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Asia - Pacific collaboration on climate change action

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The Governments of Thailand and Australia joined climate change officials and experts from across the region at the 25th Asia-Pacific Seminar on Climate Change on 20-21 June.

The seminar was organised by the Government of Japan, co-organised and supported by the Government of Australia, and hosted by the Kingdom of Thailand in Phuket.

Participants discussed efforts to implement the Paris Agreement, sharing experiences to build capacity to implement their emission reduction plans, adaptation planning processes, and transparency arrangements.

Australia and Thailand joined more than 170 countries in signing the Agreement in April, which was adopted by all Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Paris last December.

This is the fourth time Australia, Japan and Thailand have co-organised the seminar, demonstrating the close collaboration between the countries on climate change and other issues across their governments. The seminar has been hosted by Japan every year since 1991. This is the 13th which Australia has supported, and the 8th co-hosted by Thailand.

Australia continues to work closely with Thailand on climate change issues, including through support on cooperation on national greenhouse gas inventories. Australia has welcomed Dr. Raweewan Bhuridej, Secretary General of the Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Planning, who has led a delegation of Thai officials and academics to Canberra earlier this month to undertake workshops on national greenhouse gas inventories systems and sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Australian Department of the Environment to progress this cooperation.

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