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As part of the GAME (GEWEX Asian Monsoon Experiment), the GAME-AAN (Asian Automatic Weather Station (AWS) Network) has been conducted to observe and detect seasonal and interannual variations of surface fluxes of radiation, energy, as well as soil moisture on various land surface of the Eurasian continent. Since 1996 more than ten AWSs have been established and operated in Siberia, Mongolia, Central China, Tibetan Plateau, Nepal Himalya and Thailand. The data set distribution has just started within the GAME community and is planned to be distributed to international scientific communities within a few years. There have already been some initial studies reported based on those data sets. In addition, various scientific and technological problems/questions on the flux evaluation have been raised. However, integrated studies to fully utilize the ranges of AAN data sets as well as other available data such as satellite remote sensing, have just started or are about to start. This workshop aims to provide a forum to bring together the ideas and initial findings from the GAME-AAN and related activities, to promote future collaborations and research activities through discussions and information exchange. The scientific exchange with other related international projects of the surface and atmospheric radiation/energy flux observation is another important role of this workshop. We sincerely hope that this would help to promote the GAME-AAN and the other related studies on the surface and atmospheric flux studies in monsoon Asia and the Eurasian continent. Finally, on behalf of the GAME-AAN working group under Japan National Committee for GEWEX Asian Monsoon Experiment (GAME), I would like to thank National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT) and our colleagues in GAME-Tropics in Thailand for assisting this workshop as a local host. This workshop is supported by the Ministry of Education, Sports, Culture, Science and Technology, Japan.

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Topics to be covered will include, but will not be restricted to:

- Surface observational results at AAN sites and other GAME regional study sites.
- Studies of radiation by using both remote sensing and surface observations.
- All relevant issues, including preliminary results as well as research proposals, to use the GAME-AAN data sets, Such issues as modeling and use of satellite remote sensing may be considered.
- Results from related projects such as Asia-flux net.

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