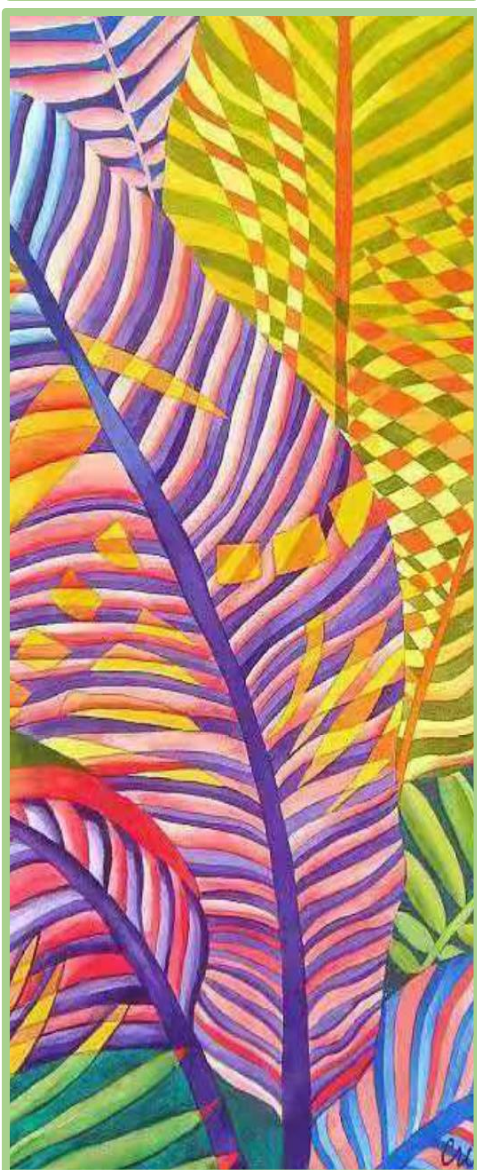


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A Green Move Pave through the Parallel World

At the end of 2020, the International Green Purchasing Network would like wish a safe and peaceful fruitful new year ahead to you all.

The 2020 comes with the unprecedented challenges arising from the global pandemic which have sprawled across the globe, we thank you all to stay with us with enthusiasm continuing the every endeavor toward green and sustainable development.

In this edition, we will see the UNEP One Planet Network [Sustainable Public Procurement Programme](#) call to actions with [Public procurement for a responsible recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic](#), the progress on the [SDG 12.7.1 indicator reporting](#) data collection, and its step in the [workshop of sustainable public program in Kazakhstan](#).

In this edition, we will learn the inspiring updates of [the GPN in Japan](#), [the green purchasing awards winners 2020](#) which contributed to the expansion of the green market and to the achievement of the SDGs through sustainable procurement. Also get an basic understanding of GEN and ecolabel from [the article of TEI](#), the CJK Common criteria of [CGPN](#), training for tourism stakeholders entitled Low-Carbon Menu from [PCEPSDI](#), practice survey of SDG from [Green Council](#).

In this edition, we bring you our new advisory member [TCO Development](#), and with its brief story of their practice on green ICTs and educational E-waste quiz. We disseminate short collection for [the GEN webinar](#) Ecolabelling in B2B-The Greening of Public Procurement, knowing that GPP grows with global momentum. Every move to green is happening and has happened in the parallel world already.

When winter arrive, trees are growing.



IGPN Secretariat
China Environmental
United Certification Center



CALL FOR ACTION

Public Procurement for a Responsible Recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic

The One Planet Network Sustainable Public Procurement Programme calls upon the global public procurement community to leverage purchasing power to respond and recover responsibly from the COVID-19 pandemic. In particular, we propose nine concrete actions for the public procurement community: explore the “Call to Action” here.

Humanity is faced with a challenge unprecedented in recent history. Approaching one year since the outbreak, the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted countless lives worldwide and it leaves a lasting impact on individuals, world economies and society as a whole. What are key tools for responsible response and recovery mechanisms? Public procurement is one of them. Making responsible and strategic decisions on how public money is spent is key to creating economic, societal and environmental value.

