

Summary of the Chair  
5<sup>th</sup> Round Table Meeting  
14 September 2005 in Tokyo, JAPAN

Based on the discussion at the 5<sup>th</sup> Round Table Meeting (RTM), delegates from the 3 Countries agreed on the following action plans.

I Recommendations

1) Green Procurement

Referring to the proposal to establish a tripartite information channel and to hold green procurement seminars, it is necessary to take the following actions:

- Contact points need to be established and actively utilized.
- Seminars for Green Procurement are good occasions for information-sharing among the 3 countries. The 3 countries will cooperate to coordinate timing and venue and to utilize the IGPN's network.

2) Environmental Management for Small and Medium sized Enterprises (SMEs)

To promote environmental management for SMEs in the 3 countries, it is necessary to take the following actions.

- Conduct a study on policies to promote EMS of SMEs. The study will include an analysis of current schemes experiences. It is also important to include various sectors and share information in such studies.
- IGES of Japan will take the lead to coordinate the study with supports from the 3 countries. Japan will provide more information and exchange views with relevant organizations. IGES is requested to report the progress at the next RTM.

3) Eco-Labeling

Referring to the proposal to harmonize criteria for eco-labeling, to hold consultations for companies, and to have expositions for consumers, it is necessary to take the following action:

- KOECO of Korea will take the lead on this proposal with support from relevant organizations of the other countries. China Environmental United Certification

Center and Japan Environmental Association are contact points.

- It is recommended that 2 or 3 categories be selected as an initial step for harmonization. On-going harmonization activities will be taken into account when selecting the initial set of categories.
- Participants agreed the discussion on arrangement is necessary for consultation and exposition to promote eco-labeling. KOECO will also take the lead on this issue.

## II Processes towards the 6<sup>th</sup> RTM

- China will host the 6<sup>th</sup> RTM and will organize working group meetings, where the issues for the next RTM will be recommended for discussion.
- It is necessary to agree on the process to enhance cooperation. For this purpose, the following “issue-coordinating countries” will take the lead to deepen discussion according to the agreement at the 5<sup>th</sup> RTM.

Green Procurement	China
Environmental Management of SMEs	Japan
Eco-labeling	Korea

- Each issue-coordinating country will communicate relevant information with each other through e-mail and meetings.
  - Meetings to discuss specific issues can be held by issue coordinating countries, as necessary.
- The Host Country of the 5<sup>th</sup> RTM (Japan) will prepare a list of contact points for each issue, and distribute it to relevant contacts.