



## ➤ Scope of Session 4 and Update of the Asian Network

The Secretariat of the Asian Network

# Background Information

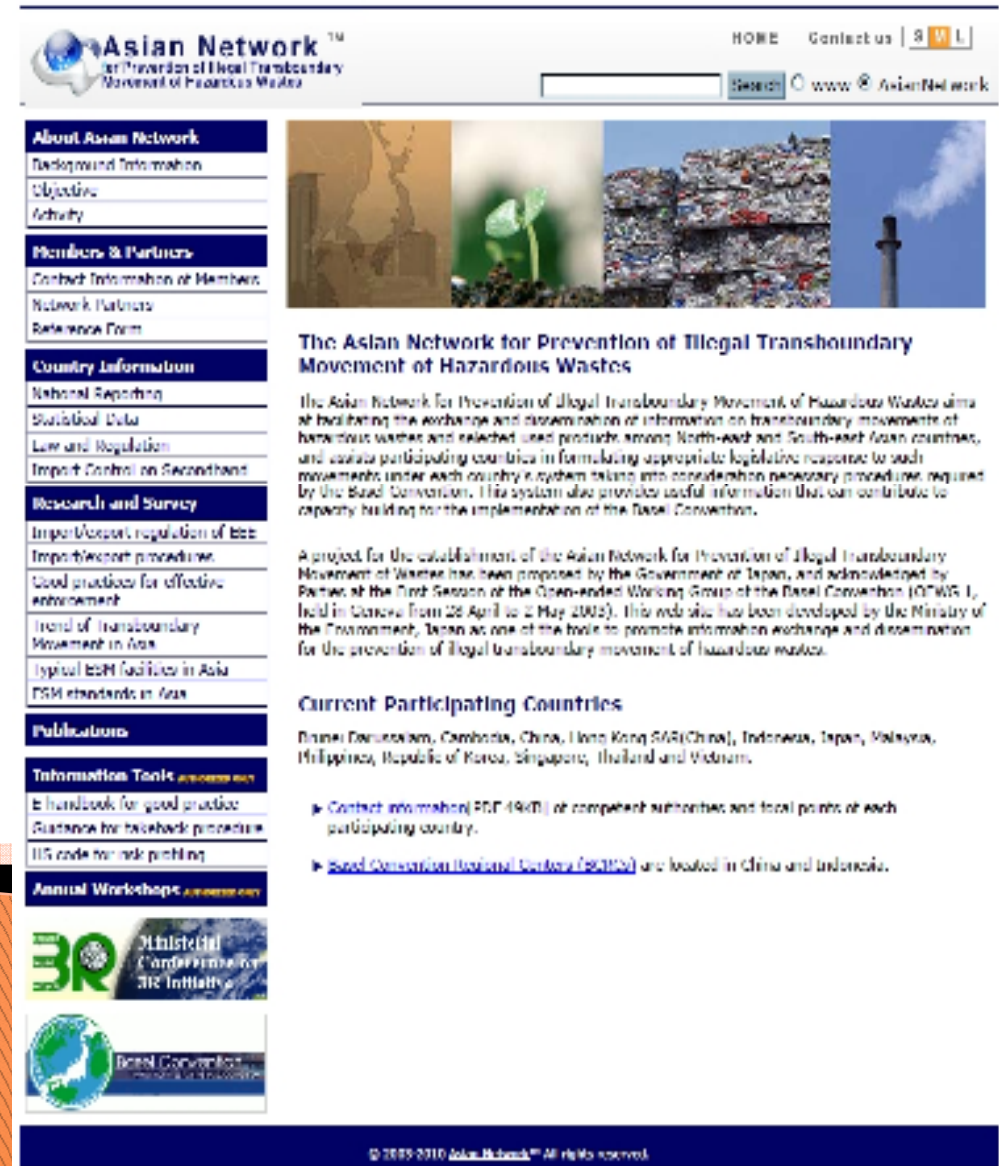
- ▶ There is an increasing concern in Asian countries about transboundary movement (TBM) of hazardous wastes
- ▶ Some hazardous wastes are illegally imported/exported and may be treated in the environmentally unsound manner, which causes the adverse effects to human health and the environment, especially in developing countries
- ▶ For the purpose of obtaining appropriate control on such illegal shipments, the establishment of the "**Asian Network for Prevention of Illegal Transboundary Movement of Wastes**" has been proposed by the Government of Japan in 2003
- ▶ A project for establishing the Network has been acknowledged by Parties at the First Session of the Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention (OEWG1) in 2003

# History of the Asian Network Activities

2003	- Questionnaire on general info of TBM of wastes
2004	- AN workshop (December, Tokyo, Japan) ➤ Initiate Asian Network ➤ Develop Asian Network website
2005	- AN workshop (December, Tokyo, Japan) - Back-to-back of Inception workshop on ESM of E-waste (Tokyo) ➤ Launch a Asian E-waste project scheme under the Basel Convention
2006	- E-waste Inventory project in four countries (KH, ML, TH, VN) - Research on criteria for waste/non-waste
2007	- Regional workshop (March, Beijing, China) ➤ Launch a research project on TBM of E-wastes and secondhand EEE
2008	- AN workshop (January, Tokyo, Japan)
2009	- AN workshop (January, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) ➤ Questionnaire on good practices and import/export procedure ➤ Launch the E-handbook development project
2010	- AN workshop (January, Yokohama, Japan) ➤ Promote collaboration with Customs authority and study on ESM criteria in Asia - AN workshop (November, Siem Reap, Cambodia) ➤ Start discussion on shipback procedure and measures for promoting ESM

# Website of the Asian Network

- ▶ Since the last workshop, the secretariat has re-designed the structure and updated information of the Network website based on comments provided by the network colleague ([http://www.env.go.jp/en/recycle/asian\\_net/index.html](http://www.env.go.jp/en/recycle/asian_net/index.html)).
- ▶ Please give us any comments for further improvement (this is your website!!)



