# Comprehensive Policies and Programs towards a Sound Material Cycle Society

Plenary Session 3: Innovative Approaches and Strategies for Integrated Waste Management

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# Serious Environmental Degradation by Inappropriate Waste Treatment

- According to rapid industrialization and urbanization since 1960s, wastes generation from household and industries had been increasing. Some of them were illegally dumped in rural areas and caused serious environmental degradation.
- The "cheaper but worse" style was widely observed in waste treatment.



Large-scale illegal dumping of wastes Increasing hazardous waste generation such as PCB

[Improper waste management by open incineration]



[Large-scale illegal waste dumping]



[Improper storage of PCB waste]



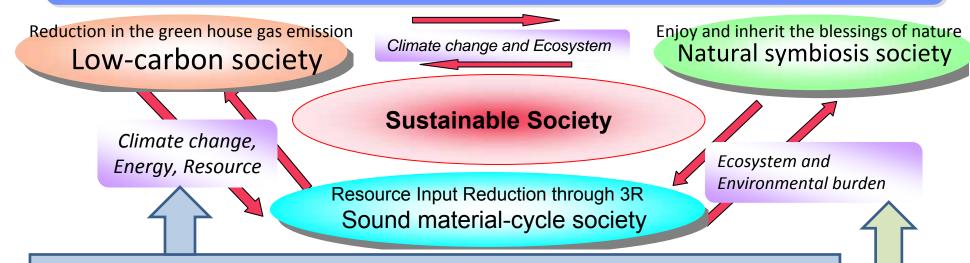
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# Environmental Pollution

### History for Japan's Legislative Framework for a Sound Material-Cycle Society

Era	Situations	Establishment of Law			
Post WWII ~ 1950s	<ul> <li>Waste Management for good environmental hygienic</li> <li>Keep the environment hygienic and comfortable</li> </ul>	• Public Cleansing Law(1954)			
1960s ~1970s	<ul> <li>Clear increase of industrial waste etc. and "Environmental Pollution" with the high Economic Growth</li> <li>Waste management for environmental protection</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Basic Law for Environmental Pollution Control (1967)</li> <li>Waste Management Law (1970)</li> <li>Amended Waste Management Law (1976)</li> </ul>			
1980s	<ul> <li>Promotion of the development of facilities for waste management</li> <li>Environmental Protection on Waste Management</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Law for Bay Area Marine and Environment Consolidation Centers(1981)</li> <li>Septic Tank Law (1983)</li> </ul>			
1990s	<ul> <li>Reduce/Recycle of Waste</li> <li>Establishment of Recycling Laws</li> <li>Measures against hazardous materials (inc. Dioxins)</li> <li>Appropriate waste management depends on the diversity of the types/properties of wastes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Amended Waste Management Law(1991)</li> <li>Law to Promote the Development of Specified Facilities for the Disposal of Industrial Waste (1992)</li> <li>Fundamental Environmental Law (1993)</li> <li>Container and Packaging Recycling Law(1995)</li> <li>Amended Waste Management Law(1997)</li> <li>Home Appliances Recycling Law(1998)</li> <li>Law Concerning Special Measures against Dioxins(1999)</li> </ul>			
2000~	<ul> <li>Promotion of 3R towards the establishment of a Sound Material-Cycle Society</li> <li>strengthen the measures for industrial waste management</li> <li>Strengthen measures against illegal dumping</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fundamental Law for Establishing a Sound Material-Cycle Society(2000)</li> <li>Construction/Food Waste Recycling Laws(2000)</li> <li>Amended Waste Management Law(2000)</li> <li>Law Concerning Special Measures Against PCB Waste (2001)</li> <li>End-of-life Vehicles Recycling Law(2000)</li> <li>Law on Special Measures Concerning Removal of Environmental Problems Caused by Specified Industrial Wastes(2003)</li> <li>Amended Waste Management Law(2003-2006)</li> </ul>			

#### Integrated approach for establishing Sustainable Society



- olntegrated approach to the sound material-cycle society and low-carbon society
- ✓ Improvement of land fill site with the collection of methane
- ✓ Separate collection and composting of organic wastes
- ✓ Strengthen the thermal recovery by waste power generation etc.
- ✓ Reduction of input of natural resources by promotion of 3R.
  - Integrated approach to the sound material-cycle society and natural symbiosis society
  - ✓ Restrain the new natural resource extraction, by promoting the prolonged utilization of housing and infrastructure.
  - ✓ Promote the sustainable use of recyclable resource, considering the conservation of biodiversity.

