

# International Network for the promotion of Green Purchasing

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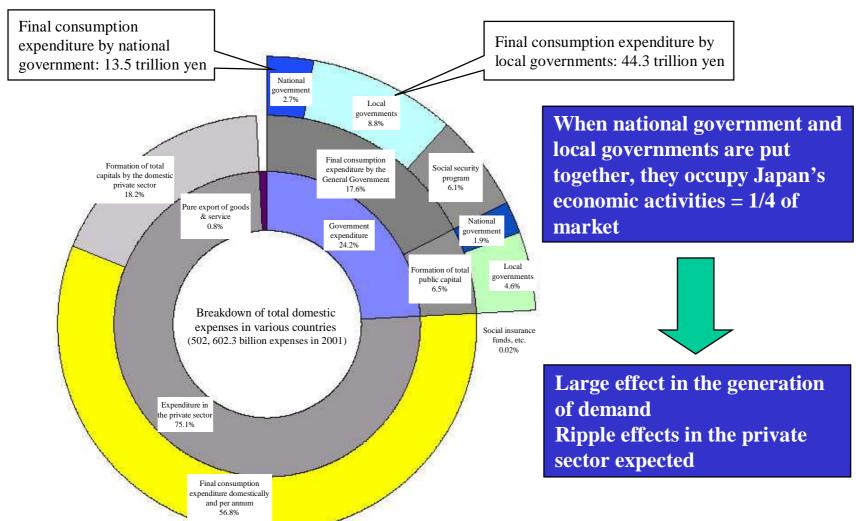
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# Japan's Approach 1. Green Purchasing Law

## Background and meaning of Japan's Green Purchasing Law, enacted in 1999









Promotion of Green Purchasing by Ministries and Agencies Article 6 Establishment of the **Basic Policy** for the Procurement of Eco-Friendly Goods etc. Direction for Promoting Green Procurement Designated Procurement Items and Evaluation Criteria Ministries and Agencies Article7 Each organisation creates and publicises its Procurement **Policy** Procurement of Goods and Services based on **Procurement Policies** and achievements of Green Report the results **Procurement** Article 9 Requests from Minister for the Environment and other ministries to be taken into account

**defined by environmental specs.**(It doesn't appoint individual products)

http://www.env.go.jp/en/laws/policy/green/2.pdf

Ministries and agencies should not increase or adjust their total procurement amount for the reason of implementing this law.

### **Mechanism of Green Purchasing Law (2)**



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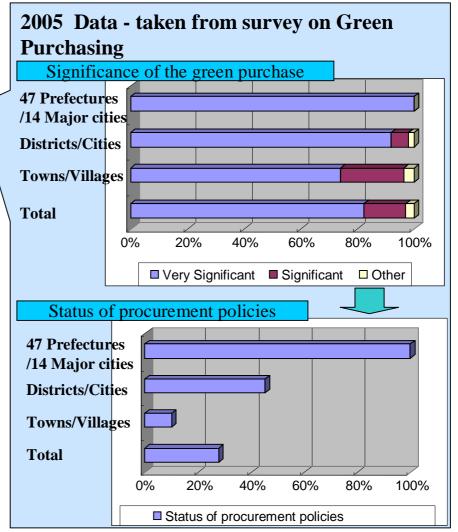
#### **Local Governments**

- Create or update existing versions of Green Procurement Policies every fiscal year
- Procure Goods and Services based on the Policies

#### Article 5

### Responsibility for Businesses / Citizens

 Consciously purchase eco- friendly goods as much as possible







## Provides Appropriate Information on Environmentally Friendly Goods and Services

#### **Manufacturers**

Provide environmental information on their products

## **Environmental Labeling Organisations**

Promote eco-labeling programmes highlighting their scientific analysis, while complying with international ecolabeling standards

#### The Government

- Manage and analyse information provided by manufacturers and environmental labeling organisations
- Provide guidelines on appropriate information methods on eco-friendly goods and services

**Cooperating Green Purchasing** 

actions in Japan



## Law on Promoting Green Purchasing

Main target: Public Sector

Start: 2000 ~

17 categories, 214 items

(2006.02)



Eco Mark programme and GPN had started before Green Purchasing Law was enacted and were well known. They helped rapidly spread green products to private sector and contributed to promote green products to whole market.

