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NETWORK BRING PURCHASING GREEN

The IGPN is a network strive to promote Green Purchasing around the globe with all stakeholders.

In this edition, We will bring you the newly circulated [IGPN By-Laws](#) and [New Application Initiatives](#). Which restate its objective:

- Promote globally the development of environmentally friendly products and services and Green Purchasing activities;
- Share information and knowhow on Green Purchasing and environmentally friendly products and services internationally;
- Harmonize the efforts of Green Purchasing and the development of environmentally friendly products and services from a global viewpoint.

In this edition, you will catch a glimpse for our members, not only [GPNs](#), but also our stakeholders. There have GPP Practice from [CGPN](#), Innovative Endeavor from [SEC](#), Initiative from [TEI](#), [JGPN](#), [GPN India](#), and [GPAM](#) to tackle climate change and plastic pollution, Ethnical procurement practice from [GREEN COUNCIL](#) .

The update from [UNEP One Planet Network](#) and [ICLEI](#) will also give you broad view on what is up on SPP in multinational level.

What we do is small, while could make a move to green.



IGPN Secretariat

IGPN By-laws Circulate for trail practice

In order to improve and strengthen the IGPN operation, promote international green purchasing development, upon the approval by the Council Member, IGPN By-Laws is available to be in trail practice for one year from July,2020.

During the process, recommendations could be collected based on actual application results and revised at appropriate time in the future.

Learn more at <http://www.igpn.org/news/index.html>



Become a partner?

Join the International Green Purchasing Network

Become a Partner of the International Green Purchasing Network (IGPN) to share, scale-up and replicate your work and showcase your contribution to International Green Purchasing development.

The IGPN now is open to all organizations agreeing with the objectives that are interested in joining an active implementing and a collaborative platform supporting the implementation of objectives.

Learn more at:

http://www.igpn.org/news/2020/09/call_for_interest_to_join_the.html





The IGPN Partnering With The Global Lead City Network (GLCN) On Sustainable Procurement

The IGPN now partnering with the GLCN on sustainable procurement. The GLCN coordinated by ICLEI, with its group of 15 cities committed to drive a transition to sustainable consumption and production by implementing sustainable and innovation procurement.

The GLCN enables leading cities in the field of sustainable public procurement (SPP) to

- showcase ambitious, quantified targets and achievements in four priority sectors,
- meet, share and develop capabilities to implement sustainable purchasing practices,
- help develop a supportive political framework for implementation,
- act as global and regional champions of SPP,
- foster the role of public procurement for global sustainable development.

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RE Action tackle climate change

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先進・効率的なシステム導入や、地域経済への効果も期待できます



Learn more at:

<http://www.gpn.jp/>



Supports Beijing 2022 Olympic And Paralympic Winter Games Implementing Sustainable Procurement

The Beijing Organizing Committee (BOCOG) officially released <the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games Sustainable Procurement Technical Guidelines (Phase I) on July 1st, 2020. China Environmental United Certification Center-CEC involved it to provide key technical support for the compilation of the guideline.



The Phase I guidelines consist 12 technical criteria, including general requirements and core criteria for products and services, such as paper products, plastic products, metal products, textiles, wood products, electronics, building materials, decorating and refurbishing materials, logistics services, cleaning service, decoration and decoration engineering, which integrated sustainability requirements into the whole procurement process implemented by the BOCOG.

The guidelines next will be put into use fully during the preparation and hosting of the 2022 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games in Beijing.



Green Packaging Standards For GPP in china

The Chinese Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Ecology and Environment and State Post Bureau jointly develop Standard for Express Delivery Package of Government Procurement Demand and Standard for Goods Package of Government Procurement Demand in order to promote green production and consumption. The China Environmental United Certification Center-CEC involved it for the technical support.

The Standards focus on the items such as envelope, tape, face sheet, carton/bag, filler, shipping bag and container in delivery process as well as plastic, paper and wooden of package

products. The hazardous substances, heavy metals and VOCs contents etc. will be limited by the standards requirement.

The standards will be officially published recently and trial in GPP partly or fully, next it may be expected to turn into compulsory standards.





