

# ~Towards the partner ship~

## ***“Asia 3R Citizen's Forum”***

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"Asia 3R Citizen's Forum"

# Participating parties

1. Asia Waste Watch (Japan)
2. Association for Promoting Fiber Recycling (Japan)
3. East Asia Environmental Information Express Messenger (Japan)
4. Environmental Partnership Council (EPC) (Japan)
5. Friends of the Earth Japan (Japan)
6. GENKI Net for Creating a Sustainable Society (Japan)
7. Greenpeace China (China)
8. Japan Association of Environment and Society for the 21st Century (J)
9. Japan Council on the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD-J) (Japan)
10. Nanohana Project Network (Japan)
11. Nippon Association of Consumer Specialists (NACS) (Japan)
12. Organic Foods & Composting Association (Japan)
13. PUSDAKOTA ( Centre of Urban Community Empowerment University of Surabaya) (Indonesia)
14. Reusable Eco-foodware Network (Japan)
15. The Fujisan Club (Japan)
16. Zero Waste Movement Network (Korea)

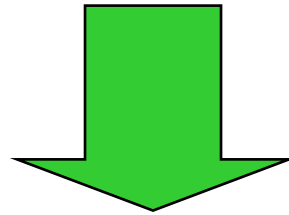
# Various NGOs working on 3Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle) & waste Management

- Area: in the community, nationwide, international
- Theme:
  - 1) problems on disposal sites (landfill disposal site, incineration facilities, industrial waste, illegal dumping, dioxin etc,)
  - 2) Recycling (resource recovery, recycling of kitchen refuse etc)
  - 3) Reduce/3R (overall policy, reducing plastic bags, reuse etc,)
  - 4) Others (cleaning-ups, green consumerism etc,)
- Approaches: practice of activities, policy suggestion, research and development, dispatch of information
- Targets: administration, business, citizens
- Organizational structure: private organization, NPO, council, network

Friends of the Earth Japan

# Importance of citizens' partnerships in Asia

- Problems commonly faced by Asian citizens
- Problems not resolvable without the cross-border cooperation



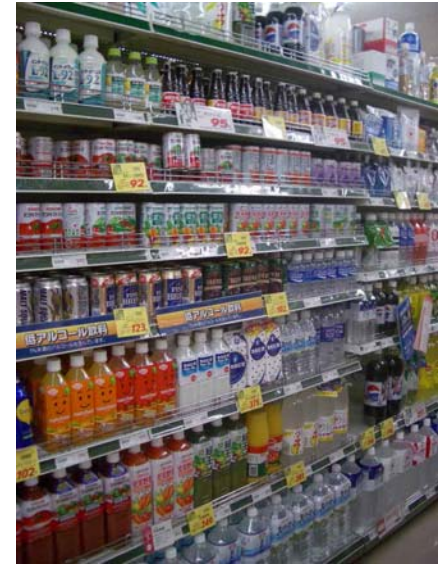
## Partnership by citizens

- Sharing of information, experience and case studies at the grass roots level
- Working on governments and business together

# ■ Friends of the Earth Japan (Japan)

## Problems towards 3R Society and Citizens' roles

- Although recycling has progressed, waste has not been reduced.  
⇒ Promotion of actions based on 3R priority and thorough Extended Producer Responsibility
- Viewpoint as a measure for global warming
- Internationalization of waste problems in accordance with the globalization (e.g. E-waste)  
⇒ need for measures, system designing, and sharing of information/case study based on cross-border cooperation





