

**Seminar on the International and Regional Policies and Actions  
on Marine Plastic Waste in ASEAN and Japan**

Friday, Nov. 20, 2020, 13:00-16:45 (Japan Standard Time)

Online webinar

**Agenda**

I. Objective

To understand the policy perspectives from various stakeholders at the international, national, and local levels concerning activities for the conservation of oceans and eradication of marine plastic waste as input for the drafting of the Future Leaders' Declaration on ASEAN-Japan Cooperation for International Marine Plastic Waste.

II. Discussion points

Some of the issues and questions to be discussed in the seminar include the following:

1. What do we know—and not know—about the current issue on marine plastic waste concerning the East Asian region?
2. What is the extent and scale of the marine plastic debris in ASEAN and Japan? What are its implications to the state of the oceans in the next 30 years?
3. What policies and regional frameworks are in place that address the marine plastic waste issue in ASEAN and Japan? How many countries are signatories to these frameworks and how far are these implemented on a national and regional level? What is the direction and longterm goal of the regional framework in combating marine plastic debris?
4. What are examples of best practices in ASEAN member countries and Japan that aim to address the marine plastic waste problem?
5. Who are the actors that can potentially have significant impact to mitigate or address the problem of the marine plastic waste?
6. Which points in the production, consumption and recycling of plastic waste can actions be done to make an impact in plastic waste reduction? What kinds of technology are currently existing that aim to change or reduce plastic waste production and consumption?
7. How can the present young generation and future leaders contribute in addressing the problem?

III. Program

TIME	ACTIVITY	CONTENTS
13:00	<b>Introduction</b>  Host: <u>Ms. Fujiko AMANO</u> Assistant Director, Research & Policy Analysis Cluster (RPA), ASEAN-Japan Centre	
13:00-13:05	<b>Opening Remarks</b>  Speaker: <u>Mr. Masataka FUJITA</u> Secretary General, ASEAN-Japan Centre	Welcoming of the participants and brief introduction of the workshop goal, objectives, and activities.
13:05-13:35	<b>Lecture 1: ASEAN regional framework and policies on marine debris</b> (30 minutes)  Speaker: <u>Dr. Vong SOK</u> Assistant Director Environment Division ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community The ASEAN Secretariat	Discuss the main regional mechanisms, frameworks, and actions in place concerning the reduction of marine plastic waste in ASEAN.
13:35-13:45	<b>Q&amp;A (10 minutes)</b>	

<b>13:45-14:15</b>	<b>Lecture 2: International capacity building projects with key stakeholders in ASEAN and Japan</b> (30 minutes)  Speakers: <u>Mr. Shunsuke NAKAMARU</u> Environmental Management Group Global Environment Department Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) <u>Ms. Emi TESHIMA</u> Office for Climate Change Global Environment Department Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)	Discuss the existing linkages and capacity building activities between ASEAN and Japan by JICA concerning the reduction of marine plastic waste.
<b>14:15-14:25</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b> (10 minutes)	
<b>14:25-14:35</b>	<b>Short break</b>	
<b>14:35-15:05</b>	<b>Lecture 3: Japan's national policies to combat marine plastic waste</b> (30 minutes)  Speaker: <u>Mr. Tatsuya ABE</u> Deputy Director Office of Policies against Marine Plastics Pollution Environmental Management Bureau Ministry of Environment, Japan (MoEJ)	Discuss the Japanese government's policies and initiatives to reduce marine plastic waste in the country.
<b>15:05-15:15</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b> (10 minutes)	
<b>15:15-15:45</b>	<b>Lecture 4: Local initiatives to reduce marine plastic waste</b> (30 minutes)  Speaker: <u>Mr. Hiroshi YASUTAKE</u> Deputy Director Environment Bureau Kitakyushu Asian Center for Low Carbon Society City of Kitakyushu	Discuss local initiatives and collaboration between government, non-profit associations, and other institutions to reduce marine plastic waste in Japan and ASEAN.
<b>15:45-15:55</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b> (10 minutes)	
<b>15:55-16:25</b>	<b>Japan Clean Ocean Material Alliance (CLOMA)</b> (30 minutes)  Speaker: <u>Mr. Mitsuru TAKESHITA</u> Secretary General Deputy Director Japan Clean Ocean Material Alliance (CLOMA)	Discuss the current technology and innovations utilized by Japanese manufacturing companies to reduce plastic use or to develop eco-friendly materials, as well as activities of CLOMA and its members.
<b>16:25-16:35</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b> (10 minutes)	
<b>16:35-16:45</b>	<b>Wrap up and closing</b>  Host: Ms. Fujiko AMANO	Inputs for Preparatory Session 2