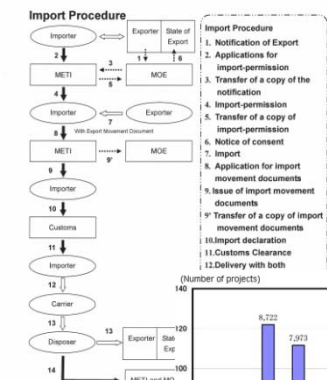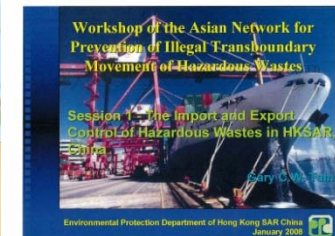# Reconstruction of the Asian Network Website

The Secretariat of the Asian Network

REVIEW OF ASIAN NETWORK WEBSITE

- **The Asian Network website was developed as a tool for promoting information exchange and dissemination in 2004.**

- **The website contains useful information for member countries, including;**

  - **Regularly updated contact information of competent authority / focal point**
  - **Regulations and policies of each country**
  - **Network activities and workshop documents**
  - **Import/export procedure**
  - **Statistical data, etc**

http://www.env.go.jp/en/recycle/asian_net/index.html

HOWEVER…….

The currently website has some problems, such as;

- Webpage design is not attractive.

- It is difficult to find information that you are looking for

- The current website structure does not fill well with the recent activities under the Asian Network, which are becoming more diverse

- Because the current website is upload to the domain of Government of Japan, access restriction (e.g. requiring password entry) is not possible and all information becomes public.

RECONSTRUCTION OF WEBSITE

The secretariat has started to reconstruct the website;

- **Redesign of the website**

   ⇒The design of the top page is being modified so that it becomes more simple and user-friendly, with reference to the website of IMPEL-TFS, Stockholm Convention.

- **Re-organization and integration of information**

   ⇒ Information is being re-organized and integrated to reflect the activities under the Asian Network, which are becoming more diverse.

- **Improvement of function**

   ⇒ Possibilities of adding new functions (e.g., access restriction or electric bulletin board, etc) is being reviewed. In the future, the website may be moved to another domain such as that of BCRC.

New website is still under construction.
But **trial version** is now uploaded to the following website
http://swj02.creative-japan.org/lime0906/

WELCOME COMMENTS ABOUT…

Please provide us comments on the new website from the view point of users, such as those regarding:

- Overall structure
- Additional information that should be uploaded to the website
- Functions that should be added in order to realize better information access and better information sharing among members
- Information that should be uploaded but only with limited access
- Ways to increase number of users

SCHEDULE

- Upload the second trial version by February 2011

- Receive comments on the new website from members and finalize the new website structure by March 2011

- In parallel, consult with BCRCs and decide on the new domain of the website

- Add new features such as restriction access (to the extent possible in light of security policies under the new domain)

- Change the domain of the website within the year 2011

- In the future, the website manager may be changed from Ministry of the Environment, Japan to BCRCs

THIS IS YOUR WEBSITE

Remaining difficulty for the secretariat is…..

- Website needs continuous and periodical updating

- Currently, the secretariat collects information. Especially, collection of information, such as laws/regulations and statistics is time-consuming work.

- More effective collection of information would be better. It would be best if member countries could provide the information to be uploaded on the website

- We look forward to your continued support in providing information and in updating of the website

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

Please send your comments on the website
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