In addition, different sectors face distinct challenges, but also unique opportunities to contribute to a responsible recovery, which is why the Sustainable Public Procurement Programme also has collated suggestions for a

selection of high-impact sectors, including health care, construction, textiles, plastic and more.

This is a joint effort by the SPP Programmes Co-Leads ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, the Governments of China (Environmental Development Centre of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China) and the Netherlands (Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management) and the UN Environment Programme as well as 16 Multistakeholder Advisory Committee (MAC) members from across the world.

Learn more: <http://www.oneplanetnetwork.org>



Progress on the SDG 12.7.1 Indicator Reporting Data Collection



The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), in its role as custodian of the Sustainable Development Goal 12.7.1 indicator “Number of countries implementing Sustainable Public Procurement policies and action plans”, has initiated in the fall of 2020 the first collection of data from national and sub-national governments reporting against this indicator (2018 or 2019 data).

As of 15th December 2020, 45+ national governments and 3 subnational governments had officially nominated a focal point or set a team to report on the SDG 12.7.1 indicator.

Following the re-classification of the indicator measurement methodology Tier 2 by UN Inter-Agency Expert Group in February 2020 further to its initial development and pilot testing in 2018-2019, the methodology was later refined in September-October 2020 through a consultation process involving 4

expert organizations and 18 representatives from 10 national or subnational governments.

4 webinars were held in October 2020 in English, French, and Spanish to present the reporting process, tools and methodology, which were attended by a total of 79 government representatives from 43 countries.

A set of documents facilitating the reporting exercise – an Excel®-based calculator, PDF Instructions and Frequently Asked Questions -were provided as well in those three languages to ensure the largest possible participation of governments to this exercise. If you represent a national or subnational government and would like to contribute to the next reporting exercise or get more information regarding the reporting process, please contact **UNEP SPP team** at unep-spp@un.org.

The identification of focal points and contacts will go on throughout 2021 to invite more national and subnational governments implementing Sustainable Public Procurement or Green Public Procurement policies and action plans to contribute to 2021 reporting exercise.

Online workshop on Sustainable Public Procurement in Kazakhstan

On December 9, 2020 the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) within the framework of the UN Development Account project "Enhancing sustainable public procurement for the regional transition to inclusive green economy in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia" (UNDA SPP project) and the Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) **held an introductory online workshop on Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP)**. The seminar was held with the organizational and expert support of the Kazakhstan Association of Regional Environmental Initiatives "ECOJER".

Within the framework of the seminar the following issues were presented and discussed: UNEP's approach to SPP; the current state of public procurement in Kazakhstan and the existing framework for the implementation of SPP principles; UNDA SPP project and PAGE SPP-related activities; examples and lessons learned from other UNDA project countries (Kyrgyzstan, Georgia); and the preparation of an assessment of the status of SPP and the legal review in Kazakhstan in the framework of PAGE.

The seminar was opened by the Vice-Minister of Finance and the Vice-Minister of Ecology,

Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan, who expressed their support for the project and readiness for dialogue on the development of sustainability principles in the public procurement system of Kazakhstan. The concept of SPP and its benefits for the economic, social and environmental spheres were explained by UNEP. But this workshop was also the opportunity to discuss the current state of public procurement in Kazakhstan, the existing framework for the implementation of SPP principles and achievements in the development of SPP.

More information, including the recording of the workshop and associated presentations, can be found at::

<https://www.unenvironment.org/events/workshop/introductory-online-workshop-sustainable-public-procurement-spp>



TCO Development Joins IGPN Family

New Advisory Broad Member Vows IGPN Value

Council of the International Green Purchasing Network (IGPN) voted to accept the application of TCO Development for Advisory Broad Member.

The TCO Development (tcocertified.com) drives the development of IT products towards sustainability, provide deep and profound experience of sustainable procurement both in government and individual consumers globally. As a new member of IGPN advisory broad, TCO Development expect to bring its expertise and provide advice which support in a collaborative way to IGPN future development.

