

# **The Inaugural Meeting of the Regional 3R Forum in Asia**

## **1. Purpose of the Meeting**

At the East Asia Environment Ministers Meeting held in October 2008 in Hanoi, Vietnam, the inauguration of the Regional 3R Forum in Asia was proposed by Japan and endorsed by the leaders of the participating countries, as the platform to address the issue in corporation with the governments, international organizations and donor communities, towards the establishment of the sound material cycle society by promoting the sound waste management and 3R in Asian countries.

In response, the Ministry of the Environment of the Government of Japan (MOEJ) and the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) will hold the Inaugural Meeting of the Regional 3R Forum in Asia in November this year in Tokyo. The meeting will invite the government representatives of 18 countries, experts, international organizations, and donor communities, and “the Tokyo 3R Statement, which formally establishes the Regional 3R Forum in Asia” is expected to be issued by the participants.

## **2. Date**

November 11 (all day) and 12 (all day), 2009

## **3. Venue**

Meguro Gajoen, Tokyo, Japan

## **4. Organizer**

Ministry of the Environment, Japan

United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD)

## **5. Expected Participants**

Senior official level participants from ministries and international organizations in charge of environmental policy, solid waste management, and sustainable resource management

### Asian Countries

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam.

### International Organizations and Aid Agencies

Asian Development Bank (ADB), Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Asian Productivity Organization (APO), Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for Asia and the Pacific (BCRC China), German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Secretariat of the Basel Convention (SBC), United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD), United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).