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Participants including the host country, Japan, were as follows (in alphabetical order):

**Bangladesh**: Md. Zahir Uddin Bhuinya, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare, Government of the People's Republic of BANGLADESH

**China**: Zhou Wei, Director / Professor, Shanghai Special Education Research Center  
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**India**: Champak Chatterji, Joint Secretary, Senior Policy Level, In Charge of Special Education, Vocational Education UNESCO, Ministry of Human Resource Development of Education Government of INDIA

**Indonesia**: Sophar Purba, Head, Section of School Administration, Directorate of primary Education, Ministry of Education and Culture of INDONESIA

**Malaysia**: Sharifah Maimunah Bt. Syed Zin, Director, Division of Training and Support Service, Department of Special Education, Ministry of Education, MALAYSIA

**Nepal**: Kedar Chandra Khanal, Under Secretary, Special Education, Unit, Ministry of Education, NEPAL

**New Zealand**: Maureen Elizabeth Chinnery, Senior Implementation Advisor, Special Education Policy, Ministry of Education

**Pakistan**: Fayaz Ahmed Bhatti, Deputy Director, National Institute of Special Education, Islamabad

**Philippines**: Gerardo A. Consolacion, Chief, Elementary Education Division, National Capital Region, Department of Education, Culture and Sports

**Republic of Korea**: Na-mi Lee, Associate Fellow, Research related to Special Education, Korean Educational Development Institute

**Sri Lanka**: Muthumuni Mervyn Silva, Assistant Director, Additional Provincial Department of Education

**Thailand**: Boonsom Navanukroh, Director, Non-Formal Education Department, Ministry of Education

**Commemorative Lecturers** (in alphabetic order)

Robert S. Gall, Professor Emeritus, University of Lethbridge, Director of Development, R. C. Diocese of Calgary, CANADA

David Mitchell, Professor, Director of International Programmes, School of Education, University of Waikato, NEW ZEALAND

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