

Preface

This report is the first interim report of Working Group 3R Policies for Southeast and East Asia. The working group conducted the first workshop in Bangkok in February 2009, and the sub-working group meeting on Industrial Waste Information Exchange in Manila in March 2009.

Since working group members came from different backgrounds such as engineering, economics, management and policy studies, in the first workshop, we shared our experiences and concerns with each other. In addition, policies and current problems on 3R in each country were overviewed. In the sub-working group meeting, we compared the industrial waste information exchange programs in Thailand, Philippines and Japan. In addition, consulting services to waste generators in Indonesia, Thailand and Singapore were reviewed and compared to waste information exchange programs.

In the discussion of the working group, we realized that it is very useful for each other to share problems and policies in the region, because we face similar problems and challenges. We also recognized that we need to review the situation and analyze policies further. For example, we do not have much information on recycling infrastructure in the region. We also do not have information on industrial standards for recycled goods in the region.

We are planning to continue our discussion in the working group on responsibilities of stakeholders, industrial standards, recycling infrastructure and others. In addition we are planning to share the information with other experts, businessmen, policy makers and citizens. We hope this report will be a starting point to share the information and to discuss the policies to promote 3R.

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