IGPN chair CHEN Yanping, welcomed the engagement of TCO Development, “Both two organizations have mission to achieve sustainable consumption and production transition. The participation of TCO Development could put vibrant energy to IGPN through its long-term strategies on environmentally friendly products/service and green purchasing. To become an IGPN member reinforces TCO Development commitment to green purchasing”.

The IGPN(www.igpn.org) now has a network working across different countries and areas promotes green purchasing around the world, through its members who take the initiative in implementing green purchasing towards sustainable consumption and production.

Update of 2020 Call for submissions of good practice

Understanding the Ecolabelling

Challenges in Promoting Compostable Plastic

Green Procurement is a global warming. While efforts and impacts will operate in tandem and become powerful too. Being on the different inseparable entity profiles as an entity will be Production be realised.

An eco-system with the implementation. Compliance and regulations, elements to ensure a and green procurer compliance. However enforce these new regulations that there is accessible situation, digital operation acceptable form of products both programs remain of dissemination and streaming to promote.

In January 2020, Inter have collaboratively training and certification to International Green.

The Green Procurer C stakeholders in green process of assessment Certified Green Procurer served to ensure impact.

Moving forward, this government efforts to and private sectors to support to environmental issues to green procurer and beyond, in Malaysia. It also aimed to encourage consumers, purchasers to opt for and use eco-friendly and sustainable alternatives and for suppliers and manufacturers to adopt sustainable consumption and production methods.

Name
Ekonnect Fortnightly Panel

Background
Ekonnect Knowledge Foundation compiled a discussion that led to this activity, panel discussion invited to talk about their role network on Circular Economy partnership with several institutions forth a diverse knowledge base.

So far, three (3) such panel audience of 30 participants. In the coming months, the organization of online panel discussions.

Develop Approach
A topic for panel discussion beyond the directory pool as greater product diversity. 11 PM IST).

Once a topic is selected and including social media. An online conferencing platform. The Ekonnect Knowledge Foundation by a panel discussion with the towards the end of the discussion.

Key take-aways
There is a need to spread a audience to learn more on Green discussions by asking important experiences on the subject.

Approach Results/Outcomes
Participants appreciated the attending these online events Organic Food and Circular Economy Circular Textiles and Fashion.

1. Name: BELT - Boost Energy Labels

2. Background - A new energy efficiency countries. Starting in March 2021, it tries.

3. Developed approach - The products include: air conditioners, dishwashers, electronic displays, including plays, vacuum cleaners and tumble dryers from A+++ (most efficient) to E (least efficient) will be rescaled: from A to G.

4. Approach results/Outcomes - From rescaling, must be accompanied by mandatory to request the new energy labels.

5. Experience or Lesson learnt - n/a

6. Key challenge - n/a

7. Way forward - n/a

8. Organization Name - ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability

9. Contact detail - Josefine Hintz josefine.hintz@iclei.org

10. Link <https://www.belt-project.eu/centre/?c=search&uid=e077164b>

Submissions of Good Practices and Green Purchasing

Name
"Quick Wins" for Sustainable Procurement

Background
The Green Council ("GC") established Charter ("SPC") in July 2017 sustainable procurement to all organizations required to commit to the SPC 20400:2017 - Sustainable Procurement contributions to the United Nations Consumption and Production).

To date, over thirty (30) corporate Council is currently working procurement efforts and results through visits and sharing etc. Various SPC <https://www.green-council.org/spec>

To ensure all different stakeholders of Sustainable Procurement include initiate or start with some items which are simple and can be easily implemented for purchasing.

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

1. Name: Green Label Thailand

2. Background :
Green Label Scheme in Thailand was initiated by TBCSD or Thailand Business Council for Sustainable Development in October B.E. 2536 (1993) with approval and collaboration from the Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment, Thai Industrial Standards Institute and other relevant agencies to concretely implement the scheme. Consequently, the project is a result of the collaboration among government authorities, private sector, and central agencies, with Thai Industrial Standards Institute and Thailand Environment Institute serving as the secretariat.

