

Preparatory Meeting for the Inaugural Meeting of the Regional 3R Forum in Asia

1. Purpose of the Meeting

In Asian developing countries, appropriate waste disposal and legal systems regarding the 3Rs are undeveloped, and the structure and capability of organizations and human resources of central and local governments are insufficient. This has been a major problem for the establishment of sound material-cycle societies.

Through cooperation with U.N. and other agencies, Japan has supported the development of national 3R strategies in Asian countries as part of the "3R Initiative", which internationally promotes the establishment of sound material-cycle societies. It is important to support and promote the steady implementation of national strategies in each country. Japan therefore plans to set up the "Regional 3R Forum in Asia" later this year, and promote implementation of national 3R strategies in each country through activities such as following up on countries' efforts towards implementation and sharing and expanding best practices related to waste management and 3R.

The purpose of this Preparatory Meeting is to discuss possible collaborative programs and activities of international organizations and aid agencies to address priority issues under the Forum, and a statement draft aiming for adoption at the Inaugural Meeting of the Forum.

2. Date

June 29 (all day) and 30 (morning), 2009

3. Venue

Mita Conference Hall, Tokyo, Japan

4. Organizer

Ministry of the Environment, Japan

5. Expected Participants

Asian countries, International Organizations and Aid Agencies

Asian countries

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Thailand, Viet Nam

International Organizations and Aid Agencies

Asian Development Bank (ADB), Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Global

Environment Facility (GEF), Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan International Cooperation Agency(JICA), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)