Progress of developing E-handbook

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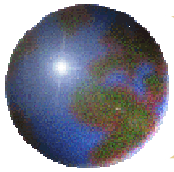
- Concept of E-handbook
  (what is E-handbook?)
- Progress of developing E-handbook and identified difficulties
- Request for comments or opinions on the draft from Asian Network colleagues



Concept of E-handbook

- E-handbook consists of several chapters by type of good practices
- Good practice of each country will be summarized into 1-2 pages
- The information will be uploaded to websites and can be accessible and downloadable from all the member countries and others

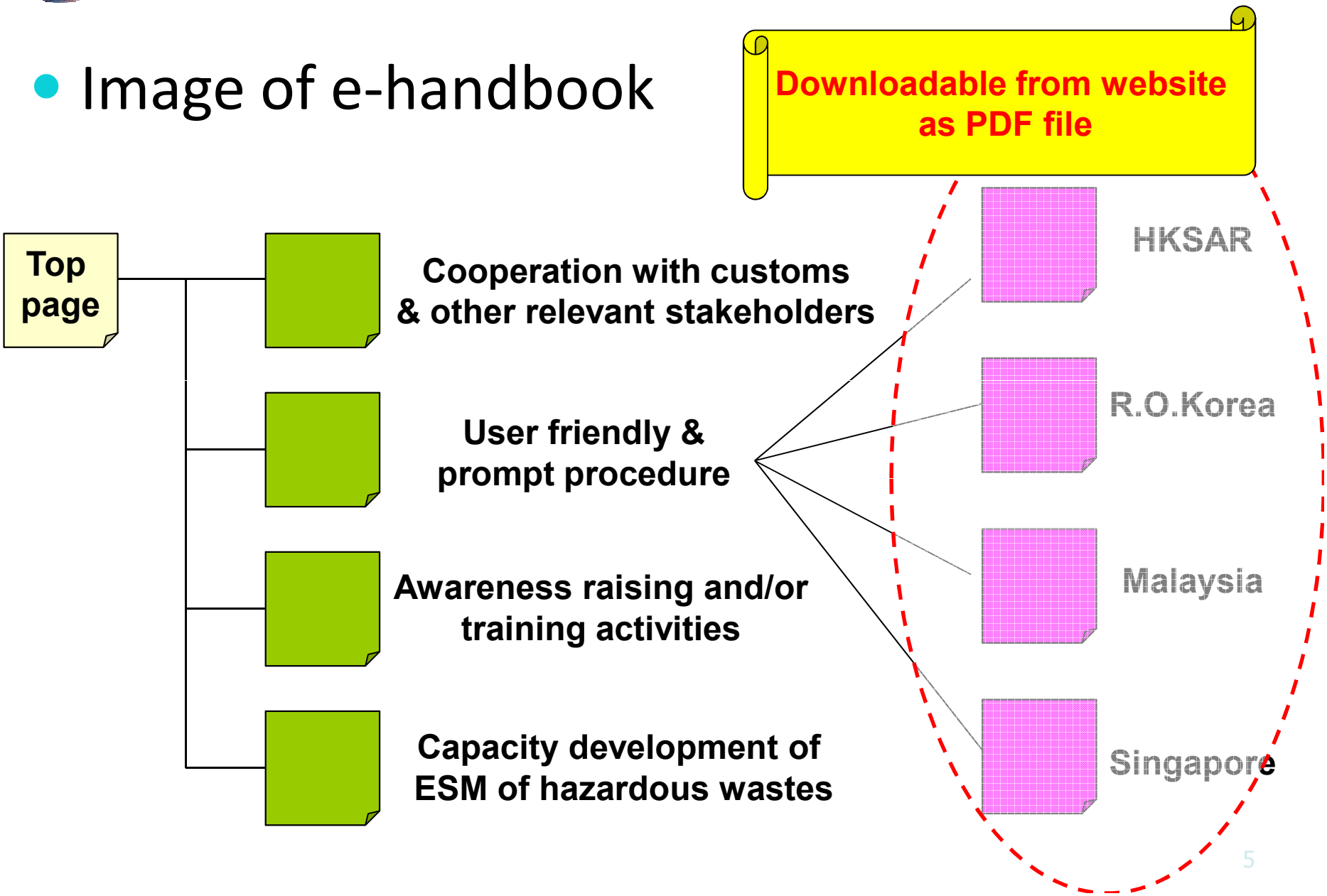
Benefit of E-handbook

- What benefits can member countries obtain from e-handbook?

- Countries can learn and duplicate successful cases of other countries in an efficient manner
- When starting new activities, advice or support can be obtained from well-experienced countries
- Mutual understanding about the Basel enforcement activities can be enhanced
- In total, implementation capacity of the Basel Convention can be strengthened in the region

Overview of E-handbook

- Image of e-handbook



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- For the first project year, the Asian Network secretariat drafted a E-handbook based on available information
- The following four good practices are selected as the initial step
  - **Closed loop management system (registration of oversea suppliers, pre-shipment inspection, port inspection and permission of recycling facilities)** (China)
  - Joint inspection with customs authorities (Hong Kong SAR)
  - Awareness raising of the relevant stakeholders (Japan)
  - National E-waste management plan (Thailand)

Contents of the draft E-handbook

- **Contact Information**
  ⇒Who is appropriate personnel or department to contact when further information is needed?
- **Objective of Activities**
  ⇒What are the goals of activities?
- **Background Information**
  ⇒What were the identified challenges before the activities started, and what triggered project/program inception (any social or environmental problems)?
- **Target Group**
  ⇒Who are the major targeted stakeholders? Whose empowerment or capacity development is mainly intended?

