

**Chair's Proposal  
on  
the objectives, priorities and  
activities  
of  
Regional 3R Forum in Asia**

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# 3R Initiative

2004

G8 Sea Island Summit (U.S.) **3R Initiative was agreed upon .**

2005

Ministerial Meeting on the 3R Initiative (Tokyo)

**Assistance to National 3R Strategy Development** started (Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam, Bangladesh, Cambodia)

2006

Senior Officials Meeting on the 3R Initiative (Tokyo)

Asia 3R Promotion Conference (Tokyo)

2007

2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Officials Meeting on the 3R Initiative (Bonn, Germany)

2008

G8 Environment Ministers Meeting (Kobe)  
` **Kobe 3R Action Plan** ` agreed upon

2<sup>nd</sup> Asia 3R Promotion Conference (Tokyo)

G8 Summit (Hokkaido, Toyako)  
` **Kobe 3R Action Plan** ` was endorsed

EAS Environment Ministers Meeting (Hanoi)  
Japan's Proposal of Regional 3R Forum was appreciated

2009



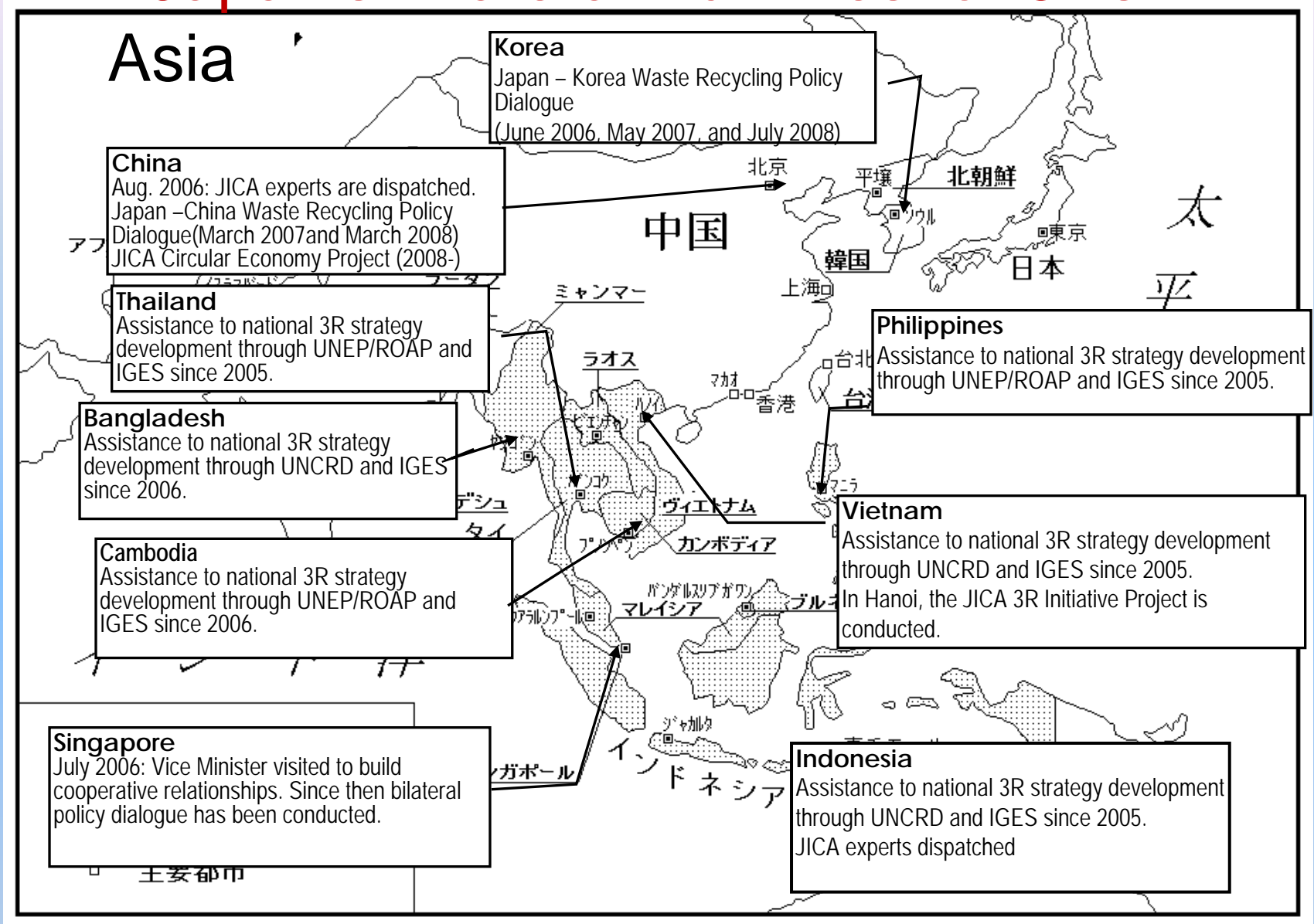
Asia 3R High-level Seminar (Tokyo)

