

Joint Statement
between Ministry of the Environment of Japan
and the Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Republic of Indonesia,
on the Second Indonesia - Japan Environmental Policy Dialogue

The delegation of Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ) and the Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Republic of Indonesia (KLHK) (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Both Sides”) met in Jakarta on 7 August, 2018 in the Second Indonesia–Japan Environmental Policy Dialogue. The dialogue was held in a friendly atmosphere.

The Policy Dialogue was co-chaired by Dr. Siti Nurbaya, Minister of Environment and Forestry Indonesia and Mr. Arata Takebe, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of the Environment Japan.

Both Sides exchanged views on the current environmental policies in both countries. The discussion focused on several issues, namely:

1. Cooperation on Citarum River Water Quality
2. Mercury Management
3. Medical Waste/ waste management
4. Cooperation toward ASEAN+3 and G20
5. Other matters, regarding ecotourism, utilization of national park sustainable lake management collaborative research

Regarding the cooperation of Citarum River Water Quality, Both Sides have reached an agreement to collaborate on the following activities under separate detailed arrangements:

- Water Environment Partnership in Asia: to implement appropriate management of load of wastewater;
- Technology transfer: to support introduction and dissemination of appropriate technologies for industrial wastewater treatment;
- Intercity cooperation: to implement administrative capacity building on water quality management such as legal compliance and to enhance these activities in the joint committee among Indonesian local governments;

Indonesian side appreciated the cooperation on mercury management made by Japan and agreed on the capacity strengthening on mercury research and monitoring, early implementation of mercury medical waste management project, and follow up activity on ASGM training to be promoted.

Both Sides agreed on the collaboration on marine plastic debris toward ASEAN+3 and G20. In addition, Both Sides pleased the enhancement of the regional cooperation on mercury research and monitoring in Asia and the Pacific.

Both Sides exchanged information and agreed to foster collaboration on medical waste. Both Sides also recognized the importance of acceleration of installation of waste-to-energy technology. It was agreed that the technical guideline of waste-to-energy would be developed in this year. Both Sides recognized that proper waste management, including waste to energy, contributes to improve the water quality of Citarum River.

Japan side agreed to share information and exchange opinions in the bilateral workshop at the 17th World Lake Conference. Furthermore, the meeting discussed the possible cooperation regarding the utilization of national parks, including joining of Indonesia to APAP (Asia Protected Areas Partnership)

Both Sides agreed to take actions for follow-up on the next Policy Dialogue. Both Sides also agreed that the next Policy Dialogue would be held in Japan on the next forthcoming year.