

# Japan's New Action Plan towards a Global Zero Waste Society (May , 2008)

“Japan's Action Plan for Accelerating the Establishment of Sound Material Cycle Societies through the 3Rs”

Support the integrated promotion of environmentally sound waste management and the 3Rs based on country-specific needs

- Call for other countries to take action to reduce waste, e.g. **reducing the use of disposable plastic bags.**
- Integrate the **3R elements into JICA projects and JBIC yen loans**, and collaborate with ADB etc.
- Promote basic data collection by supporting the network activities of experts and researchers (incl. SWAPI)
- **Organize a forum for effective international activities in Asia** , by inviting related ministries, agencies, and organisations in Japan.
- **Consider mechanisms** to conduct pollution surveys, including garbage and night soil, as well as provide advice for improving waste management by **utilising Japanese experts.**

Promotion of Global Warming Measures in Waste Management

- Promote **co-benefit type cooperation** based on the “Cool Earth Partnership” including composting and development of final landfill sites .

Prevention of Illegal Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes

- **“Asian Network for the Prevention of Illegal Import and Export of Hazardous Wastes.”**
- **“Environmentally Sound Management of E-waste in Asia-Pacific region,”**

Actions to Institute Sound Material Cycle Society in all Asia

- Initiate a **dialogue p for developing a “Vision of a Sound Material Cycle Society in East Asia”**
- Facilitate the import of wastes which are difficult to treat in developing countries.
- Sharing information and facilitating the exchange of experts for Increasing resource productivity

International Partnership to Create a Sound Material Cycle Society

- Follow-up of the “G8 Kobe 3R Action Plan”
- Collaboration with G8 countries, UNEP and OECD.