#### **Eco Mark prgramme**

- Type I eco-labeling (ISO14024)
- Start: 1989 ~
- Top runner approach
- 50 categories, approx 4,846 products (2007.12.31)

#### **Green Purchasing Network (GPN)**

- Start: 1996 ~
- Approx 3,000 members (2,400 companies, 300 governments, 300 NGOs)
- GPN has taken a leading role in promoting Green Purchasing in Japan



# Japan's Approach Green Purchasing Network (GPN)



# **Green Purchasing Network (GPN) in Japan**



- Founded in February 1996
  - By the initiative of the Environment Agency (now the Ministry of the Environment)
  - To promote Green Purchasing in Japan
- The mission of GPN
  - To promote the concept and practice of Green Purchasing
  - To provide purchasing guidelines and information necessary for practice of Green Purchasing
- GPN has always taken a leading role in promoting Green Purchasing in Japan.

#### More About GPN



Independent non-profit organisation

From 74 (1996) to 3,036 members

(Feb 2008)

□ 2,400 corporations

■ 300 governments

■ 300 NGOs and NPOs

Executive Committee

50 members

Government

NGO

One of the largest environmental organisations in Japan

Business

#### **Activities of GPN**

- Conferences, seminars, exhibitions
- Green Purchasing awards
- Training courses
- Case studies on success stories
- Newsletters, website
- Promotional literature (leaflets and posters, etc)
- Regional networks
- Annual surveys
- Principles of Green Purchasing
- Purchasing guidelines
- Green products database
- Green hotel database
- Information plaza









# **GPN – A Network Connecting Large Numbers of Stakeholders**



- Useful information on green purchasing accumulated
- Pioneering purchasing guidelines & products database exploring new fields
- Moderate approach accepted and applicable for suppliers and purchasers
- Welcomed by environmentally conscious businesses
- Diverse members businesses, governments, NGO
- Members invite their customers, suppliers, and associates to join
- Seminars across the country and working with local governments
- Headline grabbing activities. E.g. annual awards
- Involvement of major stakeholders from the start
- Not-too-close but not-too-distant relationship with the central government

#### **GPN's Products Database**

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#### Product Environmental Performance Database

- More than 13,000 products registered (as of Dec 2008)
- Approx 960 companies participating (as of Dec 2008)
- Information can be sorted by environmental performance categories (e.g. energy consumption, inclusion of PVC, etc) and the order of the products rearranged
- 300,000 page-views monthly

#### **Product Categories**

- Printing and Copying Paper
- Copiers, Printers, Facsimiles
- Personal Computers
- Stationery and Office Supplies
- Office Furniture
- Cars
- Refrigerators
- Washing Machines
- TV
- Air Conditioners
- Tissue Paper
- Lighting Equipments
- Uniforms and Work Wear
- Toilet Facilities