#### Legal System that Helps Establishment of a Recycle-based Society

#### The Basic Environment Law

Thorough enforcement in August 1994

#### **Basic Environment Plan**

Thorough amendments and announcement in April 2006

**Basic Law for Establishing the Recycling-Based Society** (the Basic Framework Law)

Thorough enforcement in January 2001

Securing of material circulation in society Reduction of natural resource consumption Reduction of environmental loads

Fundamental Plan for Establishing a Sound Material-Cycle Society: bases for central government's other plans

Announcement in March 2003 Amendment in March 2008

< Proper treatment of wastes >

#### **Waste Disposal and Public Cleaning Law**

Partial amendment in February 2006

- 1) Reduction of waste generation
- 2) Proper treatment of wastes (including recycling)

amendment in

- 3) Regulation on installation of waste treatment facilities
- Regulation on waste service companies
- 5) Establishment, etc. of waste treatment standards, etc.

#### Law for Promotion of Effective **Utilization of Resources**

- 1) Recycling of recyclable resources
- 2) Application of structures and materials, etc. that facilitate recycling
- 3) Indication for sorted recovery

Thorough

May 2001

Partial

4) Promotion of effective use of byproducts

Thorough amendment and enforcement in April 2001

< Promotion of regeneration >

- Reduce Recycle → Reuse Recycle
  - (1R) (3R)

Regulation suited to character of individual product

Law for Promotion of Sorted Collection and **Recycling of Containers** and Packaging



Bottles, PET bottles, paper and plastic packages, etc.

Law for Recycling of Specified Kinds of Home **Appliances** 



Thorough

April 2001

Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezer, TV, washing machines, and Closing Dryer

Law on Recycling **Food Wastes** 



Amendment in July 2007

Food waste

Law Concerning Recycling of Materials for Construction Works



Wood, concrete,

asphalt

May 2002

Thorough



End-of-Life

Vehicles

Recycling Law

enforcement in January 2005

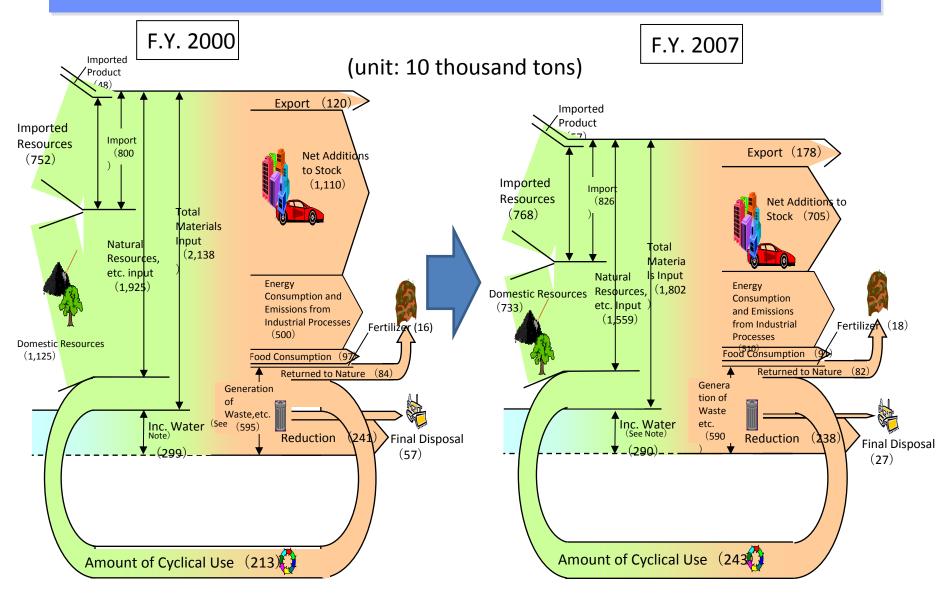
Automobiles

Law Concerning the Promotion of Procurement of Eco-Friendly Goods and Services by the State and Other Entities (the central government taking initiatives in procurement of recycled products) Thorough enforcement in April 2001

