

# Tip of the Iceberg

DAILY YOUTH BULLETIN AT THE UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

**Thursday, December 8**  
**MONTREAL 2005**

## **Asia-Pacific Partnership on?**

This past summer China, India, Japan, South Korea, Australia and the US formed the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate. This pact, quickly dubbed the 'coal pact' by those in the know, focuses on technology transfer and development between the countries to enable them to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. While the countries claim this pact will not compete with, undermine or seek to replace the UNFCCC, we think otherwise. Keeping with our "leading by example" approach – the Asian-Pacific youth at COP11 have come up with their own pact, that will hopefully inspire their leaders to do more to protect our climate....

### **Asia-Pacific Youth Climate Pact**

We, the youth of the member countries of the Asia-Pacific Pact on Clean Development and Climate, have assembled here in Montreal to protect our common future. It will be our economy, our families, our environment, and our livelihoods that will be most severely affected by climate change.

We are already taking the lead in creating a clean energy future and promoting climate justice in our communities and our universities. Our governments must follow our lead.

We recognize that the United Nations – the world's only institution that brings all nations together to meet the challenges of our time – is the appropriate forum for action on climate change. The Asia-Pacific Pact, between the six biggest coal exporters and users in the world, includes no concrete or legally binding commitments or emission reductions. The coal pact is a distraction from a strong Kyoto Protocol and is no substitute for commitments in the UN framework.

We demand concrete but differentiated targets to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that threaten ours and future generations. With our fate on the negotiating table, we expect no less.

We also call on our governments to refocus their attention on the Kyoto process. We pledge to work together across national boundaries to support each other in our efforts.

**Australian youth** hereby pledge to switch 10 university campuses to clean energy by 2008 and work against the expansion of the country's fossil fuel industry.

**Chinese youth** hereby pledge to lead the country toward an energy-efficient economy and society.

**Indian youth** hereby pledge to campaign for better energy policy and build grassroots movements in university campuses in at least five of the country's most populous cities by 2008.

**Japanese youth** hereby pledge to form networks to raise public awareness and promote environmental education at every elementary school in the country.

**South Korean youth** hereby pledge to launch a petition campaign calling for energy saving and strong climate policy.

**United States youth** hereby pledge to execute the Campus Climate Challenge, a project that will engage

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## Today's Event

**1:15pm** in the Viger Hall

Give the climate a chance: Youth pay tribute to John Lennon's historical Montreal bed-in on the anniversary of his death. Youth urge governments to wake up and act, and remind them that we are all in bed together!



## ASIA-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP ON...

students, faculty, and staff on 500 campuses by 2008 in increasing energy efficiency, making clean energy investments, creating sustainable transportation options, and educating millions of students.

Agreed, here in Montreal, at the First Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol on the Seventh Day of December, 2005.

## The Asian-Pacific Youth at COP11

## Bringing Kyoto to a Climax!

While negotiators were holed away in the confines of the Palais (hopefully bringing a strong Article 3.9 decision to a climax), youth partied it up in style at the Society for Arts and Technology (SAT). Youth were celebrating the completion of the Mkyoto Project; a project which gave concerned young people the opportunity to express their own opinions about the Kyoto Protocol and climate change. These opinions came in the form of photos, short films, text, songs and video commentary; all of which were molded into an electronic mosaic of views and broadcast on the Panoscope 360° (a 360° television). The party included a fashion show, many DJs and VJs, and of course the video. If only governments would stop talking and start acting, then they too could have as much fun as the youth at COP11!

[www.mkyoto.org](http://www.mkyoto.org)

## Article 6 with a twist - Negotiator Awareness by Youth at COP11

Article 6 requires governments to develop and implement educational and public awareness programmes on climate change and its effects. Considering climate change will require long-term solutions and affect this generation and many after it, the youth present at COP11 would like to give Art. 6 a little twist; namely, to develop and implement fun and creative events to increase negotiator awareness of youth involvement in the issue and their views on it. These fun and creative events will occur daily.