

RESOLUTION OF THE 4TH TRIPARTITE ROUNDTABLE MEETING

1. COMMON UNDERSTANDING

Delegations from the three countries shared a view that the major objective of the three sessions could be summarized into the promotion of sustainable consumption and production based on the tripartite collaboration. For this purpose, the following consensus was reached.

- Close networking and communication among the three countries' environmental industries are important for information and knowledge sharing.
- Both short term and long term cooperative action plans need to be pursued to derive out essential and practical outputs subsequent to the meeting.
- The agenda and action plans of the tripartite collaboration should be continuously developed and coordinating through the annual Tripartite Roundtable Meeting.

2. KEY ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED

It is pointed out and widely understood that government and industry-level joint approaches for the collaboration of environmental technologies and the investment into environmental industries need to be facilitated.

The proliferation and the progress of corporate environmental management strategies and policies were highlighted, and a coordinated application of environmental management systems in the three countries especially by means of the following approaches was identified as deserving further investigation.

- Eco-Action 21 Program (Japan)
- Environment-Friendly Enterprise Awarding Scheme (Korea)
- Eco Supply Chain Management (ESCM)
- Environmental Reporting (Environmental Performance Evaluation, Environmental Accounting, etc.)
- Comparative Survey on Corporate Sustainability Management
- Ecological Industrial Park

Information on diverse activities to promote green purchasing and ecolabelling in each country needs to be shared. For this purpose, the following measures will have to be examined.

- Systemized information channels to access eco-products
- Information exchange about the green purchasing initiatives
- Joint planning for mutual recognition of the ecolabelling programs

3. RECOMMENDATION

For the purpose of coordinating the ideas and suggestions raised in the Roundtable Meeting and putting them into action, the following measures for implementation process need to be discussed.

Short Term

- Networking of appropriate interested parties among the three countries
- Organizing a working group for the preparation of the Roundtable Meeting

Long Term

- Funding for collaboration activities and joint projects

4. WORKING GROUP MEETING

With the aim of efficient and well-balanced coordination of the Roundtable Meeting, Working Group Meeting is to be organized and held tentatively for the 5th Roundtable Meeting instead of the previous focal point meeting. The outline of the Working Group is suggested as follows.

- The 1st Working Group should be organized for the purpose of preparing the 5th Roundtable Meeting.
- The 1st Working Group consists of governmental coordinators and one or two experts from appropriate private sectors from each country.
- The members of the Working Group from each country should be noticed to the host country of the 5th Roundtable Meeting prior to the 1st Working Group Meeting.
- The 1st Working Group Meeting should be held within 6 months after the 4th Roundtable Meeting in the host country of the 5th Roundtable Meeting.
- The roles of the 1st Working Group are;
 - ✓ Coordinating administrative affairs and agenda to be discussed for the next

Roundtable Meeting

- ✓ Suggesting topics and methods for tripartite joint project in line with the resolution of the Roundtable Meeting
- ✓ Other necessary practical affairs

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