

Activity of the Asian Network and its way forward

The Secretariat of the Asian Network

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 - AN workshop (November, Siem Reap, Cambodia) ➤ Start discussion on shipback (takeback) procedure and measures for promoting ESM
2011	- AN workshop (November, Shenzhen, China) ➤ Continue discussion on ESM and start discussion on inter-regional collaborations

Projects under the Asian Network

- *Research project on the import/export control of used EEE and E-waste (completed in 2009)*

A research on definitions and criteria of secondhand EEE and E-waste was conducted by BCRC China for better understanding of differences in rules and regulations of each country

- *Electronic notification and performance pledge*

In order to accelerate notification process, it was agreed upon by network members in the workshop 2009 to send notification electrically through fax or email as well as by post. A performance pledge for the notification processing time was also set by each country

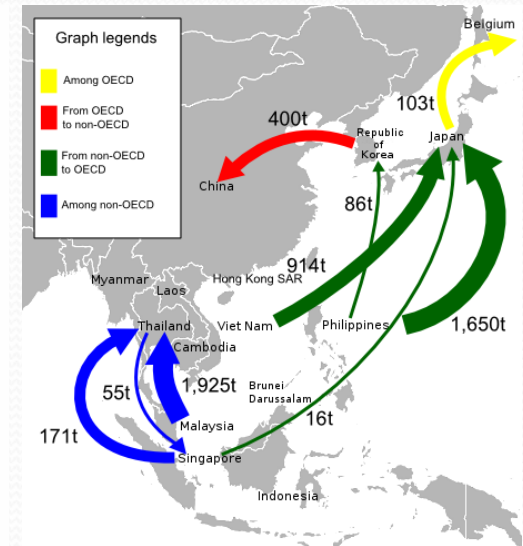
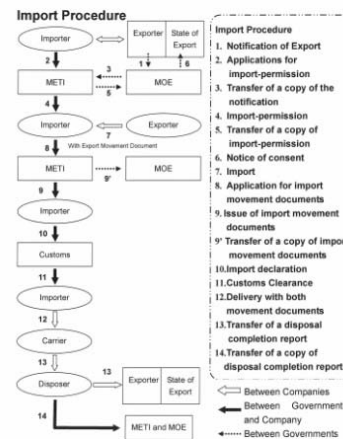
- *E-handbook for good practices*

In the workshop 2009, Development of a web-based handbook was agreed to keep sharing good practices of implementation activities of the Basel Convention among member countries for enhancing the overall enforcement capability of the region

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- Survey on the import/export procedure of Network countries*

Flow diagram of import/export procedure in each country was studied through questionnaire survey in order to ensure promoting legal import and export under the Basel Convention procedure.



- Study on trend of TBM in Asia*

Trend of TBM of hazardous wastes and other wastes and secondhand EEE was analyzed based on the data available from national reporting of the Basel Convention as well as trade statistics of each country. This study was conducted by MOEJ with support from other Network countries

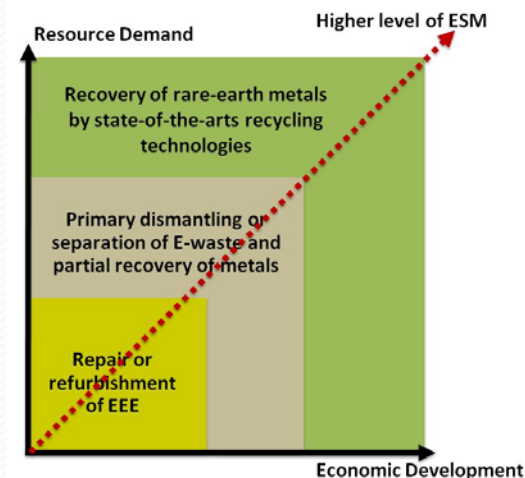
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- *Study on the status of ESM in Asia*

MOEJ conducted a study to identify recommendable ESM components in view of the current status of a legal system, technologies and other relevant matters in Asia and also to consider the measures which can ensure both prevention of illegal TBM and the appropriate resource circulation based on the ESM standard.