**Preparatory Meeting of the Inauguration of the Regional 3R Forum in Asia (Tokyo)**

G8 will follow up their progress in 2011

**Inaugural Regional 3R Forum in Asia, 2009**

# Japan's Bilateral Activities for 3Rs



• Technical assistance for sound waste management are being provided for some Pacific Islands states. Also in Mexico JICA supports the development of national 3R program since 2007.

# Background of Proposed Establishment of Regional 3R Forum in Asia

- Increasing Waste generation with urbanization and industrialization are a pressing common issue for all Asian countries. 3R concept disseminated.
- Recognition of co-benefits of 3R in addressing resource efficiency and energy efficiency (climate change).
- Policy dialogues, developing national strategies (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam), knowledge management efforts, etc. in progress.
- Need for prioritizing 3R and waste management policies
- Need for action-oriented efforts, materializing projects
- Need for seeking synergy among initiatives, and involving various stakeholders



**Establishment of 'Regional 3R Forum in Asia', a new open platform for regional cooperation is proposed.**

## Goal of Regional 3R Forum in Asia

- Achieve “low carbon and sound material cycle societies in Asia” through:
- Facilitating bilateral and multilateral cooperation for:
  - increasing resource and energy efficiency through the 3Rs
  - promoting environmentally sound management of wastes in the region

# Objectives /Roles of Regional Forum

- (i) facilitate **high-level policy dialogues** on 3R issues, challenges, and opportunities;
- (ii) facilitate **improved dialogue and cooperation with international organizations and donor communities** for materializing and implementation of projects and programmes related to 3R and waste management identified through national 3R strategies;
- (iii) provide **a strategic and knowledge platform** for sharing experiences & disseminating among Asian countries best practices, tools, technologies, and policy instruments ;
- (iv) provide **a platform to develop multilayered networks of stakeholders** such as governments, academia, and private sectors, and NGOs;
- (v) generate international **consensus on the beneficial aspects of 3R** in the context of achieving MDG, resource and energy efficiency, resource efficient economy, and climate change mitigation; and to
- (vi) provide **platform for proliferation of National 3R Strategies.**

