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Indonesia hosts Asia-Europe environment forum

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Jakarta (VNA) - Around 250 delegates from Asian and European countries gathered in Jakarta for a three-day Asia Europe Environment Forum (AEEF) meeting, which was kicked off in Jakarta on Nov. 23.

In his opening speech at the meeting, themed "1/3 of our planet: What can Asia and Europe do for sustainable development", Indonesian Minister for the Environment Rachmat Witoelar said "The meeting is a good start for developing Asia-Europe environment cooperation strategy so that each party is aware of its position and even aware that environmental destruction in Asia can also affect Europe."

Environmental degradation has become a problem for all countries and environmental destruction in one country would automatically affect other countries, he stressed.

During the meeting, experts will exchange information and share experience with regard to formulating a strategy that could effectively influence production of policies with environment outlook in the countries concerned.

The delegates will also discuss and formulate a platform for environmental management and sustainable development in Asia and Europe.-Enditem

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