

## **CHAIRPERSONS' SUMMARY OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> TRIPARTITE ROUNDTABLE MEETING**

### **OPENING SESSION**

1. Mr. Ju-Dae Byun, Director General of Nakdong River Basin Environmental Office, welcomed the presence of the three countries' delegations and wished active and fruitful dialogue.
2. Ms. Kaiyu Wang, Director of SEPA China, reviewed the summary of the discussion in the 6<sup>th</sup> Tripartite Roundtable Meeting in Yantai, China in 2006.
3. Mr. Yeon-Kie Ryoo, Director of MOE Korea, made an introduction to the 7<sup>th</sup> Tripartite Roundtable Meeting.

### **SESSION 1 – Corporate Environmental Management**

*Chaired by Prof. Ryoichi Yamamoto of University of Tokyo*

4. Ms. Reiko Okubo, Researcher of MOE Japan, explained the current status of corporate environmental reporting in Japan and 'Law for the Promotion of Business Activities with Environmental Consideration' which is the legal base of supporting environmental reporting as well as Environmental Guideline.
5. Mr. Ryuta Uozumi, Chairman of Japan Association of Assurance Organizations for Sustainable Information, presented how to implement the third party review on the corporate environmental reporting, and emphasized that the reliability and transparency of the reported information is important.
6. Mr. Kyeong-Wha Chung, Deputy Director of MOE Korea, explained the current situation of environmental management and environmental reporting of Korean industries, and referred that the MOE is under discussion to introduce corporate environmental information disclosure program.
7. Ms. Yan Feng, Deputy Director of SEPA China, presented the cooperation

between environmental and financial sector that loan to corporation based on its environmental performance, implementing the Green Credit policy which is beneficial to environment, and noticed the China environmental information disclosure program which will be entered into force in 2008.

## **SESSION 2 - Eco-Labeling**

*Chaired by Prof. Byung-Wook Lee of Sejong University*

8. Mr. Kil-Jong Song, General Manager of Korea Eco-Products Institute, reviewed the market situation and policy perspective of the Korea ecolabelling program, and proposed to exchange working-level experts among the three ecolabelling organizations to facilitate MRA-based certification work.
9. Mr. Teruo Saito, Senior Managing Director of Japan Environment Association, referred to experiences of mutual recognition agreement (MRA) between the Eco-Mark and the Nordic Swan, and asserted the tripartite harmonization needs to be moved forward on step-by-step approach.
10. Mr. Yiqun Chen, Deputy Director of China Environmental United Certification Center, presented the comments of Chinese industry on tripartite harmonization for PC criteria, and shared the point of view of Chinese delegates on the criteria.

## **SESSION 3 - Environmental Industry**

*Chaired by Ms. Kaiyu Wang of SEPA China*

11. Dr. Kyoung-Sik Choi, Chief Manager of Environmental Management Corporation, explained the current carbon markets and Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects in Korea, and mentioned that Asian region networking for CDM projects would be desirable.
12. Ms. Ling Qian, Project Officer of SEPA China, presented governmental investment and policy objectives to make a progress in environmental industries in China, and noticed the priority fields for international

cooperation of environmental industry.

13. Mr. Kaichi Tamiya, Representative Director of Environmental & ISO Consulting Ecohills, presented the achievement made in the recent 'Environmental Technology Business Conference for Japanese small and medium-sized companies' held in China, and encouraged interested parties to join the conference in the next year.

#### **SESSION 4 - Green Purchasing**

*Chaired by Prof. Ryoichi Yamamoto of University of Tokyo*

14. Mr. Zunwen Liu, Assistant General Manager of China Environmental United Certification Center, introduced 'Implementation Guidance on Governmental Procurement on Environmental Labeled Products' which has been enforcing since 2006, and plan to organize 'China Green Purchasing Network'.
15. Mr. Jong-Sun Kim, General Manager of Korea Eco-Products Institute, presented activities to promote green purchasing in private sector in Korea, and suggested to encourage the industries in the three countries to attend eco-product exhibitions in each country.
16. Mr. Kazuyuki Harada, Deputy Director of MOE Japan, presented 'Green Contract Law' which is for making any contracts, comprehensively evaluating energy-saving and CO<sub>2</sub> reduction in Japan.
17. Mr. Hiromi Mori, Secretary General of International Green Purchasing Network, explained major activities of IGPN to proliferate green purchasing practices world-wide, and proposed to open eco-product exhibition in China.

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## **RESOLUTION OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> TRIPARTITE ROUNDTABLE MEETING**

### **COMMON UNDERSTANDING**

1. Delegations from the three countries shared a view that information exchange and cooperative implementation process is important for the purpose of developing environmental industries and relevant environmental policy framework.
2. It was widely understood that further idea sharing on the way to plan and implement environmental and economic policy in more integrated way will be required in world-wide as well as the three countries.
3. Especially it was noted that environmental industries and eco-technologies in the Asian region should be developed under long term strategy to take the leadership in global market.
4. In order for effective policy coordination and cooperation, it was recommended that the three government focal points to report the ideas and suggestions discussed in the roundtable meeting to higher level decision makers in each country.

### **KEY ISSUES ADDRESSED**

5. It was understood that environmental reporting and information disclosure program will be a promising environmental policy tool. For the purpose of successful implementation of the program, the three countries will give further consideration to the following suggestions.
  - A survey on corporate environmental management in each country
  - Information exchange on “environmental reporting” schemes and policy measures to foster “sustainable finance” in the three countries

6. It was pointed out that further efforts are necessary in order to encourage tripartite cooperation of ecolabelling programs, which includes the following consideration.
  - Exchange of working-level experts among the three ecolabelling bodies for a certain time period
  - Expansion of harmonized product categories of ecolabelling in the three countries
7. It was emphasized that green purchasing in the three countries should be progressed both from public and private sectors. For this purpose, it should be given high consideration to the following suggestion.
  - Information exchange and joint effort to promote green purchasing
  - Establishment of partnership to co-promote eco-product exhibition in the three countries

## **RECOMMENDATION**

8. It was recommended to make an effort to organizing International events to promote environmental management and industry in cooperation of the three countries, if appropriate (e.g. IGPN and GIN 2009 in Korea, Shanghai Expo 2010).
9. It was recommended to pay attention to additional agenda such as sustainable finance, environmentally-preferable goods and services, eco-design, cleaner production in the future roundtable meeting.

## **INFORMATION**

10. Mr. Hidehiro Kikuchi, Senior Planning Officer of the Ministry of the Environment Japan informed interim plan for the 8<sup>th</sup> Tripartite Roundtable Meeting, tentatively scheduled to be held in autumn next year.
11. IGPN will arrange a green purchasing show case in the Korea Eco-

Product Exhibition 2007 under the sponsorship of three countries through Tripartite Roundtable Meeting.

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