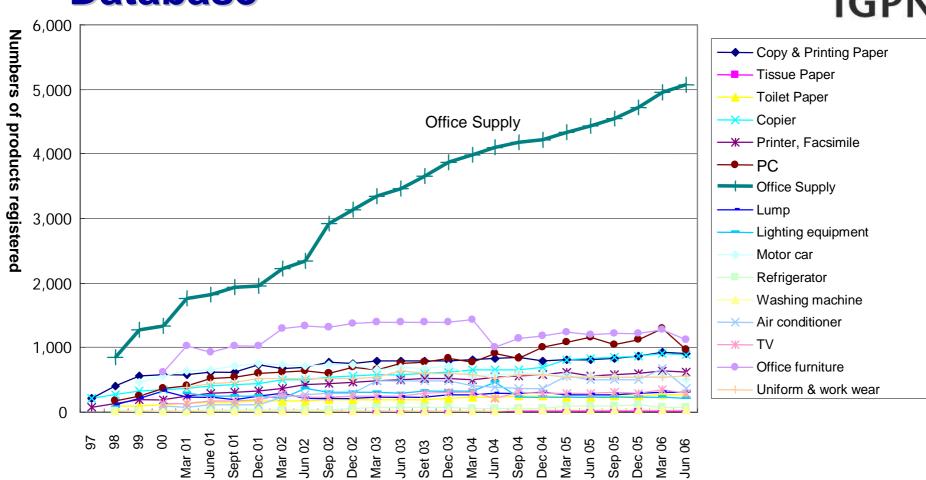
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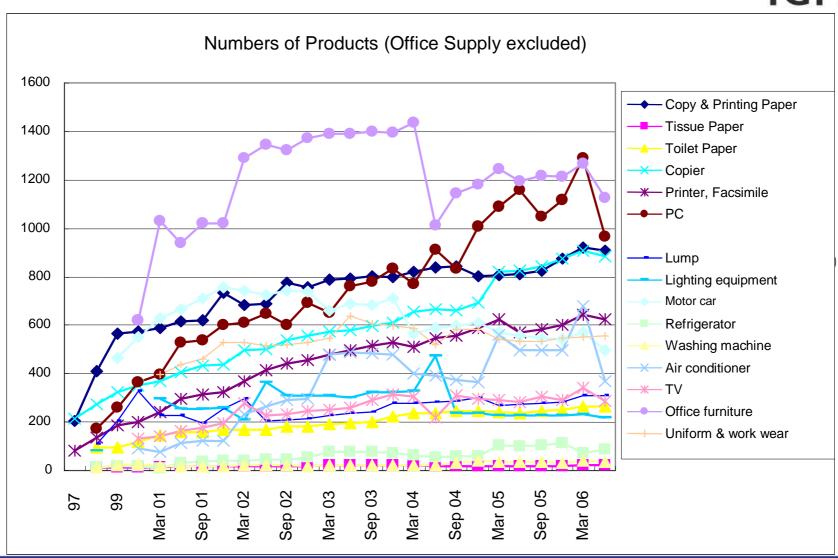
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### **Key Factors for success in Japan - 1**



#### First Stage (1995-2000)

- Pioneering activities by many large and environmentally conscious companies and local governments. These activities stimulated competitors and neighbours.
- Green Purchasing Network (GPN) managed to involve a wide range of businesses, public and NGO sectors.
- GPN and its members managed to make Green Purchasing a nation-wide social trend.
- Ministry of the Environment (MOE) backed up the voluntary movements and GPN.
- Success stories introduced by awards and seminars by MOE and GPN.
- Businesses made considerable efforts to develop ecoproducts.





- Products' environmental information more accessible from GPN database, Eco Mark, suppliers catalog, etc.
- The movement concurrent with popular trend of getting ISO14001 certification.

#### Second stage (2000~)

- Green Purchasing Law dramatically disseminated activities among government sectors.
- Companies producing products designated by the law worked hard to meet the criteria.
- EU RoHS Directive accelerated corporate green procurement activities through supply chain.



# International Green Purchasing Network (IGPN) Main Activities

# International Green Purchasing Network (IGPN)



- Launched in April 2005
- Based on Sendai Declaration in October 2004

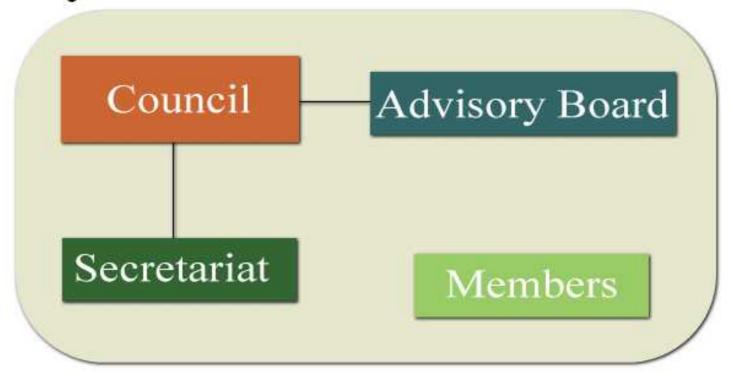
#### **Missions**

- To promote the development of environmentally friendly products and services and Green Purchasing activities around the world
- To collect and share information on global Green Purchasing activities, the best examples, know-how, products information, purchasing policies and recent trends
- To harmonise the efforts of Green Purchasing and the development of environmentally friendly products and services from the global viewpoint