Proposal For Global Green Procurer Certification

IGPNB/Green Purchasing Network in collaboration with SIRIM Malaysia has developed and submitted a draft proposal to IGPN to gather feedback, which is to develop the program for the certification and training of green procurers for both the public and private sector personnel.

Feed backs from council members have been overall positive with comments for its implementation. Steps are being taken to develop the details of the program and to implement a pilot test run of the project in Malaysia.



Dialogue Forum 5 Discusses Surge In Plastic Waste Post COVID-19



Environmental academics have raised concerns about a significant increase in plastic waste from delivery services. With one person generating about 1.15 kilograms of waste daily, they have called on the government to take action.

The Thailand Environment Institute's (TEI) President Wijarn Simachaya says the amount of plastic waste generated during the COVID-19 lockdown has increased to an average of 1.15 kilogram per person per day, even though the overall volume remains low because of the absence of tourists.

The TEI chief has urged the government to take collaborative approach to promote systematic waste management, which will require effort from manufacturers, consumers, and waste handlers.

Learn more at http://www.tei.or.th/en/highlight_detail.php?event_id=753

Singapore Environment Council Forge To Strategic Partnerships To Pioneer Green Loans

The Singapore Environment Council (SEC) has partnered HSBC for Green Loans, where Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) can look forward to access green funds to grow their businesses, and at the same time go green.

Partnering SEC for their Singapore Green Labelling Scheme (SGLS) and Eco-certifications, HSBC incorporated SGLS, an internationally recognized certification as an integral criteria for their SME green loans.

The Singapore Green Label is a Type One ecolabel that is globally recognized by over 30 members representing nearly 60 countries in the Global Ecolabelling Network (GEN). A Type One ecolabel involves the evaluation of multiple attributes of a product based on lifecycle considerations and are independently verified by a third party, which ensures minimum environmental impact and avoids green washing. SEC's Green Labels set limits to minimize the use of energy, water as well as hazardous substances, and at the same time, maximize the use of recycled materials. The green labels comprise of quantifiable measures to reduce negative impact on the environment, and forms part of an approach to mitigate climate risks, which is integral to the eligibility of green loans.



Singapore Environment Council Forge To Strategic Partnerships To Pioneer Green Loans

In line with the Environmental Risk Management (ENRM) proposed guidelines by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), through its Green Labels, SEC encourages banks and financial companies to sieve out viable business opportunities from environmental risks, by repurposing their business strategy with the green loans.

The HSBC SME Green Loan initiative, is the first of its kind in Singapore to draw on existing ecolabelling certifications, instead of the externally reviewed bespoke green finance frameworks typically associated with large corporations.

“ We are pleased to be part of the first SME Green Loan pioneered by HSBC for SMEs. The Green Loan will certainly encourage SMEs to fight climate changes through the innovation of new green products. SMEs can now look forward to access green finance to transform their business model and at the same time, focus on environmental sustainability.

——Ms. Isabella Huang-Loh, Chairman, Singapore Environment Council

“ We hear a lot of interests from SME clients over green solutions. They recognize the need, and also want to take up sustainability-related initiatives, but are faced with difficulties accessing funding for green projects. Certifications offered by the Singapore Environment Council are internationally aligned to guide businesses to eligible green projects, and we are pleased to work alongside to equip businesses with the necessary solutions to achieve their sustainability goals.

——Ms. Li Lian Ng, Head of Business Banking, HSBC Singapore



Green Purchasing Alliance Movement

The Sustainable Diner Summit 2020



The World Wide Fund for Nature Philippines (WWF-Philippines) organized The Sustainable Diner Summit together with different partners (as PCEPSDI is one of the partner organization) through The Sustainable Diner: A Key Ingredient for Sustainable Tourism last March 03, 2020 at Seda Vertis North, Quezon City. The theme of the event is Beyond Research: Sustainability in the Food Service Sector. Present from the event were from national agencies and local government units; the food and beverage industry; hospitality industry; the academe, etc.

Learn more :

<https://pcepsdi.org.ph/>

Conduct Sustainable Packaging Class Celebrate Green Consumer Day

Sustainable packaging is becoming a priority for both brands and consumers -more now than ever before. Implementing sustainable packaging in your brand's operations is no longer an option – it is a necessity.