#### Concept of a Sound Material-Cycle Society in Japan

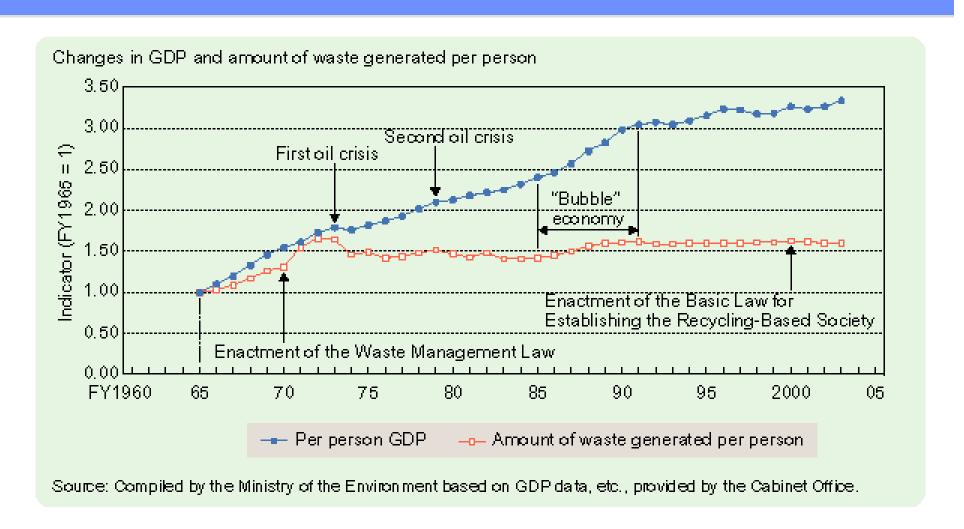
Input of Natural First: Reduce Reduce generation of **Production** Resources wastes and byproducts (Manufacturing, distribution, etc.) Third (1): Consumption, Second: Reuse **Material Recycling** Use goods/products Use Recycle those cannot be repeatedly reused as raw materials Third (2): Recycling: Discard **Energy Recovery** Recover energy from those Treatment having no alternatives but (Recycling, incineration, etc.) incineration and unable to be materially recycled Final Disposal Fourth: Proper Disposal Dispose of those cannot be used by any means

#### Change of Material Flows in Japan



(Note) Including water: Input of water included in waste and the like (sludge, animal manure, human waste, waste acid, and waste alkali) and sediment and the like associated with economic activities (sludge from mining, building and water works and tailing from mining))

# Changes in GDP and amount of waste generated per person in Japan

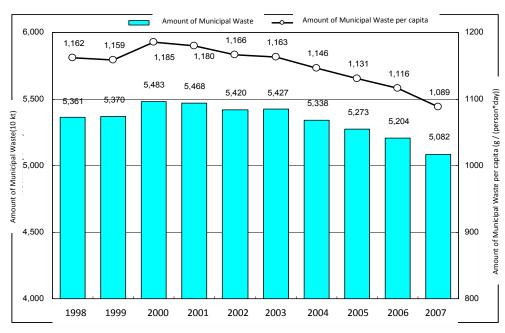


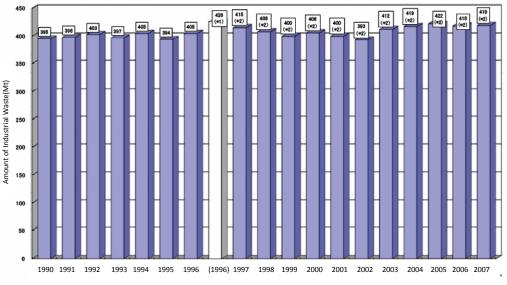
#### Trends of Waste Discharge

Municipal Waste Discharge is 50.82 Mt (F.Y. 2007)

Industrial Waste Generation is 419Mt (F.Y. 2007)

Amount of Waste Generation was increased around F.Y. 1990. After F.Y. 1990, the amount is remained at the same level of about 400Mt.