# Asian Countries' Priorities for Strategic Implementation of the 3Rs

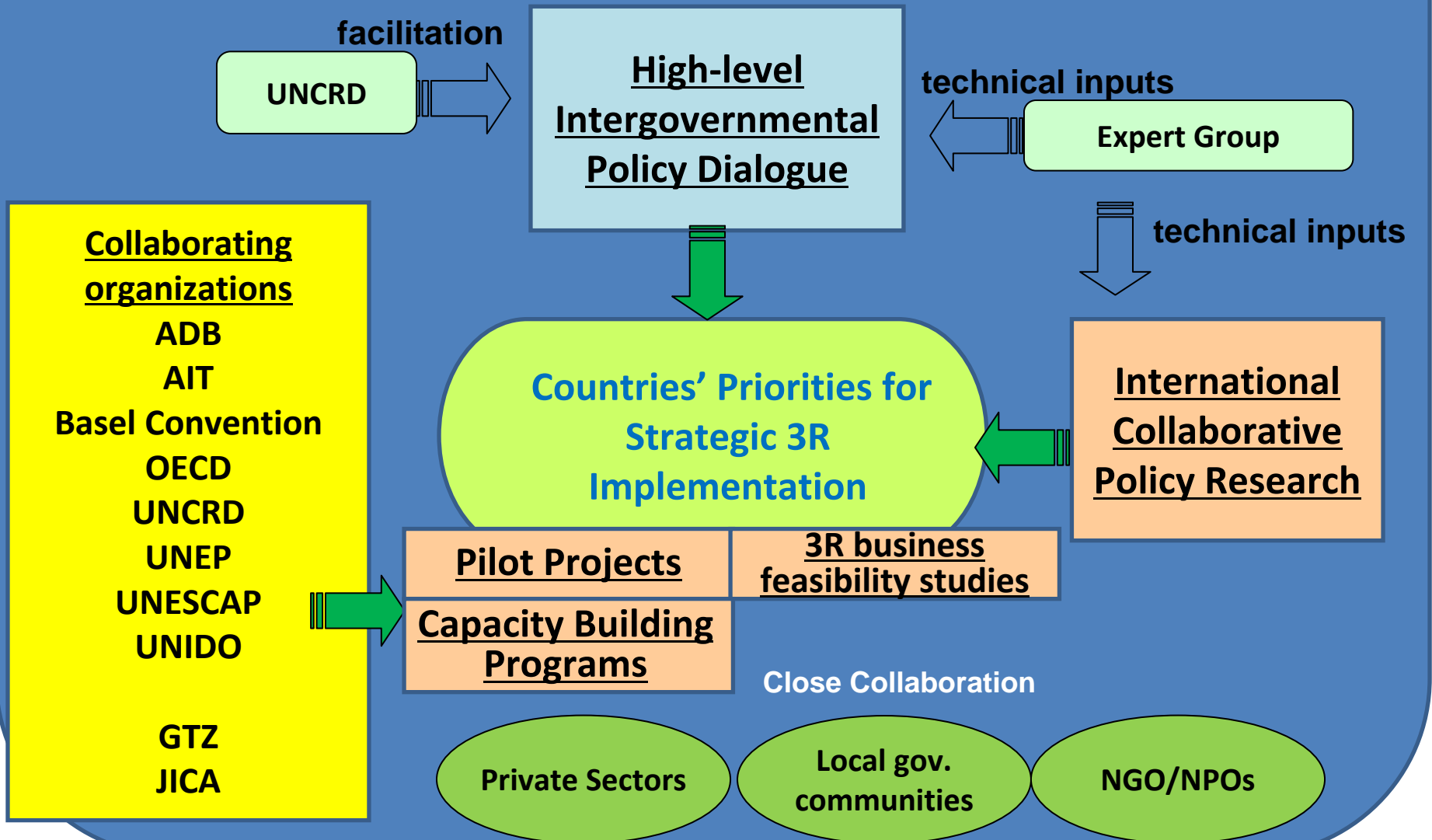
- **Mainstreaming 3Rs** in environmental and economic policies and programs
- Mobilizing **financial resources** for Implementation of 3Rs
- Development of **human resources** as well to facilitate efficient **diffusion of 3R knowledge and technologies**
- Understanding and implementation of **co-benefits of the 3Rs** (GHG reduction etc.)
- Development of necessary **organizational framework/support to deal with the informal sector**
- **Development and transfer of environmentally sound technologies** for waste management and the 3Rs
- **Empowering cities** to build them as core clients **for financing and investments towards implementation of 3Rs** / materializing Sustainable or Eco City.
- Information sharing and technical capacity development for **prevention of inappropriate and illegal trade of waste**
- **International collaborative policy research** on sustainable resource cycles in Asia

