

**The Asia Paint Industry Council (APIC) held the 10th Tokyo conference in the ANA HOTEL
on 5th April 2006.**

Eight APIC member associations, Japan, China, Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, and India, as well as IPPIC (International Paint & Printing Ink Industry Council) representatives participated. Each association reported the latest situation of the paint industry of the country.

Especially, Japan Paint Manufacturers Association appealed the standard color for the paint "D edition in 2007" which is planned to be issued in February next year and is expected to be the standard of Asia.

Also, as the host country, 4 speakers made technical presentations, "Indoor Air Quality Problems and Regulations in Japan" by Mr. J. Kobayashi, Nippon Paint Hanbai Co., Ltd., "Modified epoxy resin, harmony with the environment by 『MODEPICS』" by Mr. Yuji Fujii, Arakawa Chemical Industries Co., Ltd., "Update of Asian Automotive Color Trends" by Mr. Akimasa Nakahata, Kansai Paint Co., Ltd. and "Recent Aluminum Pigments for Environmental Friendly Coatings" by Mr. Yoshiki Hashizume, Toyo Aluminium K.K., and.

IPPIC representatives, Mr. Steve Sides (NPCA), announced about the Coatings Care Activities and Mr. Julian Hunter (International Paint Co., Ltd) reported about the Marine Coatings with reports of IPPIC Global Forum Marine Coatings (2-3 Feb 2006). Mr. Louis McCulloch, James Consulting (U.K.) expressed about 'APIC and its growth markets'

The next APIC meeting will be hosted by Korea Paint & Printing-Ink Industry Cooperative.

The greeting of Japan Paint Manufacturers Association chairman, Mr. Shoji Kobayashi

(main point)

The mutual influence between the paint industry of Japan and Asian countries is strengthening considerably lately. The role of APIC becomes more important. I expect that APIC give birth to a constructive idea and harmonize the voice of Asian paint industry.