

# NATIONAL 3R WORKSHOP

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Conference Room, Level 12, LGED Bhaban, Agragoan, Dhaka)



Opening Session of the National 3R Workshop on February 27, 2007

Promotion of sound waste management and 3R (Reduce, Reuse and Reuse) requires systematic approach, a clear legal and institutional framework, establishment of partnerships among key stakeholders, expansion of a market vis-à-vis consumer awareness for environmentally sound products or green products, public awareness raising, appropriate technological development and intervention, capacity-building at various levels, and development of appropriate infrastructure. In collaboration with different partners and international organizations and in line with the recommendations made by the Senior Official Meeting on 3R Promotion held in Tokyo in March 2006 and subsequently, the Asia 3R Conference held during October 2006, UNCRD facilitates both national and regional level activities to promote sound waste management and national 3R strategies in developing countries.

In this backdrop, a 2 (two) day long workshop was jointly organized by Waste Concern in partnership with the Department of Environment (DoE), Ministry of Environment and Forest of the Government of Bangladesh and the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) in Japan. This workshop was supported by Ministry of the Environment-Japan and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies. More than 117 participants from government, private sectors, NGOs, CBOs, research bodies, universities, external support agencies and media were present during the workshop. The opening session of this workshop was graced by Mr. C S. Karim Advisor, Ministry of Environment and Forest as Chief Guest, Mr. S M Jahrul Islam, Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Mr. Mohammad Anwarul Iqbal, Advisor, Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, Dr. Khandaker Rashedul Haque, Director General, Department of Environment and Mr. Kazunobu Onogawa, Director of UNCRD. Both the co-founders of Waste Concern Mr. A. H. Md. Maqsood Sinha, Executive and Mr. Iftekhar Enayetullah of Waste Concern participated during all the sessions of the workshop as resource persons. The Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation graced the closing session of this workshop.

This workshop successfully provided an in-depth review on selected issues related to the promotion of 3R in Bangladesh, which include among others: 1) international experiences on 3R; 2) municipal solid waste management; 3) medical waste management; 4) industrial and hazardous waste management; 4) way forward to promote 3R in Bangladesh and the need for National 3R Strategy. The experts of the workshop will share relevant experiences and knowledge in the context of sound management of wastes and the beneficial aspects of 3R.