The screenshot shows the website's header with the logo and navigation links (HOME, Contact us, RSS, etc.). The main content area is divided into a left sidebar with navigation menus and a main text area. The sidebar includes sections like 'About Asian Network', 'Members & Partners', 'Country Information', 'Research and Survey', and 'Publications'. The main text area features a large image of a map and waste, followed by the title 'The Asian Network for Prevention of Illegal Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes'. Below this is a detailed paragraph about the network's objectives and a section for 'Current Participating Countries' listing various Asian nations. At the bottom, there are links for contact information and national centers.

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**Publications**  
Information Tools  
E handbook for good practice  
Guidance for feedback procedure  
HS code for risk pinning  
Annual Workshops

**The Asian Network for Prevention of Illegal Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes**

The Asian Network for Prevention of Illegal Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes aims at facilitating the exchange and dissemination of information on transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and selected used products among North-east and South-east Asian countries, and assists participating countries in formulating appropriate legislative responses to such movements under each country's system taking into consideration necessary procedures required by the Basel Convention. This system also provides useful information that can contribute to capacity building for the implementation of the Basel Convention.

A project for the establishment of the Asian Network for Prevention of Illegal Transboundary Movement of Wastes has been proposed by the Government of Japan, and acknowledged by Parties at the First Session of the Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention (OWWG-1), held in Geneva from 28 April to 2 May 2002. This website has been developed by the Ministry of the Environment, Japan as one of the tools to promote information exchange and dissemination for the prevention of illegal transboundary movement of hazardous wastes.

**Current Participating Countries**

Burma, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong SAR (China), Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

- ▶ Contact information (PDF 19KB) of competent authorities and focal points of each participating country.
- ▶ Basel Convention National Centers (BCNCs) are located in China and Indonesia.

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# Collaboration with other regional networks and other initiatives

- ▶ At the Workshop in 2008, we firstly invited IMPEL-TFS, and after that, and it has been 5 years since we started information sharing in order to prevent illegal trade between EU and Asia. Useful information has been shared and some difficulties are also identified during the activities.
- ▶ Similarly, since 2010, INECE has been invited to the Network workshop as observers. The last workshop held in Cambodia on November 2010 was back-to-back workshop of *“the 2<sup>nd</sup> SESN workshop on combating the illegal trade in hazardous wastes through seaports”* organized by INECE.
- ▶ The Asian Network also recognizes the following organizations as key partners for better enforcement of the Basel Convention and invite them several times depending on the theme of the workshop.
  - ✓ World Customs Organization (WCO) and RILO/AP
  - ✓ Interpol
  - ✓ UNEP/ROAP

# Now is the time.....

- ▶ INECE is planning a second Seaport Inspection from December 2011 to March 2012. The one of the focused and interested areas is on waste shipments from North America and Europe to the Asian region.
- ▶ INECE conducts various activities including a training workshop and IMPEL-TFS is considering for joint effort in the area such as take back procedural guiding tools for detected illegal hazardous waste shipments.
- ▶ Now it is even more valuable and appropriate if project oriented collaboration can be initiated among the networks since it enhances the cooperation for promoting better implementation of combating illegal trade of the hazardous wastes.



# Furthermore....

- ▶ In the CLI's decision adopted by COP10, the paragraph 1 of section E "*combating illegal traffic more effectively*" requests the Secretariat as follows;
  - *The COP requests the Secretariat to build on and enhance existing actions to stimulate cooperation between existing networks of enforcement agencies including INECE, IMPEL-TFS, the Asian Network and the Green Customs*
- ▶ COP 10 also requests the Implementation and Compliance Committee to prepare a first draft of TOR for cooperative arrangements on preventing and combating illegal traffic to improve cooperation and coordination between relevant entities, with a specific mandate to deliver capacity-building activities, such as the WCO, Interpol, UNEP, individual parties, BCRCs, **Networks** and SBC, with a focus on the development of tools and training materials, the hosting of workshops, and information exchange.

# Discussion Point

- ▶ What kind of collaboration can be done with IMPEL-TFS, INECE-SESN, and other regional initiatives?
- ▶ What sort of project can be possibly initiated between the networks? Example may include the following activities:
  - *Expanded workshop (workshop focusing on discussion on the collaboration between regional networks)*
  - *Intelligence sharing and risk profiling*
  - *Develop a guiding tool for combating illegal TBM of hazardous wastes and take back (ship-back) procedural guidance for the for detected illegal waste shipments.*



# Expected Goals of the Session

***Through the discussion, participants are expected to:***

- ▶ Understand the recent activities which conducted under the regional networks.
- ▶ Identify the collaborative project oriented activities relating the combating to illegal TBM of the hazardous wastes



Have a good discussion