The notion of **green products** currently available in the market comes independently from advertisements and marketing campaigns of manufacturers and products distributors. Green Label was initiated in order to serve as an independent organization which can provide extensive information on products and services that are environmentally friendly, with impartiality, credibility as well as devise and implement measures for control over environmental quality by enhancing awareness while also preventing pollution that may result from any part of products life cycle systematically and with due transparency. (<http://www.tei.or.th/greenlabel/about.html>)

3. Develop approach
• **Green label criteria development and revision** (<http://www.tei.or.th/greenlabel/name-list.html>)

Selection Principles
1. Must be general consumer products for daily consumption such as paper, color, energy-saving equipment, or water-saving equipment.

The initiative of call for submissions of good practices for environmentally friendly products/services launched from September 2020 to March 2021. Cases from the GPNs of Korea, Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines, India, Hong Kong, China, ICLEI, TCO Development were collected, now the outline is drafted and the cases are being analyzed, the report of first draft expected to solicit suggestion at first quarter in 2021 and will be finalized by March, 2021.

The Green Purchasing Awards Winners 2020

The GPN has awarded the best practices that have contributed to the expansion of the green market and to the achievement of the SDGs through sustainable procurement. This year, the GPN also focused on the solution to plastic pollution and gave a prize to best practices of plastic recycling.

On 25th November, the GPN announced the 15 organizations as the 21st Green Purchasing Awards winners.

The Minister of the Environment Award and the Grand Prize have awarded to the **Kawakubo Laboratory, Hosei University**. **Shun Kawakubo**, Associate Professor, and his students have developed an online database named Local SDGs Platform that enables local governments to share their action plans, strategies and best practices toward achieving SDGs.

The Minister of the Award of Economy, Trade and Industry Award the Grand Prize have awarded to Showa Denko (SDK).



The chemical company has collected used plastic from its own plant to gasify it by thermal decomposition to generate hydrogen and carbon dioxide. Hydrogen is used as raw material for ammonia production, and carbon dioxide is used for carbonated materials and dry ice.

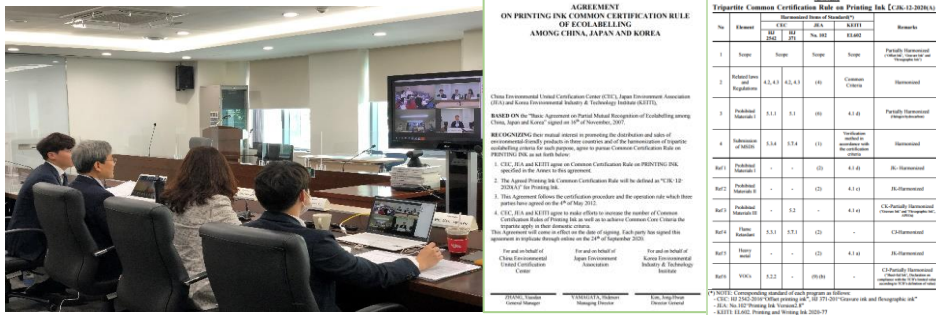
Kuradashi won the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Award and the Grand Prize. The company has contributed to reduce of food waste through its online food sharing platform called KURADASHI. The platform provides a service that matches buyers and products that are difficult to be sold through normal distribution channels due to expiration date, dirty or stained packaging, damage caused by natural disasters.

The GPN hopes that these award winners will influence the society and bring other good practices.

For more information, please visit the GPN website (in Japanese).

Learn more at

<https://www.gpn.jp/info/gpn/6c86ac95-ca22-4906-9aba-29834d5efd28>



Through this online meeting, all agencies reconfirmed 'The needs for establishing global cooperation system for SCP(Sustainable Consumption and Production)', and felt certain of 'Post-Pandemic, Possibility of applying online-meeting'. Finally, three parties agreed that, mutual recognition of environmental labelling among CJK has achieved some results in promoting green trade for many years, more efforts should be put into implementation in the future.