## **Initial set of activities and programs** under the umbrella framework of the *Forum*

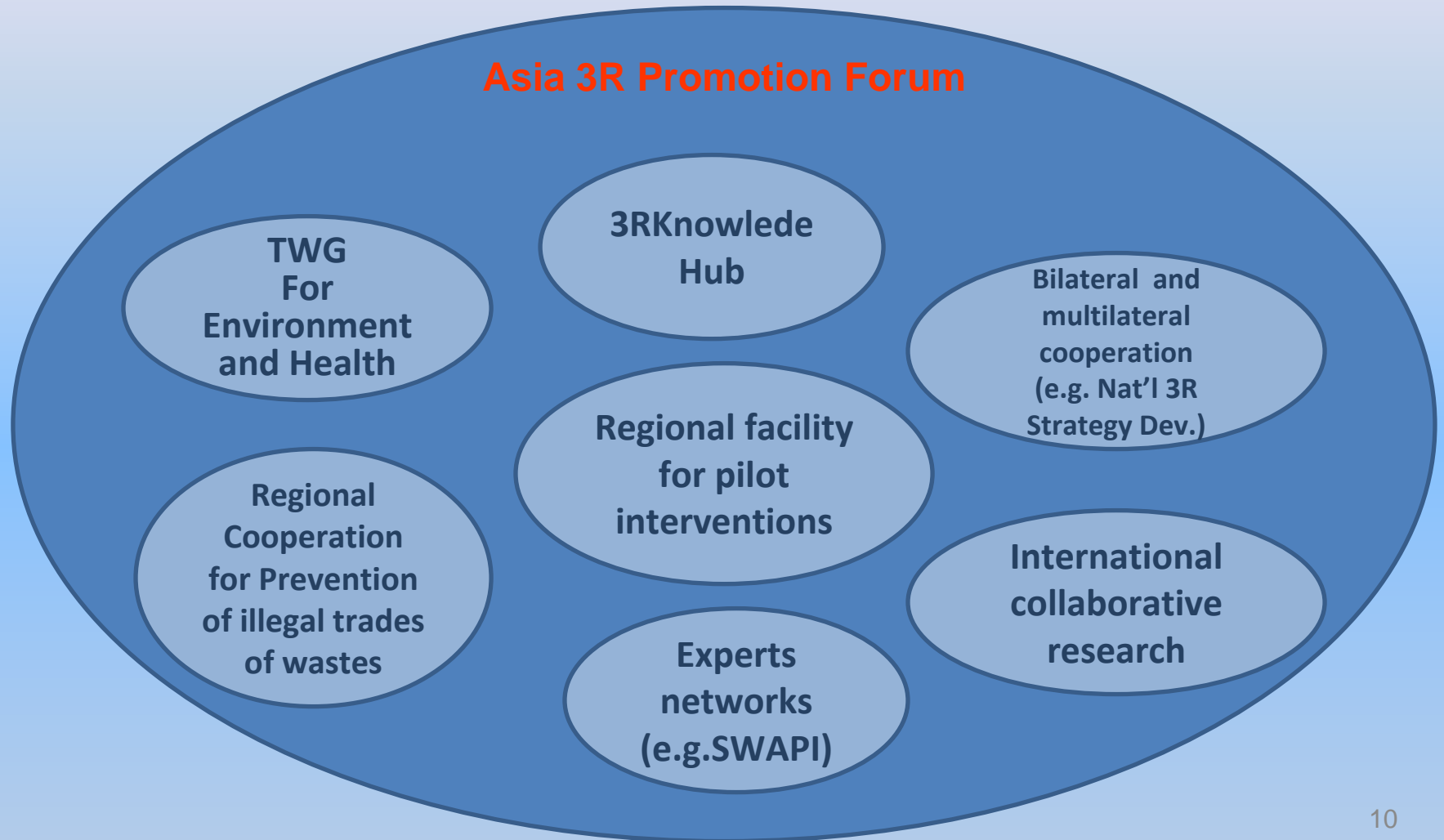
- Hold **high-level policy dialogue** on a regular basis
- Facilitate implementation, replication, and scaling up of **3R-related pilot projects** and other good practices in close collaboration with donor agencies.
- Collaborate with the existing **3R information/research networks** at national and international level
- Promote **3R business feasibility studies** involving both public and private sector
- Conduct **international collaborative, advanced policy relevant scientific research** on sound material cycles in Asia on a continuous basis
- **Capacity building** through means such as international training programmes



# Activities and Structures of Regional 3R Forum in Asia



# Regional 3R Forum in Asia will facilitate synergies among various initiatives



## Expected Outcomes

- International cooperation for better environmental governance of the region.
- Facilitation of business opportunities for the 3Rs in Asia
- Awareness raising among industrial sector and citizens.
- Identification of necessary actions and steps for appropriate implementation of the environmentally sound management of waste and 3R.
- Capacity development of developing countries to implement the 3Rs
- Dissemination of 3R-related good practices around the region through demonstration projects

## Establishment of Regional 3R Forum in Asia

- **Inaugural meeting of the Regional Forum:**
  - High-level policy dialogue to be held In Tokyo in the latter half of 2009
  - **A statement** to be adopted to announce common intention of participating countries, international organizations and aid agencies for the promotion of the 3Rs in Asia  
(objectives, priorities, initial set of activities etc...)

# Objectives of the Preparatory Meeting for Inauguration of Regional 3R Forum in Asia

- I. Further identification of specific needs and priorities** that will be tackled under the Forum for strategic implementation of the 3Rs
- II. Identification of possible programs and activities** that will be implemented under the umbrella of the Forum
- III. Discussion and elaboration of a draft of Statement** to be adopted at the Inaugural Meeting of the Forum