Contents of the draft E-handbook (cont.)

- **Implementation Framework**

  ⇒Who is involved in the activities and how to coordinate with relevant ministries/organizations?

- **Difficulties and Obstacles**

  ⇒After project/program started, what were difficulties or obstacles identified (e.g., lack of information, lack of cooperation, resource scarcity, etc)? How to overcome those problems?

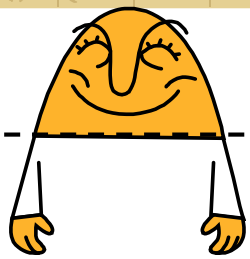
- **Major Achievements**

  ⇒What were achieved by the activities? Any change of objective data (e.g. decrease in import data of hazardous wastes, etc)

Difficulties for developing E-handbook

- Information is mainly based on the information from the AN workshop materials or from the websites of environment authorities of the countries/regions, but not sufficient
- Information provision by member countries/regions are critical
- To make more user-oriented E-handbook, ideas or voices from potential users are essential

The secretariat invites comments about:



- What other practices should be shared among countries through E-handbook?
- Any other worthwhile information which should be added to the contents of E-handbook?
- What improvement can be made on the structure of E-handbook? Any good idea to make it more user-friendly and understandable? (e.g., use of motion photos or video, etc)
- How can up-to-date information of good practice be shared effectively and systematically among countries?
- Who manage website for E-handbook?

Thank you

If you have any question or opinion, please contact:

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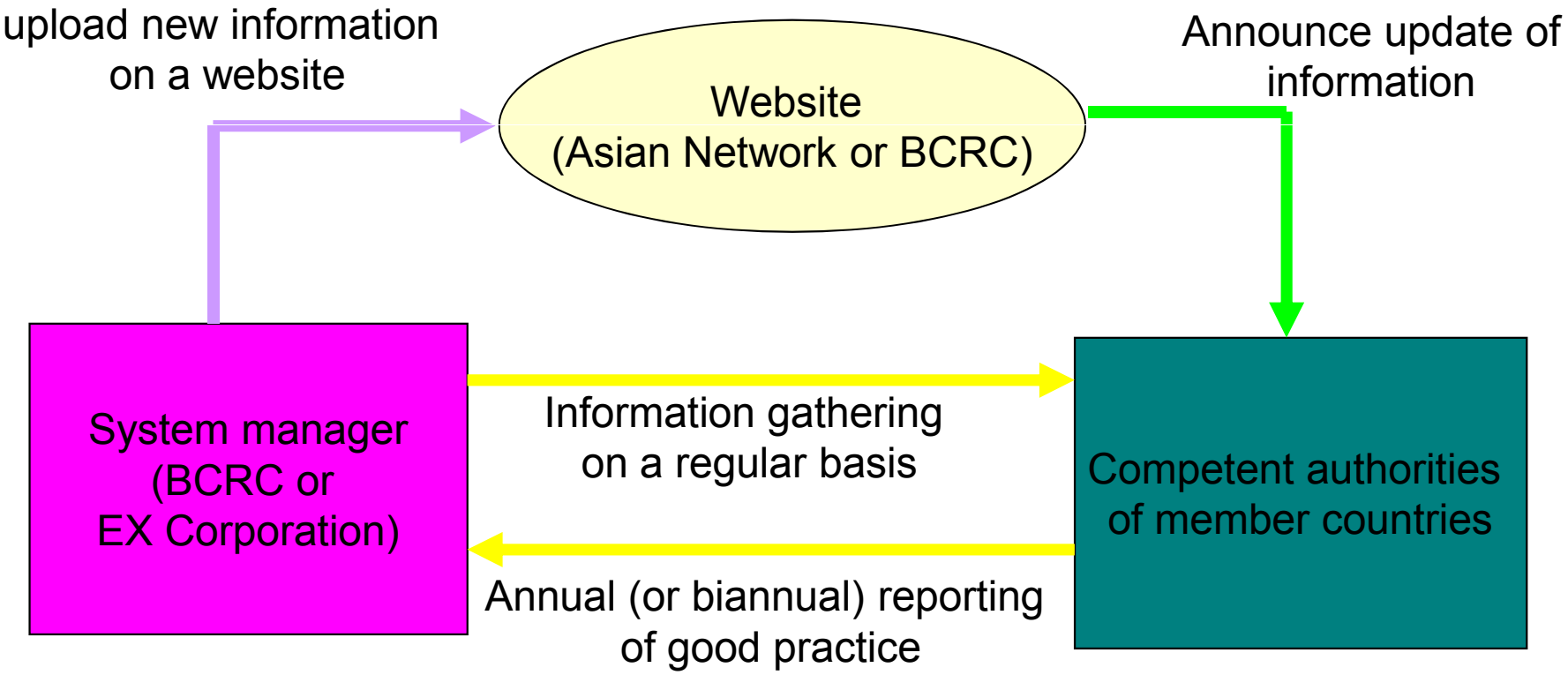
Possible Management Scheme of E-handbook

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