GEN and the Opportunity of Ecolabel in Thailand

GEN consists of 47 member states including Thailand where Thailand Environmental Institute (TEI) is responsible for certifying “Green Label”. The organization members of GEN are taking responsibility for certifying ecolabel Type-I in accordance with the standard of ISO 14024. This process is systematically done by assessing the products and services throughout its life cycle and the process has to be verified by the third party to ensure the transparency of the procedures.

The well-known ecolabel Type-I are EU Ecolabel, Blue Angel Eco-Label and Eco Mark which all of these are used in European Union, Germany and Japan respectively. Along with the Asian countries like Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Singapore are also the member states of GEN. Almost all of eco-labelling organizations have to take part in the GENICES assessment process to maintain its credibility at the high standard level.

GEN has always been responsible for almost 30 years for supporting sustainable production and consumption and has shown strong determination by setting the goals to improve and raise awareness of ecolabels to general consumers.

The annual online meeting of 2020 “Global Eco-Labeling Network” was successfully held in October 26th - 27th, The delegates from Green Label team of Thailand Environmental Institute also attended this meeting, along with presentation of the research outcome on the Impact of Oil-immersed distribution transformer in Thailand. This meeting allows the organization members to reconsider the direction of action plan to make it corresponds with the world situation in the next three years, concentrate more on the proactive working strategies and welcome the new eight organization members of ecolabel such as Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Turkey, South Africa, Netherland and Spain.

The missions of GEN also include maintaining the quality and credibility of the products and services, increasing the value of certified products/services and giving the information of policy making and international trade to the relevant parties in order to achieve the sustainability goal of SDG12 (responsible consumption and production).

Learn more at:

http://www.tei.or.th/en/blog_detail.php?blog_id=65

Hospitality and Foodservice Sectors Look to Plant-based Menus for Health and Environment



On October 28-29, 2020, the Philippine Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development, Inc. (PCEPSDI), through the Transforming Tourism Value Chains (TVC) project, has successfully conducted its second online training for tourism stakeholders entitled Low-Carbon Menus: Plant-based Culinary Training for the Hospitality Sector.

As the TVC project continues to support the hospitality sector in enhancing sustainability performance, it also aligns with the Roadmap for Low-Carbon and Resource-Efficient Tourism in Philippines, which advocates four systemic solutions to advance sustainable tourism. These solutions are sustainable food value chains, sustainable events, waste reduction and management, and sustainable energy. The plant-based culinary training is designed under the TVC project to specifically support and implement sustainable food value chains by teaching stakeholders how to make their menu offerings healthier and more environmentally-friendly.

The training was hosted by PCEPSDI in collaboration with Humane Society International (HSI), an organization that works for the protection of all animals through the use of science, advocacy, education and hands-on programs. PCEPSDI and HSI designed the training as a campaign to encourage low-carbon menus through plant-based cooking and baking. Specifically, the training aimed to introduce to hotel and restaurant managers and event organizers the basic principles of meat reduction and animal welfare; to discuss how a plant-based diet can have a positive environmental impact, and how proper nutrition can be integrated in a plant-based diet; and to train hotel and restaurant chefs and food caterers how to create meat alternatives, and egg and dairy-free dishes. The training had two lecture presentations during the first day, and a series of cooking demos during the second day.

<https://pcepsdi.org.ph/news-announcements/hospitality-and-foodservice-sectors-look-to-plant-based-menus-for-health-and-environment/>