Organizational Structure







- Ryoichi Yamamoto (IGPN Chair)
   Professor, Institute of Industrial Science, The University of Tokyo
- Konrad Otto-Zimmermann (IGPN Vice Chair)
   Secretary General, ICLEI World Secretariat
- Duk Seung Lee
   Secretary General, Korean Green Purchasing Network (KGPN)
- Peter Nohrstedt
   Lead Manager for the Swedish Instrument for Ecologically Sustainable Procurement (EKU), Swedish Environmental Management Council (SEMC)
- Scot Case
   Vice-President & Partner, TerraChoice / Director of Procurement Strategy, North American Green Purchasing Initiative
- Augustine Koh Secretary General, Green Purchasing Network Malaysia (GPNM)
- Hideki Nakahara
   Chairman, Green Purchasing Network Japan (GPN)

### **IGPN Advisory Board Members**



- Sylvie Lemmet, Director, Division of Technology, Industry and Economics, United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP)
- David Le Blanc, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations (UN-DESA)
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- Ning Yu, Global Ecolabelling Network (GEN)
- Christopher Browne, Procurement Strategy Manager, Environment Agency of England and Wales
- Julie Shannon, Branch Chief, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, United States Environmental Protection Agency (US-EPA)
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- Dana Peterson, Senior Advisor, Sustainable Industries Group, Ministry for the Environment, New Zealand
- Pongvipa Lohsomboon, Director, Business and Environment Program, Thailand Environment Institute (TEI)
- Toshihiko Kasai, Director, Environment and Economy Division, Ministry of the Environment (MOE)
- Hideki Kimizuka, Director, Environmental Industries Office, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)
- Akira Yamauchi, Director General, Environmental Bureau Sendai City
- Yoshihito Iwama Director, Industrial Affairs Bureau III, Nippon KEIDANREN (Japan Business Federation)
- Teruo Saito, Senior (Executive) Managing Director, Japan Environment Association (JEA)

### Responsibilities



#### Council

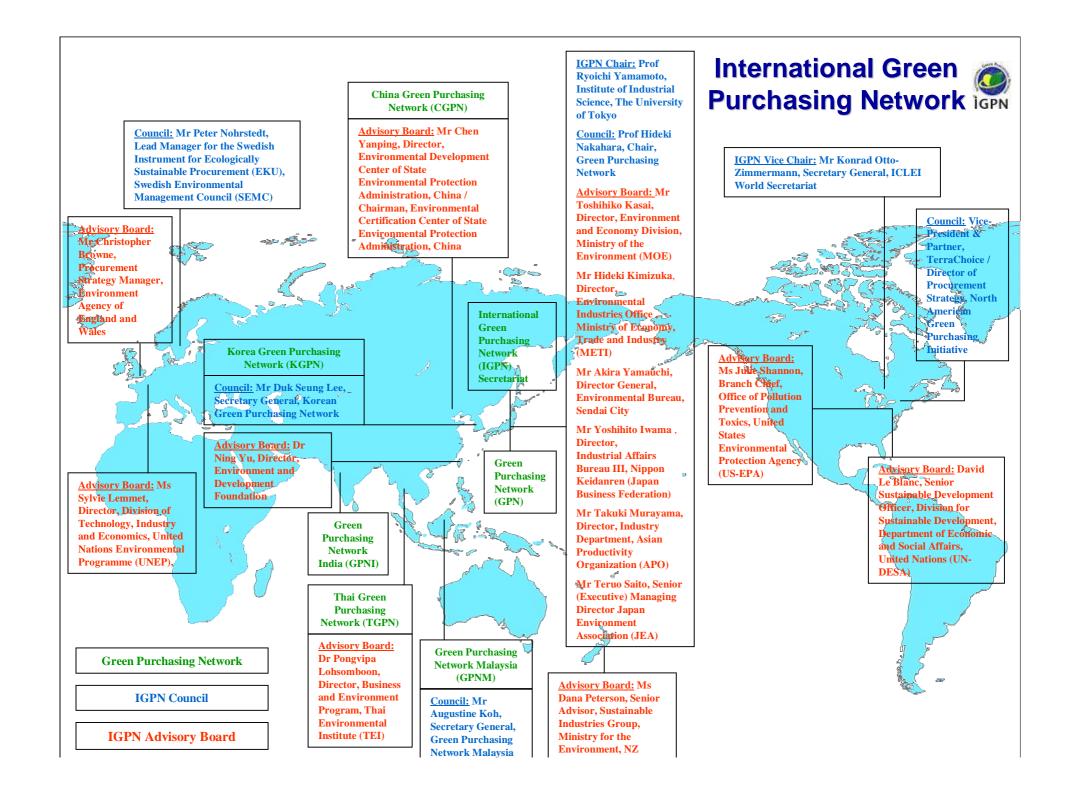
Enact IGPN Charter, and approve modifications, matters concerning organisational management, project proposals and project reports (incl. budgets) and membership admissions

