

**Tripartite Policy Dialogue on Chemicals Management
in China, Japan and Korea
Summary of the Government Officials Meeting**

9th November 2007, Tokyo, Japan

Officials from the State Environmental Protection Administration of China, three ministries from Japan and the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea met in Tokyo on 9th November 2007, as a part of the Tripartite Policy Dialogue on Chemicals Management, which also included a workshop in which stakeholders from industry and other sectors participated,.

The officials welcomed the summary of the workshop, and appreciated the opportunity to discuss the ways for future co-operation on chemicals management among the three countries, with the participation of relevant stakeholders.

The officials agreed on the following principles of the future co-operation in chemicals management:

- Different situation in three countries should be recognized;
- Long-term co-operation should be set up based on common interests; and
- Co-operative activities should include the elements of capacity building, collaboration and efforts for harmonization

The officials agreed on the forms for future co-operation as follows:

- Exchange and dissemination of updated information on chemicals regulation and management through government websites;
- Continuation of this Policy Dialogue on an annual basis; and
- Other means such as expert meetings/workshops, mutual visits, research projects, etc.

The officials identified a number of areas where further information exchange, co-operation and efforts for harmonisation would be fruitful. It was agreed that each country should develop concrete proposals for further co-operative activities in areas of their interests. Possible priority areas include the following:

- Laws and regulations, including their enforcement, in areas such as chemicals management, use of hazardous substances in products, PRTR, and prevention of

- chemical pollution in recycling and waste management;
- GHS classification;
- Information exchange mechanism for chemicals in products;
- Substances of high concern;
- Screening, hazard assessment and risk assessment of existing chemicals;
- Responses to REACH and other foreign regulations;
- Responses to SAICM, chemicals conventions and other global initiatives;
- Development and dissemination of risk assessment and management methods;

Officials agreed that stepwise approach should be taken starting with information exchange on policy, management and regulation, and proceeding to technical aspects in later stages.

The officials agreed that three countries may learn from successful experience in other regions particularly including the North American regional co-operation in chemicals management and explore future dialogue with them.

The officials agreed that future policy dialogue should be held in three countries on an annual basis in a rotating manner. In this regard the officials welcomed the offer from Korea to host the next meeting in the second half of 2008, and agreed to pursue this possibility. They also agreed to pursue the possibility of expert meetings, possibly starting with the in-depth information exchange on Globally Harmonised System for Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

The officials agreed that outcome from the meeting should be reported to the 9th Tripartite Environmental Ministers Meeting to be held in Toyama, Japan in December 2007, and other relevant meetings.

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