

# Yokkaichi Declaration

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At Yokkaichi City

The 8th 3R Conference for Asian Local Governments was held on November 5, 2015 in Yokkaichi-city in Japan's Mie prefecture in which six local or central governments from Asian countries and six local governments in Japan participated.

In this conference on a theme of "3R Development by City to City Cooperation among Asian Cities", presentation/discussion on "Current status and future perspective on solid waste management in each local government" and "Achievement and future plan on City to City cooperation in 3R" were given by participants, following the presentation of key-note address.

After that, based on these presentations, we discussed issues related to 3R development by city to city cooperation among Asian local governments. A summary of the content is as follows.

1. Since a 3R project relates to development of low carbon society, recycling society and symbiotic society, we should implement 3R projects with the objective of developing a sustainable society integrating those three societal types.
2. To promote the 3R projects on waste in developing cities in Asia, it is important to intensify cooperation among the diversity of organizations involved in those projects, such as local governments, which are project implementing bodies for waste treatment, citizens and companies that produce waste, NGOs that promote the 3R projects at the grass-roots level in cooperation with local residents, central and local governments that carry out waste administration, and companies that develop and provide waste-related 3R technologies.

3. In Japan, local governments, which are implementing bodies for urban waste disposal and at the same time are also administrative bodies, have played a central role in promoting 3R while building up a cooperative system and an interconnected system among the diversity of organizations in each area. Sharing our administrative experience in waste management and technology at 3R facilities with Asian cities is very important to ensure the continuous growth of those cities.

4. Since city to city cooperation programs are already provided by the Japanese government, JICA, etc. with the aim of promoting 3R and carbon reduction activities, those programs can be utilized as a tool to promote cooperation among cities.

5. Specific procedures and methods for developing 3R projects that were provided by local governments in Japan and other countries through city-city cooperation are helpful for local governments that plan to implement city to city cooperation in the future. Therefore, it is important to continue to share such information among cities.

6. This conference has been held eight times since 2008. Since the information and results obtained in the conferences are useful for local governments in Asian countries in implementing waste-related 3R projects, we should strive to allow this conference to play a role as an information platform regarding waste management in Asia by, for example, making a database of the information that has been stored to date and providing it to the related parties.