

**Questions to Environment Minister from Swedish
Nature Schools April 2, 2010**

1. Can you tell us about one place in nature that you are familiar with and is precious to you?

2. What do you want to achieve at the COP 10 meeting?

3. How are you going to implement the international plan for biodiversity protection that is expected to be adopted at COP10?

4. Is environmental education one part of Japans plan to implement the committments that you will make at COP 10?

5. Before we came to Japan, we thought that harmony between people and nature is a Japanese tradition and we looked forward to experiencing it. But we have seen many examples of threatened nature. We are especially worried about areas close to big cities where so many children are educated. We think such areas are extremely important as teaching material in environmental education. To protect biodiversity people need to experience real nature not just parks and gardens. If the children can experience biological diviersity today they can protect biodiversity for the future. What are your thoughts about this?

6. What do you think that COP 10 will mean for Japans international reputation?