Summary of the Chair
5th Round Table Meeting
in Tokyo, JAPAN
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Based on the discussion at the 5th Round Table Meeting (RTM), delegates from the 3 countries agreed on the following action plans.

I Recommendations

1) Green Procurement

Referring to the proposal to establish a tripartite information channel and to hold green procurement seminars, it is necessary to take the following actions:
- Contact points need to be established and actively utilized.
- Seminars for Green Procurement are good occasions for information sharing among the 3 countries.
- The 3 countries will cooperate to coordinate timing and venue and to utilize the IG PN's network.

2) Environmental Management for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)

To promote environmental management for SMEs in the 3 countries, it is necessary to take the following actions.
- Conduct a study on policies to promote EMS of SMEs. The study will include an analysis of current schemes' experiences. It is also important to include various sectors and share information in such studies.
- IG ES of Japan will take the lead to coordinate the study with supports from the 3 countries. Japan will provide more information and exchange views with relevant organizations. IG ES is requested to report the progress at the next RTM.

3) Eco-labeling

Referring to the proposal to harmonize criteria for eco-labeling, to hold consultations for companies, and to have expositions for consumers, it is necessary to take the following action:
- KOECO of Korea will take the lead on this proposal with support from relevant organizations of the other countries.

China Environmental United Certification...
Center and Japan Environmental Association are contact points.

- It is recommended that 2 or 3 categories be selected as an initial step for harmonization. On going harmonization activities will be taken into account when selecting the initial set of categories.

- Participants agreed the discussion on arrangement is necessary for consultation and exposition to promote eco-labeling. KOECO will also take the lead on this issue.

II Processes towards the 6th RTM

- China will host the 6th RTM and will organize working group meetings, where the issues for the next RTM will be recommended for discussion.

- It is necessary to agree on the process to enhance cooperation. For this purpose, the following issue-coordinating countries will take the lead to deepen discussion according to the agreement at the 5th RTM.

Green Procurement

China Environmental Management of SMEs

Japan Eco-labeling

Korea

- Each issue-coordinating country will communicate relevant information with each other through e-mail and meetings.

- Meetings to discuss specific issues can be held by issue coordinating countries, as necessary.

- The Host Country of the 5th RTM (Japan) will prepare a list of contact points for each issue, and distribute it to relevant contacts.