

Preface

This is the second interim report of the Working Group on 3R Policies for Southeast and East Asia. The working group conducted the second workshop in Jakarta in October 2009, the third workshop in Kuala Lumpur in January 2010, and the fourth workshop in Jakarta in March 2010. In this fiscal year, we focus on the roles of stakeholders, the significance of industrial standards for promoting recycling, the location of recycling infrastructure in the region, among others.

The working group organized two seminars in Indonesia in March 2010. The first workshop is co-organized with Bandung Institute of Technology in Bandung. We shared our research results with local and central government officials, researchers and students. The second seminar is held in the Eco Products International Fair at Jakarta Convention Center, organized by Asian Productivity Organization. Participants from private companies, industrial associations, non-governmental organizations, ministries, universities attended the seminar. We discussed recent issues and concerns on recycling with participants. We also visited 5 recycling related facilities in Indonesia and Malaysia.

Based on the discussion of the working group, and from our findings during site visits and seminars, we reaffirmed that it is very useful for each country to share information and policies in the region, because we are facing similar problems and challenges.

In the next fiscal year, we would like to continue our discussion in the working group on environmental statistics, international recycling and other 3R related activities. In addition, we are planning to share the information with other experts, businessmen, policy makers and citizens. We hope this report can serve as baseline information in

formulating policies to promote 3R especially in the Asian region.

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