

# 3Rs FOR GREEN ECONOMY AND SOUND MATERIAL-CYCLE SOCIETY

## Second Meeting of the Regional 3R Forum in Asia

4-6 October 2010, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



The Second Meeting of the Regional 3R Forum in Asia was held from 4-6 October 2010, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Ministry of Housing and Local Government of Malaysia; Japan's Ministry of the Environment and United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD). Support was extended by German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), and Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA).

H. E. YB. Dato' Wira Chor Chee Heung, Honorable Minister of Housing and Local Government, gave his opening remarks as session chair. Other individuals who offered their perspectives during this inaugural session included: Mr. Takeshi Hidaka, Parliamentary Secretary of the Environment, Japan, Kazunobu Onogawa, Director, UNCRD and Ms. Kenza Kaouakib-Robinson,

Division for Sustainable Development (DSD), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) gave their remarks during this inaugural



session. More than 150 senior ranking officials and experts from about 23 countries participated in this event. The participating countries are: Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, Viet Nam, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Mongolia, Philippines, Timor Leste, China, India, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Fiji, Kiribati, Palau, Samoa and Solomon Islands.

Mr. A. H. Md. Maqsood Sinha, Executive Director of Waste Concern attended this meeting as Subsidiary Expert Group Member in this workshop made a presentation entitled, 'Public-Private-Community partnership for the 3Rs promotion in Bangladesh' in the Plenary Session 4: Implementing 3R Programmes and Strategies at Local, National and Regional Level.

The objectives of the Second Meeting of the Regional 3R Forum in Asia were as follows:

1. Contribute towards improved understanding and strengthened regional consensus in terms of policy options that promote the 3Rs towards achieving green economy, resource efficiency and sound material-cycle society;
2. Identify and share information on opportunities for collaborative actions and partnerships, including international financial mechanism, public-private partnership, etc., to expand waste management services;
3. Illustrate innovative initiatives, achievements and good practices in 3R programmes and strategies at local and national levels;
4. Enhance regional input to CSD-19 and UNCSD/Rio+20, in terms of various policy options and recommendations, as consolidated regional views, in response to major findings and outcomes of the CSD-18 in waste management sector.

*On the forum's second day. Parallel Round Table Discussions were held on topics related to issues, challenges, best achievements and future visions with regards to 3R implementation. Delegations from Bangladesh participated in the Round Table session entitled 'Partnerships for 3Rs promotion towards low carbon and resource efficient society'. In this discussion senior officials from Bangladesh*

made active participation, Md. Abdus Sobhan, Additional Director General of the Department of Environment, Mr. Mohammad Asaduzzaman, Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forest. Dr. Ijaz Hussain, Professor, Chemical Engineering Department, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology was the Rapporteur of this session.

Background:

The Regional 3R Forum in Asia was established at its Inaugural Meeting in November 2009 in Tokyo, when participants adopted the "Tokyo 3R Statement" towards the establishment of the Regional 3R Forum in Asia. Under the Tokyo 3R Statement, the Regional 3R Forum in Asia provides a platform for disseminating best practices, tools, and technologies concerning various aspects of 3R to Asian countries. It furthermore serves as a platform to regularly facilitate high-level policy dialogue at the regional level concerning 3Rs, waste management, and interrelated issues in sustainable development.

The Regional 3R Forum in Asia comprises the following actors: (1) high-level government representatives; (2) international organizations and aid agencies as specialists in 3R and waste management. Participating countries include member states of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), People's Republic of China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Timor-Leste, Small Island Development States (SIDS), and South Asian countries. Additionally, there are local participants including central and local government officials, and representatives from the private sector, scientific and research institutions, as well as NGOs.

The Second Meeting of the Regional 3R Forum in Asia, adopted the theme "3Rs for Green Economy and Sound Material-Cycle Society," It seeks to contribute in areas to improving understanding and strengthening regional consensus in terms of policy options that promote the 3Rs toward achieving resource efficiency, a green economy, and a sound material-cycle society. Furthermore, it seeks to identify and share information on collaborative opportunities and partnerships, including financial mechanisms, public private

partnerships, etc., to expand waste management services. The 2<sup>nd</sup> objective is to illustrate innovative initiative and achievements in 3R and integrated waste management areas at both the local and national levels.