#### Limited capacity of final disposal sites in Japan

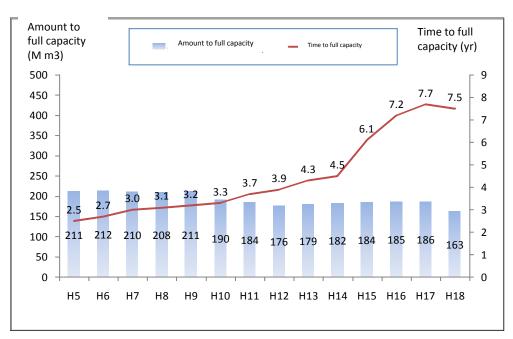
Remaining Capacity of final disposal site for municipal waste is 15.7 years. (2007)

313 municipalities do not have public final disposal site.



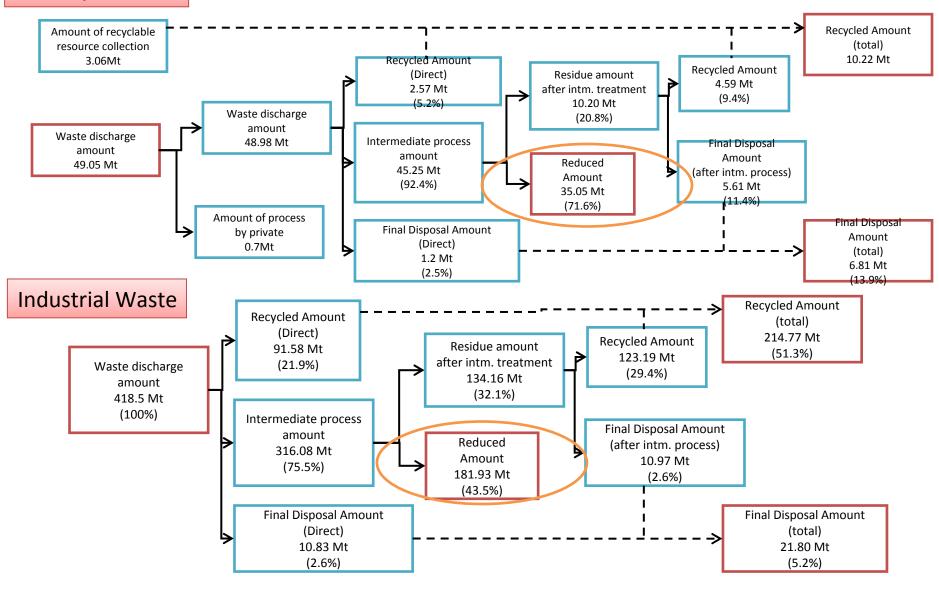
Remaining capacity of final disposal site for industrial waste is 7.5 years. (2006)

Number of new installation of final disposal sites becomes less and less: 136 in 1998, 32 in 2005, and 28 in 2006

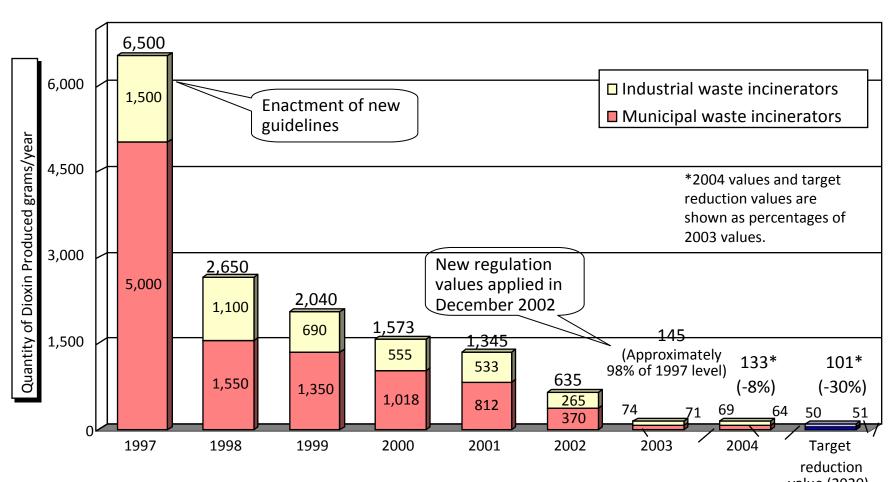


# Process Flow of the waste management: Incineration is major technology in Japan

#### **Municipal Waste**



## Changing Quantity of Dioxins Produced by Waste Incinerators



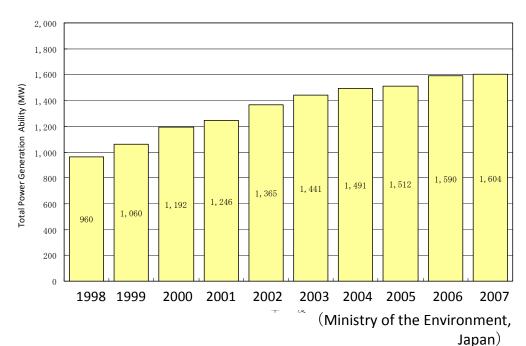
98% reduction of the Amount of Dioxins was achieved in 2004 compared to 1997.

