

Osaka Declaration

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The 10th 3R Conference for Asian Local Governments was held on Thursday, October 5, 2017 in Osaka City. The participating parties, including five local governments and one national government from other Asian countries, four local governments from Japan, and other international and Japanese organizations related to 3R promotion, exchanged opinions and a wide range of information on the conference's main theme of "Recycling and Proper Treatment of Electrical and Electronic Waste Generated from Homes," and the conference was successfully completed.

Acknowledging that the contents of the presentations and the results of the discussions are extremely significant for the promotion of the 3Rs in Asian cities, the outcome of the conference is summarized as follows:

(1) The promotion of the proper recycling and treatment of e-waste is recognized as a common issue among Asian cities.

(2) Because there are so many stakeholders involved, including consumers, local governments, manufacturers, retailers, and waste recycling and treatment service providers, it is important to take into account their current conditions when considering the development of a system for the proper discharge, collection, recycling, and treatment of e-waste.

(3) As local governments will need to play a significant role in developing and implementing systems for the proper recycling and treatment of e-waste, the following points on the roles they should play were brought up in the discussions:

- 1) First, it is essential to ascertain the current state of the improper recycling and treatment of e-waste.
- 2) If the country of the local government has established laws concerning the system for the proper recycling and treatment of e-waste, then the local government should perform the roles established under said laws.
- 3) Local governments should carry out efforts such as educating, monitoring, and providing guidance for stakeholders in collaboration with the national government to ensure that the system for the proper recycling and treatment of e-waste functions continuously.

(4) Using assets such as Japan's legal system, the experiences of local governments, and the technology of Japanese companies would be effective for promoting the proper recycling and treatment of e-waste in Asia. Therefore, we hope that the e-waste-related programs of Japan's government and foreign aid organizations will be enhanced.

(5) The outcomes of the conference should be shared widely to ensure that they will be useful in activities to promote the 3Rs carried out by local governments and other organizations in Asia.