#### **Advisory Board**

Give technical advice and guidance on IGPN activities based on past experience upon request of the Council or Secretariat

#### **Secretariat**

Draft project proposals, conduct projects and manage financial administration. Currently the Secretariat is located within Green Purchasing Network (GPN) in Japan



#### **Internet**

- www.igpn.org/
  - About IGPN
  - News around the world
  - Purchasing guidelines& criteria
  - Events
  - Global activities
  - Newsletter archives
  - Links to international environmental organisations
- Sends out regular e-newsletters



### **Seminars and Workshops**

Thailand: Oct '05, Sep '07

Singapore: Nov '06

Malaysia: Nov '06

Australia: May '06

India: Mar '06, Jan, Nov, Dec '07

China: Mar '06, Mar '07

#### **International Green Purchasing Conferences**

(1st Conference: Japan: Oct '04)

2<sup>nd</sup> Conference: Spain: Sep '06

3<sup>rd</sup> Conference: Korea: Planned for Autumn '09





















#### **Green Consumer Survey in Asia**

Conducted survey in major countries in Asia-Pacific region to obtain and analyse information on consumers' environmethal awareness, their buying behaviour, green purchasing initiatives to assist the dissermination of green procurement / purchaisng and eco-products in the region.

Exhibited the main findings at the Eco-Products International Fair 2006 (EPIF2006) in Singapore.







#### <u>Green Purchasing + Green Public</u> <u>Procurement Starter Kit</u>

Chinese, Thai and Vietnamese versions coming soon!

Web-based toolkit, developed jointly with GPN India, includes interactive modules for awareness creation, online training and a step-by-step interactive implementation assistant for green purchasing and public procurement. The toolkit also includes vast amount of electronic information and documents on green purchasing and public procurement.

### Main goals for next 5 years



- Support the establishment of GPNs in Asia-Pacific region, Brazil, Russia and Middle East
- Develop global-scale Green Purchasing database
- Disseminate Green Purchasing activities around the world and contribute to the creation of sustainable society.



# **Green Products Database Project**

### **Green Products Database Project**



#### **Objective**

By developing global-scale products database, with focus on the Asia-Pacific markets:

 To stimulate demand and development of eco-products and eco-services and to accelerate the development of green markets

#### <u>Plan</u>

- Adopt methods of Japan GPN's products database
- GPNs and related organisations to invite companies in each country to register appropriate products
- Registration fees to be charged and GPNs and IGPN to use incomes for administration
- In English language
- Test it for improvement for 3 years before officially launch in the market

#### **GPN's Products Database**

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- Products categories
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# **Environmental Regulations / Standards Database Project**





Project initiated by Japan's Ministry of the Environment (MOE) and handled by:



- International Green Purchasing Network (IGPN)
- Japan Environment Association (JEA)



#### **Objectives**:

To provide manufacturers and their suppliers around the world with highly reliable information on environmental regulations relating to products



To help the development of better eco-products and green markets

# Proposal from Ministry of the Environment, Government of Japan



- Ministry of the Environment (MOE) recognise needs to develop unified information platform on environmental regulations/standards around the world
  - Various database exist in some regions of the world but information available at high costs
  - - Development of green supply chains prevented
- MOE propose to establish global-scale database:
  - Highly credible information on environmental regulations at low cost provided
  - Accelerate development of green supply chains around the world