#### Power Generation from Incineration

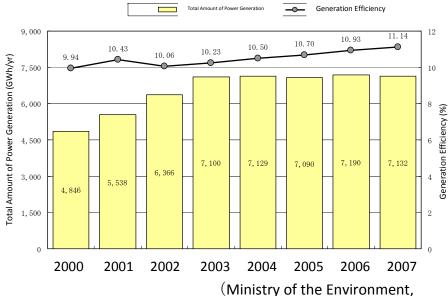
#### Trend of the Number of Incineration

KiscalYear)	1998	1999	2000	Facili 2001	ties <sub>2002</sub>	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Num.ofIncineIation Facilities	1769	1717	1715	1680	1490	1396	1374	1318	1301	1285
Num.ofPower Generation	201	215	233	236	263	271	281	286	293	298
Fac ilities	(11.4%)	(12.5%)	(13.6%)	(14.0%)	(17.7%)	(19.4%)	(20.5%)	(21.7%)	(22.5%)	(23.2%)

(Ministry of the Environment, Japan)



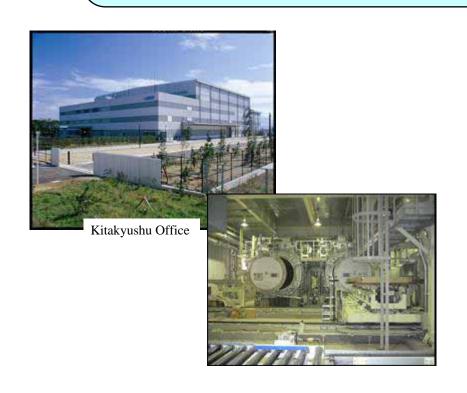
Improvement for total power generation ability of Incineration

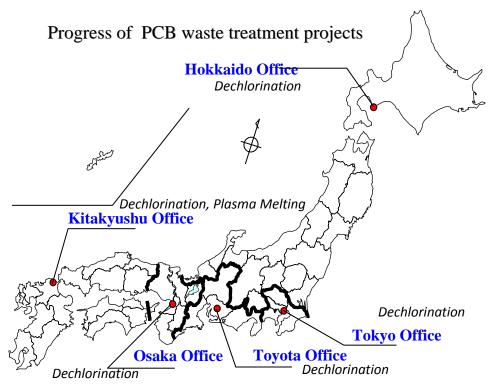


Improvement of generation from incineration

#### Proper disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB)

- Establishment of a legislative system for the purpose of proper disposal of PCB waste
- Japan Environmental Safety Corporation (JESCO) constructed facilities to treat high-pressure transformers and other PCB wastes that contain PCB in 5 big cities.

