

# NINTH REGIONAL 3R Forum IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

## Discussion Points of Plenary Session-1

1. To what extent the role of circular economy is understood in the context of sufficiency economy? Supply security of resources (natural resources, primary and secondary raw materials and minerals) is critical achieve the SDGs? What valuable insights we can gain from the Chinese and Thai experiences on circular economy and Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP) respectively?
2. What are the possible impacts a progressive transition to the circular economy would have on Asia-Pacific - socially, economically and environmentally - under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?

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3. How can we develop better institutional capacity and promote government and international collaborative research programmes for strengthening basic statistics, material flow and waste accounting in support of whole-of-value chain approach which is a key enabler towards circular economic development?

4. Are there good cases (national/international) of well-designed policies and programmes, institutional arrangements and capacity building and technology transfer programmes which have been successful in advancing circular economic development?