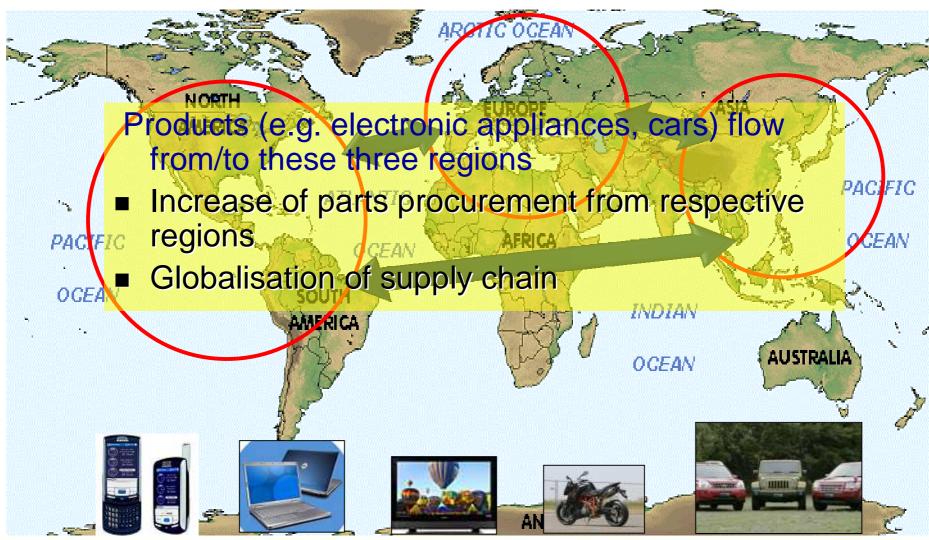
Global network to share information on environmental standards and regulations