Ekonnnect in collaboration with Packaging 360 and Trayak is conducting a Masterclass on Sustainable Packaging. Celebrate Green Consumer Day (September 28).

Learn more at: <https://lnkd.in/eJ6dyx5>



Webinar For “Prevention Of Procurement Fraud And Corruption”

The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners published the “2020 Report to the Nations” which estimated organizations lose 5% of revenue to fraud and average loss per case was US\$1.5M. To enhance the knowledge and skills of the members of the Green Council’s Sustainable Procurement Charter in reducing the risks of procurement fraud, we organised a webinar in June. Three procurement professionals from different industries were invited to share their experience and best practices in prevention of procurement fraud and corruption. About 100 participants attended this event.

The webinar can be found at <https://www.greencouncil.org/spc-5>



Public Procurers In The Driving Seat To A Circular Economy



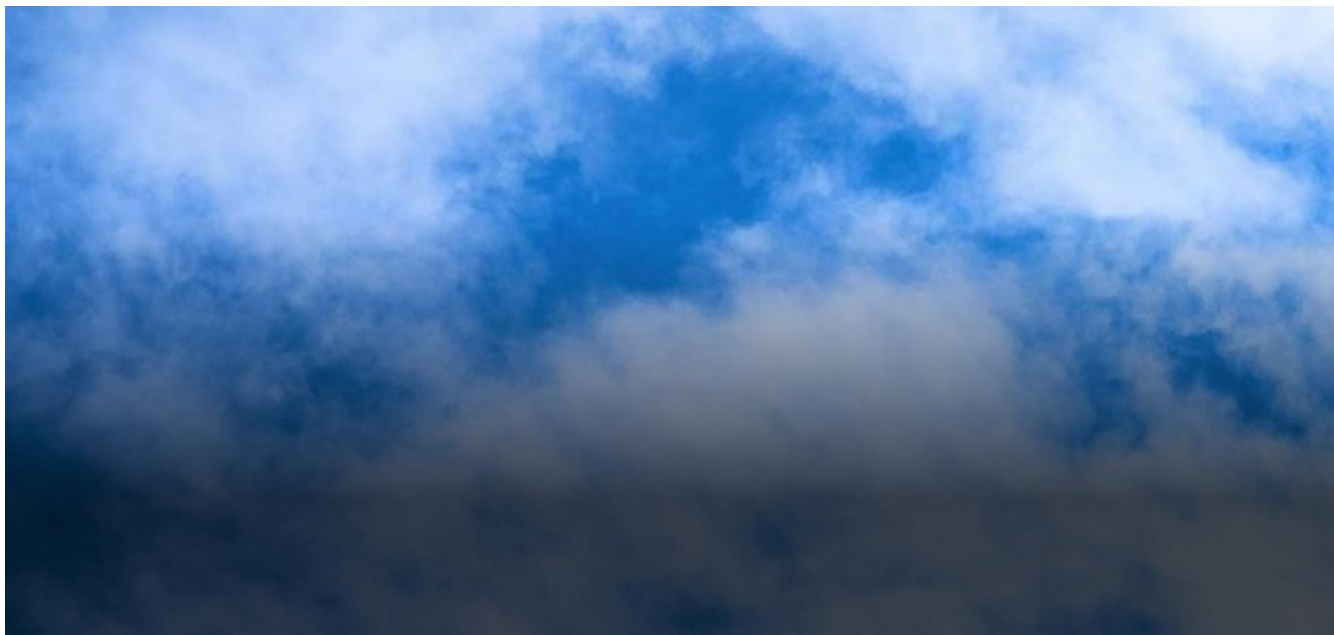
“**The** recent Baltic Circular Procurement Congress highlighted the leading role of public procurers in driving forward the movement towards circular economies.

Over the past three years, public authorities in Denmark, Sweden and Latvia have been piloting innovative new approaches to buying circular goods and services as part of the Circular project, funded by the Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme.

