

Asian Network for Prevention of Illegal Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes

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Activities in 2004 and its workplan

1. Background and Objective:

Establishment of the Asian Network for Prevention of Illegal Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes (hereinafter "Network") was proposed by the Government of Japan at the first session of the Open-ended Working Group, 28 April to 2 May 2003. It aims at facilitating the exchange and dissemination of information on transboundary movement of hazardous wastes in Asia, and assists participating countries in formulating appropriate legislative response to such movements under each country's system taking into consideration necessary procedures required by the Basel Convention.

2. Outcomes of the work conducted in 2004:

(A) Workshop

Workshop on Prevention of Illegal Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes were held on December 7-8, 2004 in Tokyo with the participation of competent authorities and focal points from 8 countries(Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Korea, Thailand, Viet Nam, Japan, Singapore), special administrative region, i.e. Hong Kong, China and 2 BC Regional Centers(Bejing and Jakarta). Experiences and difficulties implementing the Basel Convention were shared among the participants and terms of reference of the Network activities were agreed through the two day discussion. The Network activities include the followings and the temporal Secretariat of the Network is set up in the Ministry of the Environment, Japan during the inaugural phase.

- (1) Collecting and disseminating useful information to promote cooperation and coordination among country authorities for prevention of illegal transboundary movement of hazardous wastes in the region. Information for example, regarding to legislations and regulations covering the transboundary movements of hazardous wastes as well as control of second-hand commodities, actual cases of the illegal transboundary movements and activities and experiences to enhance relationship with customs and port authorities will be collected and disseminated.
- (2) Providing a forum for facilitating day-to-day information exchange and dialogue among participating country authorities.
- (3) Supplying the information accumulated in the Network for capacity building activities for Asian countries, e.g. guidelines and technical manuals.
- (4) Organizing workshops, seminars and other training events aiming at promotion of information exchange.
- (5) Developing and operating an Internet website, as one of the tools to promote information exchange and dissemination.

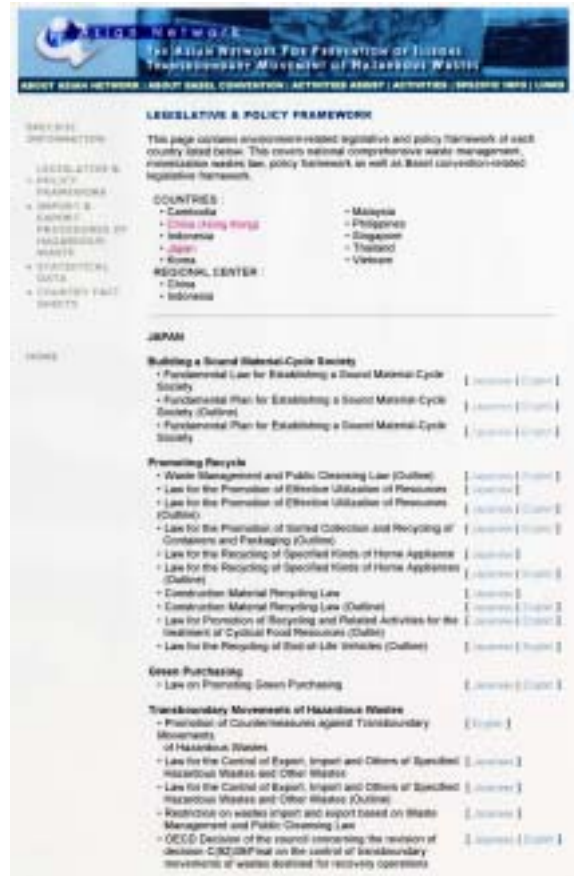


(B) Website development

A website has been developed as one of the tools to promote information exchange and dissemination for the prevention of illegal transboundary movement of hazardous wastes.



Portal page



Legislative and statistical Information

This site can be accessed at http://www.env.go.jp/en/pol/asian_net/

3. Workplan in the F.Y.2005 (Apr.2005-Mar.2006):

- Workshop on Prevention of Illegal Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes: the Government of Japan as a temporal Secretariat of the Network will organize a follow-up workshop in Nov 2005 for raising further interest, exchanging information and experiences on implementation of the Basel Convention as well as various issues to be addressed regarding sound resource recycling in the Asian region.
- Workshop on e-waste: Secretariat of the Basel Convention and the Government of Japan will co-organize a workshop on the ESM of e-wastes in the region in Nov 2005. Expected participants are various stakeholders including government authorities, industries and NGOs in Asia and the Pacific region.
- Web site improvement: for facilitating more active communication, further improvement planned. etc

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