

Press Release

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Japan to share 3R technology with Asia-Pacific partners

TOKYO—Twenty-four senior waste management officials of local governments, cities, or municipalities, and waste management agencies are scheduled to convene in Tokyo from 7 to 11 July 2014. Representing 15 countries from across the Asia-Pacific region, they will be part of the Multicountry Observational Study Mission on the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle) funded by the Government of Japan and organized by the Asian Productivity Organization.

Experts such as Dr. Ryutaro Yatsu, Vice Minister, Ministry of the Environment, Japan; Dr. Masaru Tanaka, Director, Research Institute of Solid Waste Management Engineering, and UNEP-IETC officers will lead discussions on 3R strategies and implementation, policies in Japan, and best practices that contribute to a sustainable society. The mission will include visits to the Waste Collection and Management Center in Minato ward; waste-to-energy facilities in Koto ward; various waste management facilities in Kawaguchi city; an e-waste recycling facility; and food waste recycling facility.

The overarching objective of the mission is to share Japan's 3R technologies and best practices of waste management for rapid transfer to the delegates' countries throughout the Asia-Pacific.

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About the APO

The APO was established in 1961 as a regional intergovernmental organization with the mission of contributing to the sustainable socioeconomic development of the Asia-Pacific region through productivity promotion. The current membership comprises 20 economies. The APO supports its member countries through capacity-building efforts such as training courses, workshops, seminars, and other activities to enhance productivity.

APO PROJECT NO.: 13-IN-83-SPP-OSM-A Multi-country Observational Study Mission on the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle), 7-11 July 2014, Tokyo, Japan

<day 1=""> 7 July 2014, Monday</day>		
Time	Agenda	
08:30	Assemble in Lobby of Hotel and Depart from Hotel to Conference Room (LMJ Tokyo Kenshu Center 3F)	
09:00 - 09:30	Registration of Participants	
09:30 - 10:15	Opening Session Orientation of Participants Introduction of Resource Speakers and Mission Participants	
10:15 - 10:45	Coffee Break	
10:45 - 12:00	What is 3R? Current Status of 3R Strategies and Implementation and Future Prospects of 3R in Japan (Dr. Masaru Tanaka)	
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch Hosted by the APO Secretary General at Suidobashi Grand Hotel	
13:30 – 15:00	3R Policy in Japan: Towards Sustainable Society (Dr. Ryutaro Yatsu, Vice Minister, Ministry of the Environment, Japan)	
15:00 – 15:30	Group Picture / Coffee Break	
15:30 – 17:00	3R Best Practices Presentation by Cities from Japan (Representatives of Tokyo Metropolitan Government-Mr. Takanobu Iwasaki / Kawasaki City-Mr. Masaaki Sugaya / Shibushi City-Ms. Yuka Mitsuhata)	
17:00 – 18:00	Waste Management based on 3R approach (Ms.Ainhoa Carpintero Rogero, UNEP-IETC)	

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	18:00 Return to Hotel		
	<day 2=""> 8 July 2014, Tuesday</day>		
Time	Agenda		
08:15	Assemble in Lobby of Hotel and Depart by Bus		
09:00 - 09:20	Observing Actual Waste Collection in Groups in Minato ku Ward		
09:45 - 12:30	Visit to Waste Collection and Management Center: Minato ku (To understand segregated waste collection practices and overall waste management which is key to 3Rs)		
12:30 – 13:30	Return to LMJ Tokyo Kenshu Center by bus / Lunch Break		
13:30 – 14:30	Discussion on 3R Best Practices and Video presentation on Mercury Waste Recycling (Mr. Yasuyuki Yamawake) At LMJ Tokyo Kenshu Center 3F		
14:30 – 17:00	Presentation by OSM Participants on 3R Best Practices of their Cities and Countries (To be Facilitated by Dr. Masaru Tanaka)		
17:15	Return to Hotel		
<day 3=""> 9 July 2</day>	014, Wednesday		
Time	Agenda		
08:00	Assemble in Lobby of Hotel and Depart by Bus from Hotel for Site Visits		
09:00 - 10:00	Site visit to waste-to-energy facilities (stoker type incineration plant), Koutou-ku		
10:30 - 12:00	Site visit to Tokyo Super Eco Town: C&D Waste Recycling Facilities		
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch Break		
13:30 – 15:00	Team A:Food Waste Recycling Facility		

	Team B:E-waste Recycling Facility (small and big- two facilities)
15:15 – 16:45	Team A: E-waste Recycling Facility (small and big-two facilities) Team B: Food Waste Recycling Facility
17:30	Return to Hotel by Bus
<day 4=""> 10 July 2</day>	014, Thursday
Time	Agenda
08:00	Assemble in Lobby of Hotel and Depart by Bus from Hotel for Site Visits
09:15 – 12:15	Site visit to Kawaguchi city a. Waste Sorting/Separation Facility (mechanized facility) b. Packaging Waste Recycling c. Waste-to-energy facilities (waste gasification facility) d. Education/Awareness Center
12:15-13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 - 14:30	Return to LMJ Tokyo Kenshu Center by Bus
14:30 – 17:00	Group Discussion and Preparation of Action Plans by Participants (To be Facilitated by Dr. Masaru Tanaka) At LMJ Tokyo Kenshu Center 5F
17:30 – 19:00	Networking Event (Several 3R Technology Suppliers and Representatives of Federation of Environment Facility Manufacturing Companies are expected to join with OSM Participants (Takuma, Hitachi Zosen, JFE Engineering, Nippon Steel & Sumikin Engineering)- TBC
19:00	Return to Hotel
<day 5=""> 11 July 20</day>	014, Friday
Time	Agenda
09:00	Assemble in Lobby of Hotel and Depart from Hotel to Conference Room on foot (LMJ Tokyo Kenshu Center 3F)
09:30 – 10:30	Finalization of Presentations by Each Group (Guided and Advised by Dr. Masaru Tanaka)

10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Presentations by Each Group (Reviewed and Commented by Dr. Masaru Tanaka. He will Choose the Best Presentation which will be Awarded)
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 - 15:00	OSM Evaluation, Certificate Presentation and Closing