

Action Plan to Promote Internationally the Establishment of a Sound Material-Cycle Society through the 3R Initiative (Japan's Action Plan to Promote Global Zero-Waste Societies)

Realization of a zero-waste society domestically and dissemination of the experience

- Implementation of the Fundamental Law and the Fundamental Plan to Establish a Sound Material-Cycle Society, establishment and review of quantitative targets
- Further strengthening of domestic 3R actions

Ex.: Promotion of Design and Manufacturing for Environment, reduction of household wastes, efforts advanced jointly by central and local governments to formulate local plans, measures to eliminate the illegal dumping and export of wastes, evaluation and review of individual recycling laws

Support for the zero-waste societies in developing countries

- Capacity building for establishing sound material-cycle societies in developing countries

Ex.: Organizing Eco Product Fair in cooperation with international organizations, creation of hubs via capacity building, support for the transportation of items for recycling, support for both domestic and overseas private organizations

International cooperation to realize world-wide zero-waste societies

- Implementing policy measures towards developing zero-waste policies in cooperation with various countries and institutions.
Ex.: Organizing an official-level meeting for 3R Initiative follow-up, strengthening linkage with G8 and other countries and international organizations, formulation of East Asia Sound Material-Cycle Society Vision, strengthening of the Asian Network for Prevention of Illegal Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes, establishment of networks for the sound cycling of resources.
- Enhancement of knowledge base and technology base for promotion of zero-waste systems in Asia
Ex.: Awareness-raising on waste treatment, capacity building through provision of technology and support for formulating a system, establishment of the Research Network on 3Rs.
- Promotion of actions towards a zero-waste society through providing information and developing networks
Ex.: Joint work with the International Green Purchasing Network (IGPN) to promote globally the purchasing of environmentally-sound goods and services, establishment of a database of 3R-related good practices, promoting mutual understanding and enhancing actions by central and local governments, business entities and NGOs.