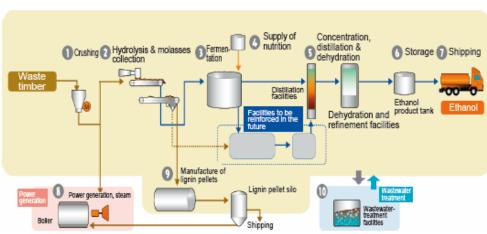


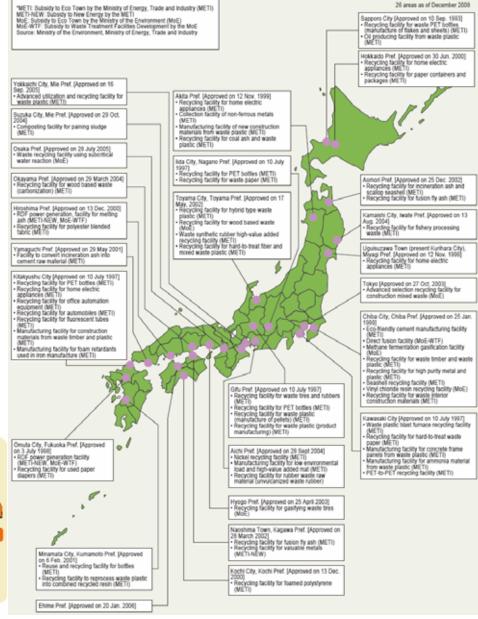


#### **Eco Town**

#### Eco Town:

- •an eco-investment program in major industrial estates in which recycling business are operated for implementation of sectoral recycling laws and regulations.
- •Central government provides subsidies to private sectors for construction of recycling plants.





#### Market scale of 3R business in Japan

on	Business examples	Market (trillion yen)		Employment (thousand people)	
		2000	2007	2000	2007
Supply of machinery, equipment and plants	<ul> <li>Intermediate treatment plants</li> <li>Melting equipment</li> <li>Oil manufacturing facilities from plastics</li> <li>Composting equipment</li> <li>Construction of final disposal sites</li> </ul>	0.8	0.5	2	8
Supply of services	<ul><li>Waste treatment</li><li>Resource recovery</li><li>Recycling</li></ul>	2.8	3.0	195	130
Supply of materials, consumer goods	<ul> <li>Reclaimed oil from plastics</li> <li>PET-recycled fiber</li> <li>Products made of timber from forest-thinning</li> <li>Recycled products (e.g. scrap metals, recycled paper)</li> <li>Refillable products</li> <li>Repairs of machinery, furniture</li> </ul>	17	34.6	332	512
Total of 3R business			38.1	529	650
Total of all eco	41	69 (on 2006)	1,060	1,300 (on 2006)	

#### Japan's Initiative for 3Rs

2004	G8 Sea Island Summit (U.S.) 3R Initiative	e was agreed upon .				
2005	Ministerial Meeting on the 3R Initiative (Tokyo)	Assistance to National 3R Strategy Development started (Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam, Bangladesh, Cambodia)				
2006	Senior Officials Meeting on the 3R Initiative (Tokyo)					
2007	2 <sup>nd</sup> Senior Officials Meeting on the 3R Initiative (Bonn, Germany)	Asia 3R Promotion Conference (Tokyo)				
2008	G8 Environment Ministers Meeting (Kobe)  **Kobe 3R Action Plan** agreed upon	2 <sup>nd</sup> Asia 3R Promotion Conference (Tokyo)				
	G8 Summit (Hokkaido,Toyako) `Kobe 3R Action Plan` was endorsed	EAS Environment Ministers Meeting (Hanoi) Japan's Proposal of Regional 3R Forum was appreciated				
2009		Asia 3R High-level Seminar (Tokyo)				
	In	augural meeting of the Regional 3R Forum in Asia (Tokyo)				
	G8 will follow up their progress in 2011					

#### Establishment of Regional 3R Forum in Asia

Inaugural Meeting of Regional 3R Forum in Asia

Host: MOEJ, UN Centre for Regional Development(UNCRD

Date: 2009. November 11-12

Venue: Tokyo

Participants: Representatives of 15 Asian Countries(inc. Ministers),

16 international organizations, and experts

Chairman: Nobumori Otani (Parliamentary Secretary for Environment, MOEJ)

Result: • Adoption of "Tokyo 3R Statement: Towards the Establishment of the Regional 3R Forum

in Asia"

Next meeting will be held in Malaysia on 2010

**Next Steps** 

- ◆ Facilitate high-level policy dialogues on 3R issues, challenges, and opportunities;
- ◆Promote mainstreaming the 3Rs in national development agenda in Asian countries
- ◆Support practical Activities for 3Rs
- ➤ Identify Needs/Seeds of each countries and share the information with the international organization
- Support to activate 3R projects in each country with the help of international organization and/or donor organization
- ➤ Support to develop 3R related business including the formation of the Eco-industrial zones
- ➤ Promote Co-benefit projects between 3Rs and GHG emission reduction(ex. CDM etc.)
- ◆Support international cooperative research about 3Rs in Asia
- ◆ Facilitate information/knowledge sharing about 3Rs
- ◆Announce internationally that Regional 3R Forum in Asia can be a model to other regions in the world