

The Way Forward

Thailand is moving toward 2030 sustainable development under the 20-year National Strategy (Green Growth) by applying following 3R initiatives:

- Implement the principles of resources efficiency and circular economy towards a low carbon city and a green city
- Create a green business and green employment promoting resources efficiency and circular economy by cooperating from the private sector and financial support from the industrial sector as well as SMEs for expertise technical knowledge and services
- Support policy and project from the government in term of 3R and circular economy in solid waste and environmental management
- Provide funding for infrastructure development on reducing the amount of wastes

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The Ninth Regional 3R Forum in Asia and the Pacific

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The Ninth Regional 3R Forum in Asia and the Pacific were co-organized by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Thailand (MoNRE), the Ministry of the Environment of the Government of Japan (MOEJ), and the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) of Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG)/UN DESA. The Forum was held from 4 to 6 March 2019 in Bangkok, with the theme **"3R as a way for moving towards sufficiency economy - Implications for SDGs"**. It aimed to address how 3R (Reduce Reuse Recycle) and resource efficiency could play a critical role in achieving sufficiency economy, which advocates rationale use of natural resources that gives people better environment, quality of life and livelihood security as well as prudence and built-in self-immunity to cope with external changes and global volatility through balanced development, and also allowed for strategic consideration to deliver outcomes of the Ha Noi 3R Declaration-Sustainable 3R Goals for Asia and the Pacific for 2013 - 2023, which is also related to the various global agendas and agreements.

The Outcomes

The Forum concluded with two important outcome documents:

Summary of related basic principles, directions and initiatives for 3R, waste management and sustainable development

The Forum has various interesting topics such as:

- Circular economy towards sufficiency economy ~ Implications for SDGs

- Circular economic utilization of plastics waste ~ Implications towards SDGs
- Sound material flow and accounting towards sufficiency economy
- Technology as a driver for clean energy and green industry towards sufficiency economy ~ Implications towards SDG 7, SDG 9 & SDG 12
- Roundtable Dialogue Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) to Advance 3R in Asia and the Pacific ~ International Partnership for Expanding Waste Management Services of Local Authorities (IPLA)-a SDG Partnership
- Leadership Program for Senior Policy Makers on Circular Economy
- Review the first draft report on the State of Plastics Waste in Asia and the Pacific - Issues, Challenges and Circular Economic Opportunities

Bangkok 3R Declaration Towards Prevention of Plastic Waste Pollution through 3R and Circular Economy

The Declaration represents a joint policy commitment of representatives from countries in Asia and the Pacific promoting the adoption of the 3R principles and circular economy to reduce pollution from plastic waste. The Bangkok 3R Declaration is a good-will, voluntary and legally non-binding commitment to:

- Develop effective 3R policies, programs, including infrastructure development to raise the level of plastic recycling by increasing reuse and preventing the leakage of plastic waste into coastal and marine environments
- Supporting various research and development projects and using innovation for new and sustainable business models which will promote a circular economy and environmentally friendly product
- Reducing to use of the single-use plastic products, by using biodegradable products, environmentally-friendly plastic products
- Promoting consumer behavior to use and buy environmentally friendly products