Global green supply chain

### Flow of goods in the world

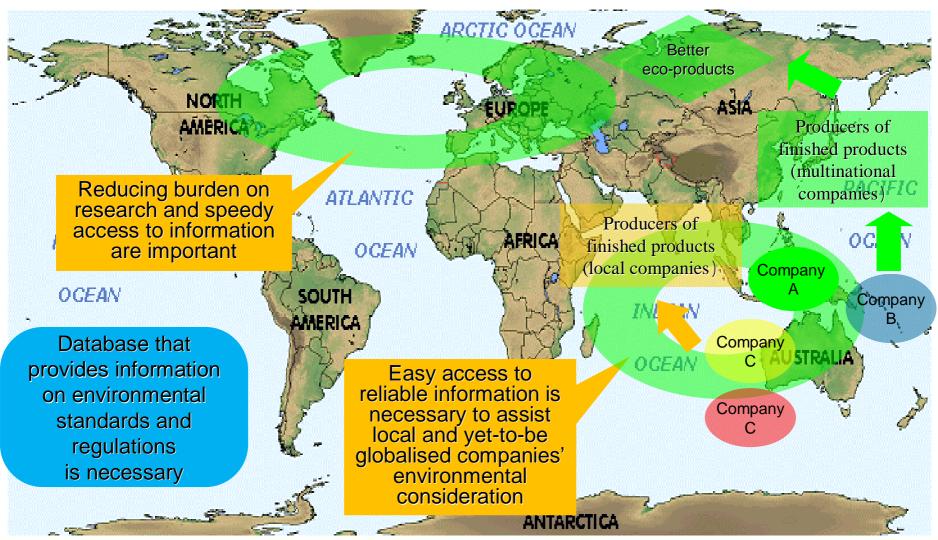




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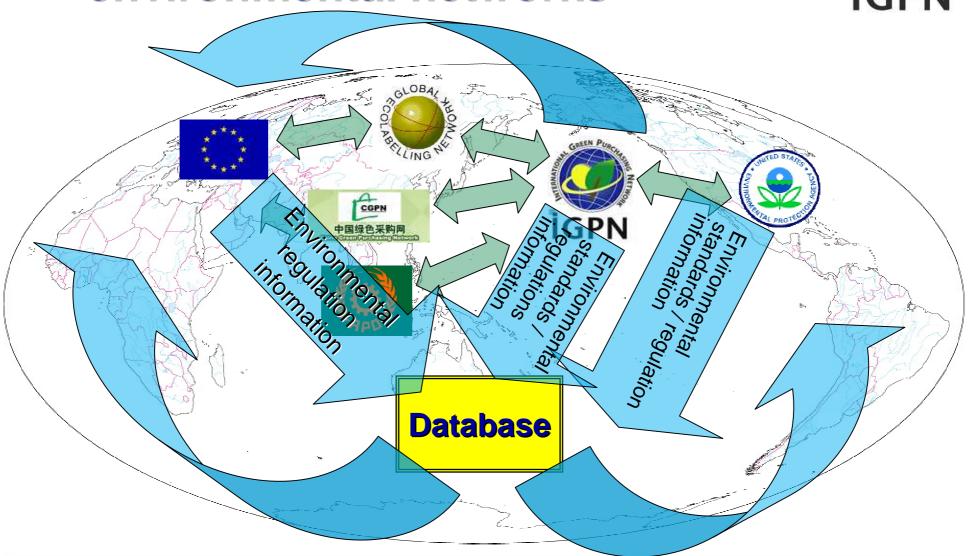
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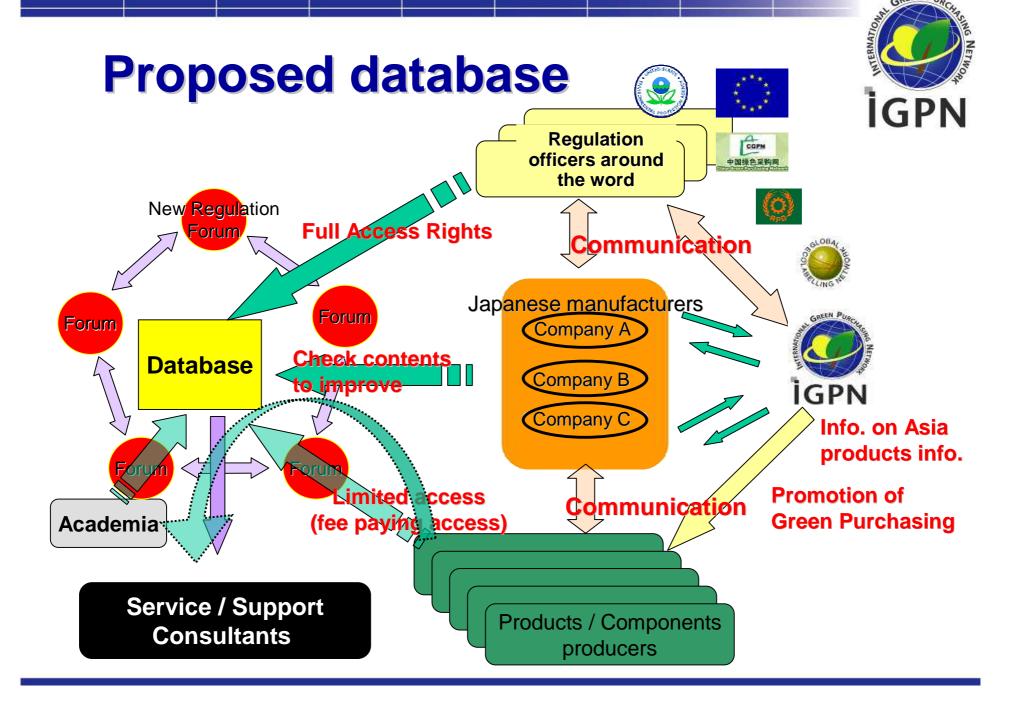




# Sharing information using environmental networks







### **Summary**



Collection of information on environmental standards / regulations worldwide for green supply chains through international networks



**Database** 



Management and provision of information for suppliers at low cost

Promote support





Manage info to secure credibility

- Analyse and organise huge information
- Create appropriate format
- Develop database with latest info and credibility

Receive information from all over the world. Manage information for reliability and credibility

Provide information to manufacturers in all the regions, especially parts and materials suppliers, in order to improve environmental quality Create an environment where finished products manufacturers are able to purchase materials / components and develop new products with confidence. Also, able to promote further environmental consideration. In addition, reduce costs for research to improve international competitiveness

### Proposed schedule



#### 2007

- Discussions on database project (needs, requirements, existing other database, etc) and establishing global network
- Seek international cooperation for information collection/provision

#### 2008

Discussions on contents/structure of database and criteria

#### 2009

Based on above, start building and administering database



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