3R Portfolio
- Good Practices to Promote the 3Rs -

Country: Malaysia

Major Activities

Malaysia divides wastes into 2 basic categories;
i)domestic/municipal waste
ii)toxic and hazardous waste

Domestic waste is under the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and the toxic and hazardous waste is under the purview of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.

Domestic Waste
- Formulation of the 3R policy
- Formulation of Solid Waste Management Bills promoting 3R practices
- November 11, as the National Recycling Day for Malaysia to inculcate the habit of recycling among the population
- Awareness program campaign through electronic and mass media
- Malaysia has embarked on National Waste Minimization Study to formulate a master plan on implementation of the 3R
- Participation of major stakeholders, NGOs, private sector and local community in 3R activities

Hazardous Waste
- Hazardous waste in Malaysia is governed by the Environmental Quality Act 1974 and the Environmental Quality (Scheduled Wastes) Regulations 1989
- Malaysia is a party of to Basel Convention on Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste and their disposal, and Ban Ammendment
- To further support the implementation of the Basel Convention the following order were formulated under the Customs Act 1967;
      i)Customs (Prohibition of Export) Order 1998
      ii)Customs (Prohibition of Import) Order 1998
- Currently there are 64 facilities for recycling of hazardous waste in Malaysia with the capacity of 180,850 tonnes/month

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