These pilot activities have pushed boundaries, and formed the heart of the Baltic Circular Procurement Congress (2-3 September), which gathered together 180 procurers, experts, and innovative businesses from across the world for two days of online exchange.

Learn more at:

<https://sustainable-procurement.org//news?c=search&uid=7xjstze7>



East Asian Cities Respond To The First International Clean Air Day Of Blue Skies

“**2020** celebrates the first International Day of Clean Air for blue skies, aiming to build a global community of action that encourages international cooperation at the national, regional, and local levels. Themed “Clean Air for All”, it invites everyone to consider how to support action for clean air in everyday lives.

Continuous growing amount of air pollutant emissions resulting from rapid urbanization and industrialization has made East Asia one of the most polluted regions in the world. National, regional, and local governments in this region are understanding the importance of and the urgent need to raise awareness at all levels to promote and facilitate actions to improve air quality.

As one of the collaborating agencies, ICLEI East Asia supported our cities to actively participate in the first International Day, sharing local action and achievements via the #CleanAirForAll Campaign, and co-delivered an online training with partners for the Chinese city Chengdu.

Learn more at:

<http://eastasia.iclei.org/new/latest/605.html>

SDG 12 IS THE GOAL OF THE MONTH AUGUST

The UN selected SDG 12 as its goal of the month in August 2020, publishing a deep dive article on this transversal SDG which is at the heart of the One Planet network.

This included discussion of the COVID-19 health crisis on progress towards SDG 12, in particular around challenges regarding the uptick of waste - plastic waste in particular - that is being generated.

The article also looks at SCP from the perspective of technology – including mobile apps and e-waste – as well as food security.

Learn more at: <https://em.ecedi.fr/t/y-l-ukltkd-iytjiuidl-d/>



The APRSCP along with UNEP's One Planet Network SPP Programme organized webinar on 'Sustainable Public Procurement 2.0 for Accelerating Sustainable Growth in the Asia Pacific' on 27th August 2020.



The webinar aims to engage with a wide spectrum of participants from the region on the need to move from GPP (economy and environment) to SPP (economy, environment and society).

The webinar contributed to a shared understanding of issues encountered during operationalization of SPP in different areas such as construction, energy, mobility, health etc. and how to address them.

Learn more at: <https://www.oneplanetnetwork.org>

Sustainable Public Procurement 2.0 - Accelerating Growth in the Asia Pacific

APRSCP's Webinar Series

27 AUGUST 2020
12:00 – 1:30 pm Bangkok Time

Sustainable Public Procurement 2.0 - Accelerating Growth in Asia Pacific

Webinar Speakers: (*APRSCP Board Member)

- Hari R. Ragavan*, Principal Consultant, AKAR ASIA Consulting, Malaysia
- Sylvia A. Camacho, Senior Consultant Procurement Advisory Service, UNOPS, Denmark
- Haiping Yu, Ex Consultant Sustainable Procurement, ICLEI East Asia, Sweden
- Tanya Harris, Sustainable Procurement ISO 20400:2017 Expert, Australia
- Sanjay Kumar*, Chief Materials Manager, Indian Railways, India

Discussion will include:

- ❖ Country specific experiences from the region;
- ❖ Rebooting Sustainable Procurement in the region;
- ❖ Building a resilient and regenerative supply chain post-pandemic.

Webinar Partner:

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SWITCH-Asia Website Reporting China Boosting Sustainable Consumption In Times Of Pandemic

“**China** Environmental United Certification Center (CEC), as a third-party certification organization, developed and conducted remote inspection, in addition to the instruments they usually employ, to ensure that products meet the criteria for eco-labels appropriately and in a timely manner during the pandemic. Once a product is eco-labelled, it is given priority by Chinese government agencies using green public procurement and therefore contributes to foster this kind of public procurement in China.”

Recently SWITCH-Asia website reported the response measures taken by CEC during the epidemic, which believed that the extensive effort of CEC is a good practice for promoting sustainable consumption in China and plays an active role in the COVID-19 scenario to “build back better”.