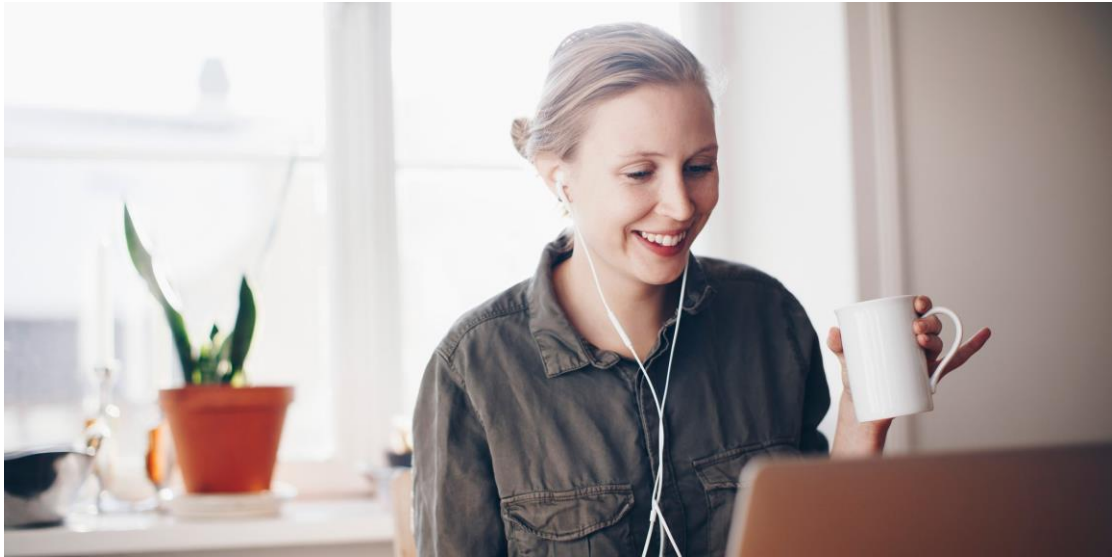
Green Council Release its First Sustainable Development Goal Practice Survey Report of Hong Kong Enterprises



With the aim to understand the enterprise in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, identifying the gaps and needs to improvement, questionnaire survey was conducted to 180 members by the Green Council from May to September, 2020 in Hongkong, China.

According to the survey results, among the 17 SDGs, the best practices of the enterprises are: Goal 4: quality education; Goal 8: decent work and economic growth; and goal 16: peace, justice and strong institutions. The adoption rate of all three goals is more than 80%. The results also showed that the poorly implemented goals of the surveyed enterprises included: goal 1, no poverty (39%), Goal 2, zero hunger (37%), and goal 13, climate action (47%).

Learn more at <https://www.greencouncil.org/updates>



Record Amount of Notebook PCs with TCO Certified Certification Availabilities

With an increase in demand for more sustainable IT, the number of new certified notebooks with the leading global sustainability certification for IT products, TCO Certified, has increased by 50 percent in 2020.

“With around 3500 certified product models available from over 25 brands, choosing IT products that are independently verified for environmental and supply chain responsibility is easier than ever,” says Clare Hobby, Director Purchaser Engagement, Global at TCO Development, the organization behind TCO Certified.

The system of mandatory independent verification behind TCO Certified is the most robust on the market for IT products. Each year independent verifiers spend around 20,000 hours on assessments, product testing and factory social audits directly connected to certified models.

“IT is an incredibly complex category, so independent verification is critical for measuring real progress. For us, this is not optional — it’s always included. Compliance with the criteria is independently verified throughout the life of the certificate,” she continues.

Purchasers therefore get the reassurance of using TCO Certified with confidence and avoiding greenwash. With TCO Certified, they don’t risk relying on unverified product claims or manufacturer declarations.

“We are thrilled to see this development. Now buyers have a wide range from many brands to choose from.” Clare Hobby concludes.

Find certified products in the **Product Finder**.

Learn more at: <https://tcocertified.com/news/record-amount-of-more-sustainable-notebook-pcs-available/>



Test Your Knowledge with Educational E-waste Quiz

“The burden that e-waste places on the environment is fast growing and action must be taken to stop this growth and save natural resources. To support educational and public awareness activities, TCO Development, the organization behind the global leading sustainability certification for IT products TCO Certified, has launched an e-waste quiz to educate and raise public awareness of the problems related to e-waste and how to act to help solving them.