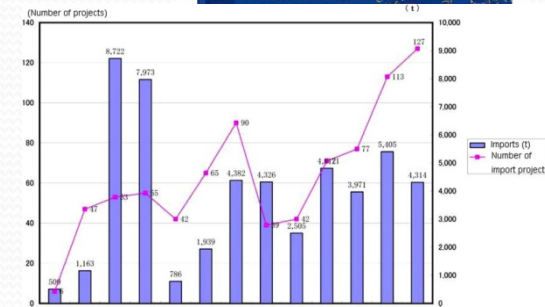
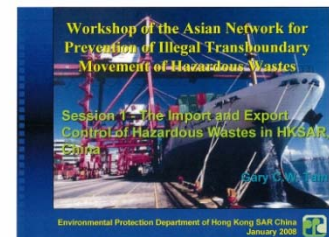
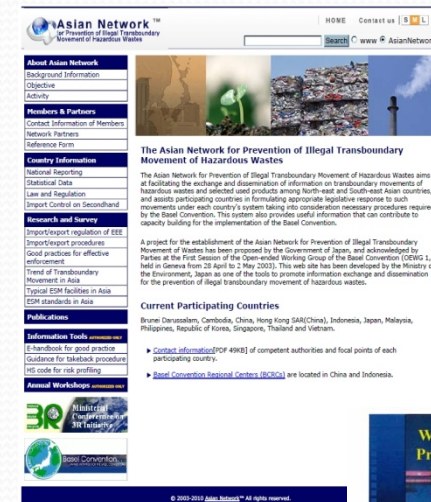
- *Study on challenges of takeback issues in Asia*

The questionnaire survey was conducted in order to identify key measures strengthening border control under the Asian Network. The study especially focused on the challenges faced by the Network countries in order to implement takeback of illegal shipment.



Website

- Asian Network website is developed as a tool for promoting information exchange and dissemination
- The website contains wealth of information in the region including;
 - Regularly updated contact information of competent authority / focal point
 - Regulation and policy of each country
 - Network activities and workshop documents
 - Import/export procedure
 - Statistical data, etc
- The website was redesigned and reformed and also uploaded new information in early 2011 in order to make it more user-friendly



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

Collaboration with other partners

Since the AN workshop firstly invited IMPEL-TFS in 2007, we have gradually expanded our partner organizations. The AN secretariat also attended IMPEL-TFS Conference and exchange information regularly.



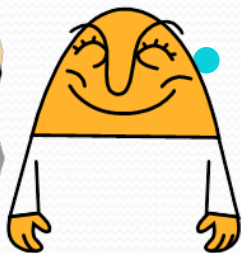
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2004	Tokyo					
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2009	Kuala Lumpur	X				
2010	Yokohama	X	X	X	X	X
2010	Siem Reap	X	X	X	X	
2011	Shenzhen	X	X			
2012	Cebu	X	X	X		

Red color X is back-to-back workshop or joint programme

Now is the time!!



- COP 10 decided in its BC10/11 to include a activity of illegal traffic and requested the Committee for Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance to draft TOR for the cooperative arrangements on preventing and combating illegal traffic among the existing networks, such as the INECE, IMPEL-TFS, Asian Network, and partners of the Green Customs Initiative.
- 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.



- The followings might be possible inter-regional collaboration activities.
 - Expanded inter-regional workshop (focusing on discussion on the collaboration between regional networks)
 - Sharing good practices for implementation of the Basel Convention
 - Intelligence sharing and risk profiling
 - Joint research on reality of border control practice (e.g., criteria for identifying secondhand from waste EEE, or functionality test practiced at frontline)
 - 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.
- Any proposals are welcome to us!!!



Thank you very much!!!