



Ministerial Conference on the 3R Initiative

As agreed at the G8 Sea Island Summit (June, 2004), the Government of Japan will host the Ministerial Conference to launch the 3R (reduce, reuse and recycle) initiative as follows:

Dates: April 28 to 30, 2005

Venue: Tokyo

Participants (to be confirmed)

Ministers responsible for 3Rs from G8 and other invited countries, and representatives of relevant organizations such as OECD, UNEP and the Basel Convention Secretariat

Issues to be Discussed (tentative)

As agreed upon at the G8 Sea Island Summit, the following five (5) issues will be discussed:

- (a) National policies to implement 3Rs,
- (b) Reduction of barriers to the international flow of goods and materials,
- (c) Encouragement of cooperation among various stakeholders,
- (d) Promotion of science and technology suitable for the 3Rs, and
- (e) Cooperation between developed and developing countries.

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2004 G8 Summit: "3R" Action Plan (Sea Island, June 10, 2004)

As we continue to implement the G8 Action Plan on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development adopted at Evian, we commit to launching the Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle ("3R") Initiative to encourage more efficient use of resources and materials. The initiative will be formally launched in the coming year at a ministerial meeting in Japan.

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Initiative

We will launch the Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle ("3R") Initiative at a Ministerial Conference in spring 2005 hosted by the Government of Japan. In cooperation with relevant international organizations such as the OECD, we will seek through this initiative to:

- Reduce waste, Reuse and Recycle resources and products to the extent economically feasible;
- Reduce barriers to the international flow of goods and materials for recycling and remanufacturing, recycled and remanufactured products, and cleaner, more efficient technologies, consistent with existing environmental and trade obligations and frameworks;
- Encourage cooperation among various stakeholders (central governments, local governments, the private sector, NGOs and communities), including voluntary and market-based activities;
- Promote science and technology suitable for 3Rs; and
- Cooperate with developing countries in such areas as capacity building, raising public awareness, human resource development and implementation of recycling projects.