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HAZARDOUS WASTES AND
THEIR DISPOSAL

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PROJECT PROPOSALS UNDER THE STRATEGIC PLAN (34)

Submitted by Parties and the Basel Convention Regional Centres

Attached is the project proposal submitted by Japan for information to the first session of the Open-ended Working Group. This project will be carried out with the financial resources of the Government of Japan.

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PROJECT PROPOSAL SUMMARY

1. Name of the Party or Center submitting the proposal

Japan

2. Title of the proposed project

Establishment of the Asian Network for prevention of illegal transboundary movement of wastes

3. Countries and institutions/organizations participating in the implementation of the proposed project

The Government of Japan will take a lead in establishing the proposed Network and invite East/South-East Asian countries and BCRCs (Beijing, Jakarta) to actively participate in the project activities. BCRCs are expected to play a key role in the project, in particular, in view of future operation of the Network.

4. Short description of the activities proposed under the project

1) Intended activities

- Development of information exchange systems among Parties in this region in order to prevent illegal traffic of hazardous wastes.
- Case study on stream of reuse goods in this region and information exchange on distinguishes criteria between reuse and sham reuse (illegal operation).

2) Time schedule

FY2003:

- Start dialogue with Parties
 - What kind of information is needed?
 - What is the problem/obstacle of information exchange? etc, etc.
- Preparation of case study on stream of reuse goods.

FY2004:

- Develop a Web page for information exchange with useful information to the Parties. It is desirable that web page is managed by BCRC.
- Conduct a case study on stream of reuse goods.

FY2005:

- Trial run of the information exchange system

5. Expected outputs (results) of the proposed project and their use

- Development of information exchange systems among Parties in this region in order to prevent illegal traffic of hazardous wastes.
- Improved knowledge of the needs of Parties in this region to prevent illegal traffic.
- Provide useful information that can contribute to capacity building for the implementation of the Basel Convention.

6. Fields and activities of the Strategic Plan to which the project intends to contribute

Field (d) Prevention and monitoring of illegal traffic

- (Initiative) Undertaking of regional reviews of transboundary movements of hazardous and other wastes with a view to improving coordination among Parties, in developing standards or common approaches to reduce export and import as appropriate, and to exploring the regional recycling and recovery capacity for environmentally sound management

Field (i) Development of mechanisms for compliance with and for the monitoring and effective implementation of the Convention and its amendments

- (Initiative) Development of information exchange systems among Parties and between Parties and other relevant organizations or institutions

7. Duration of the proposed project

May 2003 – December 2005

8. Cost of the project

The estimated total cost of the project is US \$ 250,000, expected to be covered by in-kind and technical contribution by the Japanese Government.
