

Joint Statement
between the Minister of the Environment of Japan
and the Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs and Investment of the Republic
of Indonesia

On 18 February 2021, the Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs and Investment of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Luhut B. Panjaitan and the Minister of the Environment of Japan, H.E. Koizumi Shinjiro met virtually.

The Ministers exchanged views on the current policies and cooperation in the field of environment, as previously referred to as the Joint Statement between the Ministers which was issued on 27 June 2019 in Osaka, Japan. The discussion focused on several issues, namely:

1. Cooperation on Waste Treatment

In order to accelerate waste treatment facility development, the Ministers decided to intensify cooperation on both policy enhancement and project implementation.

In this regard, the Ministers will further endeavor to develop the following:

- Policy Enhancement: To strengthen cooperation regarding environmental and project scheme topics, through periodic meetings of the Joint Committee on Waste Treatment Facility with tangible output milestones;
- Project Implementation:
 - To strengthen waste treatment in the Citarum River watershed, in addition to continued support to the Legok Nangka project, with acknowledgement of a new feasibility study on a waste treatment project in Bekasi Regency – Karawang Regency- Purwakarta Regency (Bekarpur) area in response to the request from the Governor of West Java.
 - To start support to the waste treatment project in South Tangerang in form of the rehabilitation of Cipeucang final landfill.

2. Cooperation on marine plastic litter

The Ministers acknowledged progress and share the outlook of cooperation on marine plastic litter, including:

- Joint monitoring activities in the Java Sea and development of guideline of monitoring floating micro plastic;
- The progress of regional cooperation including co-organization of ASEAN workshop on marine plastic litters this month, a future plan of sharing monitoring data, participation of experts in a data-sharing project developed by Japan, collaboration through a newly established platform

for promoting partnerships between public and private sectors on marine plastic litter by the Regional Knowledge Center for Marine Plastic Debris under the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA).

3. Cooperation on Citarum River water pollution

The Ministers decided to promote cooperation to improve Citarum River water pollution management.

The Ministers shared the view regarding the importance of continuing capacity building for policy makers concerning this particular matter. The Ministers also acknowledged the consideration to introduce a water treatment technology from Japan.

The Ministers expressed their fervent commitment to strengthen bilateral cooperation on sustainable development and further decided to follow-up these actions through the Joint Committee on waste treatment and other high-level meetings.

The Ministers furthermore conveyed their support to the ongoing finalization of Memorandum of Cooperation on Environment Cooperation between Indonesia and Japan.