

Progress in Asia CliC Activity

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CliC (Climate and Cryosphere) is a one of the core project of WCRP (World Climate Research Program), directed to improve the understanding and future prediction of World Climate through the focus and investigation of one main component, cryosphere of the climate system. As one the regional activity, Asia CliC was developed and held Symposium and initiated several activities, since 2003. The background of such activity was to enhance understanding of climate and cryosphere in the corresponding region, where changes in glacier, snow cover and frozen ground is affected by the global warming. The region is constituted of more than 10 countries, and information exchange of research works are not well done, and data which is the basis for understanding are not well archived and organized.

Presently, information exchanges are being made and, individual meeting related to this is held, and also a group is formed to catalogue and archive cryosphere data of Asia, and to improve the distribution and usage of cryosphere data.

In the presentation, present issues of cryosphere research in Asia, above activities and future directions will be presented and discussion based on this is expected.