

REGIONAL 3R FORUM IN ASIA & PACIFIC

Triangular Cooperation (Government-Scientific & Research Institutions-Private Sector) for developing valuable Business Models in 3Rs/Waste Management

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Honorable Minister of Environment of Japan

Distinguish heads of delegation

Ladies and Gentleman

It is with great and high interest that Timor-Leste is present here today to associate with countries of Asia and Pacific to joint efforts and share views and to jointly find solution for the common problems that each countries face on the issue of waste management.

Indeed, our countries in the current situation almost share this common problem and it has affected the living conditions of our people.

In big cities of the country, flooding is unavoidable. And when it happen it also bring new problems to our people. Business activities will be interrupted, people are displaced and health situation of the children and elder people is threatening. A cause of this situation is the problem of waste.

What TL has done in relation to the implementation of Hanoi Declaration?

1. Legal Framework

The constitution of TL have emphasized that ***'The people has the right to live in a healthy and clean environment'*** (Article 61 RDTL Constitution). This means that, the Government has the duty to full fill the condition in order to have a clean and healthy environment.

Base on the National Constitution obligation, The Government of TL, specially through the Secretary of State For Environment has initiated several programs as in order to promote the achievement of this constitutional mandate:

- a. Every single project need to consider the environmental aspect to ensure environmental protection. Given license is an important part before the initiation of a particular project.
- b. Raising community awareness to protect and promote clean and healthy environment through campaign and community development activities;
- c. Promoting Initiative for applying '***polluter pay principle***' as part of environmental licensee;
- d. Promoting initiative for applying 4R policy framework (**Reduce, Recycling, Reuse, and Return**). This initiative for TL is an important one as TL still in its early stage of development due to the abcese of human resources and ability to use technologies;
- e. Promote partnership collaboration with other partner for waste management, public awareness rising, legislation and regulation formulation, waste infrastructure development and using existing mechanisms such as the joint program cooperation of India, Brazil and South Africa through IBAS fund for small scale waste management initiative;
- f. JICA (2009-2012) in trilateral cooperation (Timor-Leste, JICA, Indonesian Government) for capacity building and awareness rising;
- g. Academia and Research activity, with: Indonesia (University of Gadjah Mada and University of Indonesia) on Capacity Building; Griffith University and Northern Territory University on joint research; University of Melbourne on sanitation and urban drainage improvement.
- h. Timor-Leste National University on Climate Change and Biodiversity research and policy development.
- i. Bilateral Cooperation in Capacity Building and legislation development related to waste issues, with Minister of Environment Indonesia; Australia Government; Portuguese Government; Brazilian Government;
- j. Partnership with private sector on the business of waste management and waste transformation (to gas, electricity, briquettes, etc). Promoting the use of **biodegradable bags** as one green product;

- k. Lastly TL is in the process to adopt new technologies for '**PLASMA MELTING SYSTEM**'. However, this requires deep studies and significant financial resources therefore the Government of TL will need to explore different financial modalities for this purpose.
- l. Considering also the specific condition of TL apart from adhering to the 3R promotion and implementation, TL is also joining other initiatives in promoting the 4R framework which is not just to Reduce, Recycle and re-use but if possible to return to other countries who are more develop in technologies.

This is all what we have to share and sincerely appreciate your kind attention.