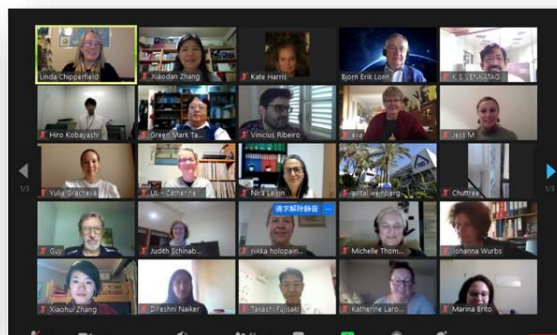
In 2019, 53.6 million metric tonnes (Mt) of e-waste was generated worldwide, an increase of 21 percent in just five years. **E-waste is still the world’s fastest growing waste stream**, and it is estimated that by 2030 the amount will reach 74 million Mt. Much of it is handled unsafely, causing pollution, human health hazards, and the loss of valuable finite resources. Most countries have difficulties handling these vast amounts of discarded products in a responsible and resource-efficient way. In 2019, only 17% of these products were collected and recycled.

To prevent e-waste, the **TCO Certified** has a circular approach to the production and consumption of IT products. The criteria in TCO Certified requires that IT products are durable, repairable, and upgradeable as well as recyclable, so that products can be used longer and materials can be recovered.

TCO Development launched an e-waste quiz to educate and raise awareness about the topic. The goal of the e-waste quiz is to encourage consumers and purchasers to take action and to take responsibility for their e-waste. Take the e-waste quiz to find out what you know about e-waste.

Learn more at: <https://tcocertified.com/news/e-waste-quiz-puts-spotlight-on-international-e-waste-day/>

Green Public Procurement Grows with Global Momentum



The Global Ecolabelling Network (GEN) hosted a webinar Ecolabelling in B2B-The Greening of Public Procurement on 3 December, in conjunction with the GEN 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM). This valuable online experience which highlighted trends and insights into green public procurement had over 100 participants in attendance. The **China Environmental United Certification Center (CEC)** and **International Green Purchasing Network (IGPN)** hosted the event.

GEN board member Ms. ZHANG Xiaodan presided over sessions on International Trends and Perspectives. Experts from **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**, Ecolabelling Denmark and IGPN took an in-depth look at international green procurement and how ecolabels are integrated into the implementation of sustainable purchasing programmes. Mr. Farid Yaker from UNEP gave updates on One Planet Network Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) programme. Ms. Ingrid Elmedal, from Ecolabelling Denmark, shared a case study of the Green Procurers Forum in the Nordic countries. Mr. Augustine Koh from Green Purchasing Network Malaysia clarified green purchasing and ecolabels and proposed an idea on e-shop to promote green purchasing.

Green Public Procurement Grows with Global Momentum

Ms. Kate Harris led the second half of the webinar focusing on **GPP-the Experiences and Challenges**. Highlights included hearing about the number of companies, licensees and standard categories that are being scaled globally, which is particularly important for those professionals involved in procurement in China, Japan, Korea and Thailand.

Mr. Hiroyuki Kobayashi, from Japan Environment Association introduced two levels of green procurement—the mandatory and the voluntary in Japan.

Mr. CUI Xiaodong, from CEC shared that China green public procurement has achieved 90% with ecolabelled certificates.

Mr. Joon Sung Ahn, from Korea Environmental Industry and Technology Institute expressed over 15,000 products, 4,000 companies and 165 product categories within their country are involved in green public procurement (GPP).

Dr Wijarn Simachaya from Thailand Environment Institute outlined their Type I, II and III schemes for procurement.

The final experience sharing came from German International Cooperation Organisation (GIZ) with fruitful information on GPP and ecolabelling among the five countries in Southeast Asia such as Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Vietnam and Bhutan. The result is the very tangible impact of green buildings, offices and beyond through green public procurement

Participants learned how purchaser collaboratives and forums are strengthening the demand for ecolabel products and services and it was a good opportunity for stakeholders to get updates on the development of both GPP and ecolabels.

GEN Chairman, Mr. Bjorn-Erick Lonn spoke highly of the webinar in his closing speech. It was a perfect ending to the 2020 GEN Annual General Meeting.

Learn more at www.globalecolabelling.net.