# ■ PUSDAKOTA ( Centre of Urban Community Empowerment University of Surabaya) (Indonesia)

## Pusdakota Progress in Solid Waste Management



Community Learn THM from Takakura

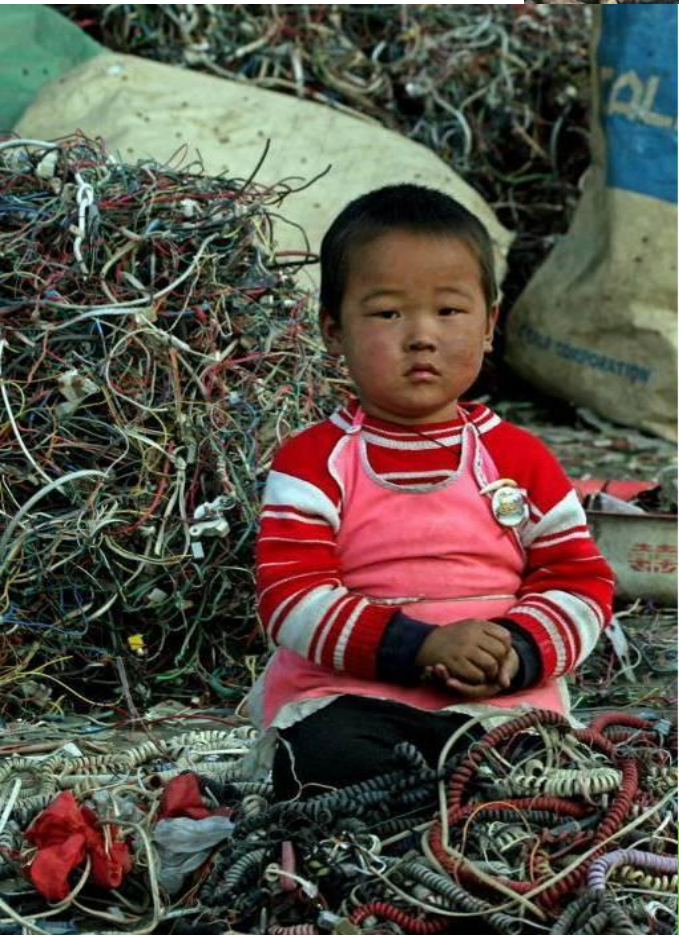
- Community Organizing ( 2000)
- Waste management model with composting centre (2001- 2002 )
- Partnership with KITA Japan and Surabaya City ( 2004 -2005)
- Found technology for household waste management (2004)

# ■ Greenpeace China (China)

## Wire and cable recycling



對電子產業陰暗面的啟迪性審視  
為可持續發展未來的世界性努力



— Do you know?

E-waste problem and  
challenge in China

— Seek Solution:

Greenpeace Electronics  
Campaign



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# ■ Zero Waste Movement Network (Korea)

**Citizen campaign-carrying a shopping basket**  
**Restriction of disposable bag**  
**Increasing of using shopping basket**



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## **Statement by “Asia 3R Citizen's Forum”**

- We, the 16 citizens’ organizations of 4 countries gathered for “Asia 3R Citizen’s Forum,” shared the importance of putting 3Rs into practice at home or community and mutually confirmed to strengthen the partnership of grass roots activities in Asia and to head for establishing the sustainable sound material-cycle society, through collaboration with governments and business.

## ● Problems faced by Asian citizens

- Recently in Asia, because of the rapid economic growth, wasteful lifestyle of “mass production, mass consumption, and mass disposal” has become the main stream. That caused such phenomena as the global exhaustion of natural resources, wide spread of environmental pollution, and global warming, at the same time making Asian citizens equally face the problems such as needs for proper management of wastes and the lack of waste disposal sites.
- Also, problems such as environmental damages and health damages spreading wide areas and now covering all the regions in Asia, such as transfer of hazardous wastes over the country borders in accordance with the advancement of globalization represented by e-waste, has become more and more serious.

- Important viewpoints in realizing a sound material-cycle society
  - In order for us, the Asian citizens, to solve these problems and leave the natural environment to the future generations, in which they can live comfortably, it is necessary to reconsider each stage of production, distribution, consumption and disposal and spread recycling lifestyles.
  - To establish the sustainable sound material-cycle society in Asia, now it is important to adopt policies which is based on the 3Rs priority of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle and through Extended Producer Responsibility and considering for environmental and social justice and for citizens, government and business to firmly play each other's role.



- For this purpose, we will head for the society to realizing the following;
- 1. Production system with less environmental load and health damage in all the lifecycle of products from manufacturing to disposal
- 2. Preparation of law system and establishment of industrial structure based on Extended Producer Responsibility
- 3. Review our lifestyles (reduce and reuse-oriented systems and services such as rental and repair, and make them take root).
- 4. Thorough enforcement of the principle of disposal of waste in own country and the ban on the cross-border transfer of toxic waste
- 5. Citizens participation in the realization of the sustainable sound material-cycle society to be made sure and the partnership/collaboration of citizens, government and business

## ● Roles and partnerships of citizens' organizations

- We have confirmed the importance of promoting the grass roots partnerships towards the establishment of the sustainable sound material-cycle society in Asia, utilizing our experience and knowledge gained from the long time activities on waste problems.
- Learning from each other's culture, we will positively spread citizens' networks, which think the ways to make the sustainable lifestyle, sustainable region and sustainable society and act together.

- Expectations for “Regional 3R Forum in Asia”
- Finally, we welcome the establishment of “Regional 3R Forum in Asia” by governments and international institutions, heading for the realization of the sound material-cycle society in Asia from the bottom of our hearts. Upon that view, we think it is indispensable that in the future activities of “Regional 3R Forum in Asia,” every government will enhance the partnership and collaboration with citizens’ organizations working closely with life and community on making 3Rs take root, maintain the partnership with us citizens, and positively utilize our experience and knowledge

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