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Report of the 1st ILSI BESETO Meeting

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The first joint meeting of ILSI Korea, ILSI Focal Point in China and ILSI Japan was held on August 26 to 27, 2009 at the Korea University thanks to an earnest offer from ILSI Korea. During the meeting, wide-ranging discussion on food safety incidences and subsequent changes in food regulation and control systems, risk assessment framework, and possible ILSI collaboration in the region were discussed. As a result, it became clear that each country is facing the same risk communication issues including insufficient consumer recognition of science based food safety administration. To improve the consumer awareness and to support science based risk assessment and management procedures, it was agreed to establish an information sharing system among the three ILSI bodies for emerging food safety issues. ILSI Korea and ILSI Focal Point in China also gave their willing consent to join ILSI Japan's investigation project on food commodity standards and analytical methods in Asian countries supported by the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries aiming to create cooperative framework among the three countries. It was also decided that a BESETO meeting will be held biannually and the location will be determined by rotation.