Learn more at:

<https://www.switch-asia.eu/news/china-boosting-sustainable-consumption-in-times-of-pandemic/>



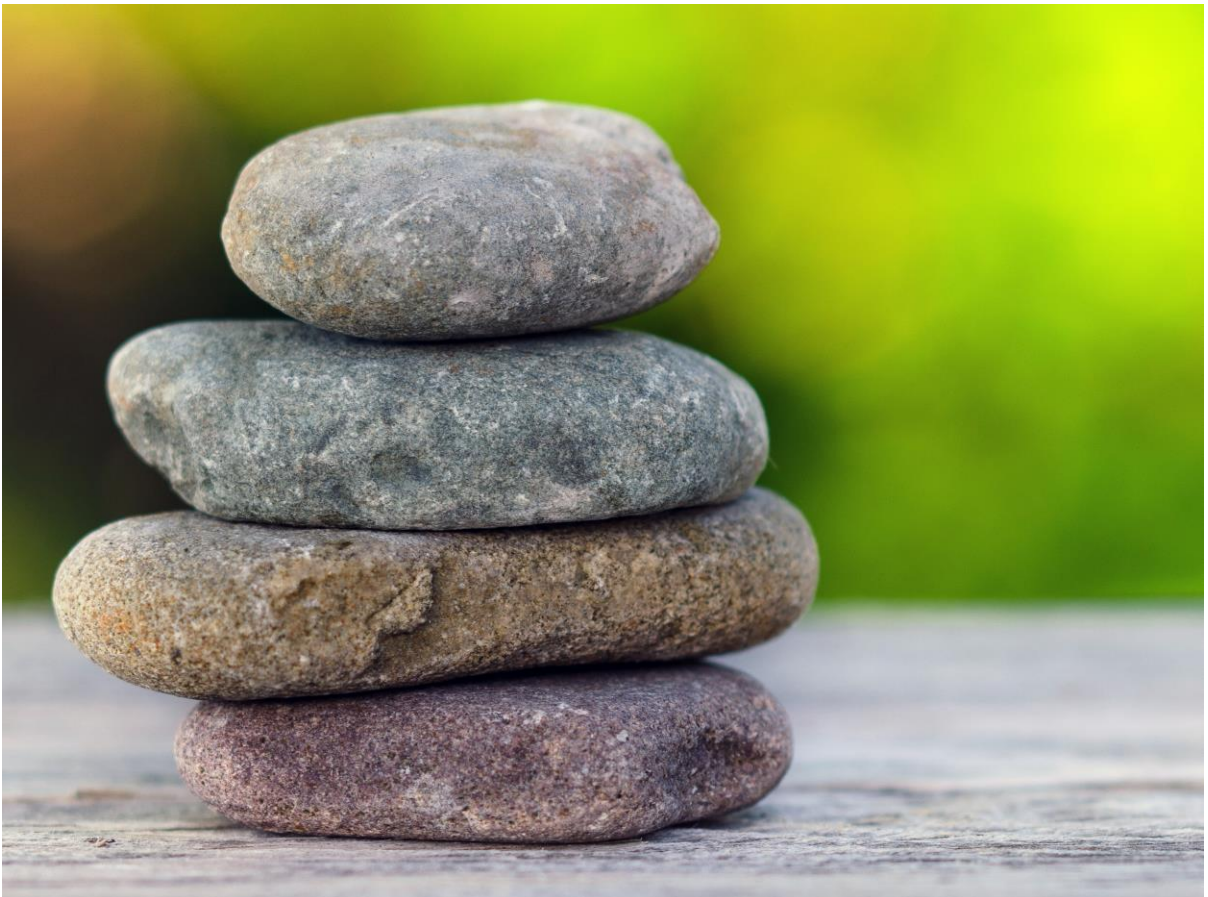
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Ecolabel and GPP Webinar

- Co-organize with the Global Ecolabelling Network
- December, 2020

Call for Submissions of Good Practices for Environmentally Friendly Products/Services and Green Purchasing

- Submissions: 30th November, 2020.
- Compiled for discussion: 31st January, 2021.
- Report and Publish on IGPN website: 31st March, 2021
- Learn more at:
http://www.igpn.org/news/2020/09/call_for_submissions_of_good_p.html





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