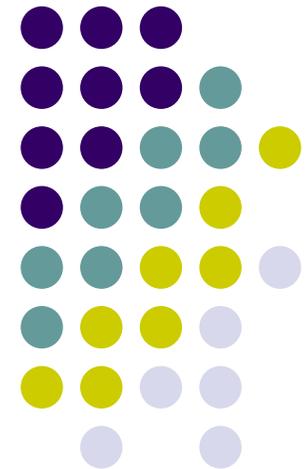


# Towards Building a Sustainable Global Society based on the 3R

~Message from International Symposium on the 3R Initiative~

April 29, 2005



# Outline of the Symposium (1)



Objectives of the symposium:

To Provide an opportunity for those who are initiated in 3R activities (government, business and academia) to share experience and knowledge related to 3Rs through discussions among experts



# Outline of the Symposium (2)



Date and Location:

April 28, 2005 (9:30am – 18:00pm)

Headquarters of United Nations University

Organizers:

Organization for Promotion of a Sustainable Society

United Nations University

Co-Organizer:

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan



# Outline of the Symposium (3)



Participants:

Government officials

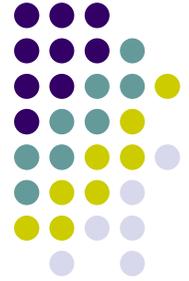
Representatives of international body

NGO

Experts from major companies

University professors





# Themes of the Symposium

- Establishment of a 3R-based society in individual countries
- Building an international recycling network
- Business opportunities in the 3R system
- Eco-design
- Building a cost-effective and environmentally safe international logistics network for 3R



# Conclusion of the Symposium



## ISSUE I: NATIONAL POLICIES TO IMPLEMENT THE 3R

- Participants agreed on:
  - Importance of policies to enhance 3R-related business activities
  - Effectiveness of introducing “Life-Cycle-Thinking” to reduce total product-related environmental damage
- Participants expressed their hopes for:
  - Further discussion on issues of national 3R policies and international trade of recyclable materials



# Conclusion of the Symposium



## ISSUE II: REDUCTION OF BARRIERS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FLOW (1)

- Participants agreed on:
  - Importance of protecting the environment in developing countries from possible environmental damage caused by the international flow of waste
  - Potential of the international flow of recyclable materials and reusable parts to enhance resource utilization under proper management on a global scale



# Conclusion of the Symposium



## ISSUE II: REDUCTION OF BARRIERS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FLOW (2)

- Participants expressed their hopes for:
  - International cooperation to build a secure and reliable system for international trade of recyclable materials and reusable parts to enhance resource utilization
  - More effective and environmentally safe international logistics for 3R



# Conclusion of the Symposium



## ISSUE III: COOPERATION BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

- Participants agreed on:
  - Importance of efforts in individual countries towards building 3R-based sustainable society
  - Sharing experience of 3R policies among countries through various channels
- Participants expressed hopes for:
  - Joint research to enhance international 3Rs among developing and developed countries
  - International cooperation through bilateral and multilateral policy dialogue as well as other technical assistance



# Conclusion of the Symposium

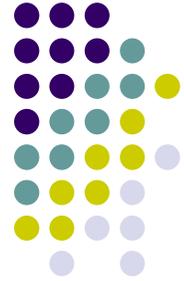


## ISSUE IV: COOPERATION AMONG STAKEHOLDERS

- Participants agreed on:
  - Potential of business activities to boost a 3R- based sustainable society
  - Importance of appropriate evaluation of 3R-related efforts of businesses by consumers and governments
- Participants expressed hopes for:
  - Education of consumers to encourage them to purchase even more environmentally friendly products
  - Co-creative relationship between consumers and manufacturers, not only assembly but also mining and material production industries.



# Conclusion of the Symposium



## ISSUE V: PROMOTION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SUITABLE FOR THE 3Rs

- Participants agreed on:
  - Importance of Eco-Design Concept to take balance of industrial products with natural environment.
- Participants expressed hopes for:
  - Discussion to create social consensus of Corporate & Consumer Social Responsibility.
  - Development of Simulation of Sustainable Society Scenario for enhancing the sustainability policy.

