

Summary

The 3rd tripartite roundtable meeting reviewed the environmental industry/circular economy of China, Japan and Korea in broad areas and sectors including sustainable production & consumption, ecomaterial, eco-design, eco-industrial park, eco-labeling, socially responsible investment and environmental investment.

The participants shared the view that there is no doubt that many key natural resources on the earth are limited; in other words, our earth has limited environmental capacity and thus, the sustainable use of these resources is playing a crucial role for sustainable development. For this reason, the participants recognized the importance of achieving circular economy and developing environmental industry.

On the basis of its deliberations, the participants of the meeting put forward the following recommendations to policy makers and other stakeholders which are relevant to environmental industry/circular economy.

1. Build up a system which allows us ubiquitous access to environmental information.
 - eg. Waste exchange information center
 - Material flow database, Eco-industrial Park,
 - Eco-products database,
 - Cleaner production and eco-efficiency,
 - Best practices of enterprises etc.
2. Periodical information exchange and collaborative research on Eco-Industrial Park, and Eco town approach and necessary economic instruments such as law, regulation and tax.
3. Developing common guidelines on Eco-design, definition of eco-product and harmonizing Eco-labeling Programs.
4. Build “Green Trade Network” to promote recycling of materials and Technology Transfer Partnership.
5. Recommend the policy-makers, business leaders and academia to visit following environment exhibition to produce recognition about eco-products and

eco-industries.

- (1) "Ecoproducts 2004" Dec.9-11, 2004 at the Tokyo International Exhibition Center, Japan
 - (2) "GIN (Green of Industry)" in Hong Kong SAR of China Nov.7-11, 2004
 - (3) "ENVEX, Korea 2004" in Seoul, Korea on June 14-17, 2004. (During this period The 4th roundtable meeting is scheduled to be held.)
6. Develop a 10-year framework of sustainable production and consumption program as suggested in Johannesburg plan of implementation (2002) and launch a steering committee with a small group of representatives from three countries.