodiversity. The Sri Lankan delegates too had supported the new strategic plan. Next conference of parties of CBD – the COP11 will be held in India in 2012.
President of the session - Japanese Minister of Environment "Seal the Deal"

Nagoya is not another Copenhagen - happy panel

COP10 - The large gathering at final meeting
Participants of the meeting

COP11 on 2012 is going to be held in India