



# Regional 3R Forum in Asia



Clean Asia Initiative

- **Location**

Asian region

- **Project Background**

The volume of waste has been rapidly increasing and the quality of waste has been diversified in Asia, along with population increases and urbanization. The Japanese government proposed the inauguration of the Regional 3R Forum in Asia at the East Asia Summit Environment Ministers Meeting held in Hanoi in October 2008, to promote the 3Rs in Asian. The proposal was endorsed by the participants, and the Inaugural Meeting of the Regional 3R Forum in Asia was held in Tokyo in November 2009.

- **Objectives**

The objectives of this forum include the facilitation of high-level policy dialogues, facilitation of improved dialogue and cooperation among countries, international organizations, and donor communities to implement 3R projects, dissemination of best practices, tools, technologies, and policy instruments of the 3Rs, strengthening networks of stakeholders such as national and local governments, and experts, and proliferation of national 3R strategies in Asia.

- **Member Countries**

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam (alphabetical order)

- **Project Achievements**

The participants had lively discussions on various issues, including the state of countries that had been in the process of formulating national strategies for the 3Rs, efforts of international organizations to support developing countries, and efforts of researchers, industrial sectors, local governments, and NGOs. The "Tokyo 3R Statement: Towards the Establishment of the Regional 3R Forum in Asia" was agreed by the participants at the inaugural meeting. In addition, Dato' Seri Kong Cho Ha, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Housing and Local Government, Malaysia, proposed to be the host country for the next meeting in Malaysia next year, which was welcomed by the participants.



Participants in the Inaugural Meeting of the Regional 3R Forum in Asia

- **Planned Activities**

The following activities are planned under the Regional 3R Forum in Asia.

- Hold high-level policy dialogue on a regular basis
- Facilitate 3R projects through close cooperation with donor agencies
- Strengthen cooperation with existing information/research networks related to the 3Rs
- Promote 3R business feasibility studies involving both public and private sector financing and participation
- Promote international collaborative, advanced policy-relevant scientific research on sound material cycles in Asia
- Support capacity building through means such as international training programmes focusing on the 3Rs for human resource development

- **Project Partners**

Asian Development Bank (ADB)  
 Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)  
 the Asia-Pacific Forum for Environment and Development (APFED)  
 Asian Productivity Organization (APO)  
 Basel Convention Regional Centre for the Asia and Pacific Region in China (BCRC China)  
 Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ)  
 Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)  
 International Labour Organization (ILO)  
 Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)  
 Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)  
 the Secretariat of the Basel Convention (SBC)  
 United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD)  
 United Nations - Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)  
 United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)  
 United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)  
 United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

- **Related URL**

Regional 3R Forum in Asia website (English)  
[http://www.env.go.jp/recycle/3r/en/forum\\_asia/index.html](http://www.env.go.jp/recycle/3r/en/forum_asia/index.html)

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