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International Green Purchasing Network Annual Meeting Held to Active Collaborations



2021 annual meeting of the International Green Purchasing Network-IGPN was held visually on December 15th. Members from national Green Purchasing Networks, IGPN Council and IGPN Advisory Board which are from Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, China, China Hong Kong, UNEP, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, TCO Development; and invited guests from the Netherland Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management attended this meeting. The meeting was hosted by the IGPN Secretariat, China Environmental United Certification Center–CEC.

The IGPN Met annually to recap progresses and share members' insights in green purchasing practices

GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

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Sustainable consumption and green procurement are important means to promote sustainable development, as well as to promote global carbon reduction, carbon neutrality, bio-diversity and pollution abatement. Progress made by the IGPN in 2021 are more standardize, proactive and productive, we expect to discuss in depth and exchanges views on the fulfillment of next year development.

——Mr. CHEN Yanping, Chair, the International Green Purchasing Network



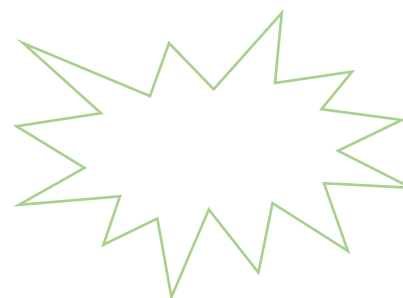
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Global sustainable procurement is moving from awareness raising toward implementation, toward the carbon neutrally target sustainable procurement are highlighted as catalytic tool in more and more countries. Whereas the capacity building needed to facilitate the target, this is right opportunity for the IGPN with its members to carry forward.

——Mr. Mark Hidson, Vice Chair of the IGPN, Director of Global Sustainable Procurement Centre, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability



Progress of SPP Implementation: Results of the SDG12.7.1 first data collection exercise



The SDG 12.7.1 index measures the level of SPP implementation in a single country, reporting against SDG 12.7.1 will be useful for government agencies wishing to advance their SPP actions and policies- whether it be beginning countries or more advanced ones.

Explain the metric of SPP 12.7.1 methodology and the formula and scoring system, classification of governments into 5 different groups: Advanced implementation; Upper-intermediate implementation; Lower-intermediate implementation; Low-level implementation; Insufficient data or implementation.

Introduce the timeline of SDG12.7.1 data collection exercise process started from October last year to February this year. The outcome of the data collection are as follows:

- 40 submissions received from national governments; 39 submissions received from subnational governments;
- From the 40-participating national/federal governments, 33 were deemed compliant with the proposed assessment. Upper-intermediate implementation is 9, Lower-intermediate implementation is 14, Low-level implementation is 10 countries.
- Illustrated the outcome in Asia pacific region in terms of legal framework, procurement practitioners, SPP criteria, monitoring of SPP, and the share of SPP, briefly speaking the average score in Asia pacific is 2.30, China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Indonesia and New Zealand are the participating countries.

—Presented by Mr. Farid Yaker, Programme officer, Economy Division, UNEP,

IGPN Advisory board member





Sustainable Public Procurement of Plastics



Rijkswaterstaat
Ministry of Infrastructure
and Water Management

Introduce the background of the guideline: Plastics was adopted as theme across the One Planet Network for 2020-2021. In support of the 4th UN Environment Assembly Resolution 6 on marine litter and microplastics, the One Planet Network and SPP program committed to provide guidance on addressing plastic packaging in the different sectors and areas covered by its programmes in support of the ambitious 2025 targets to work to eliminate the plastic.

Introduce the plastic loop under the circular economy logic, to use public procurement as a driver to accelerate the plastic loop, that is:

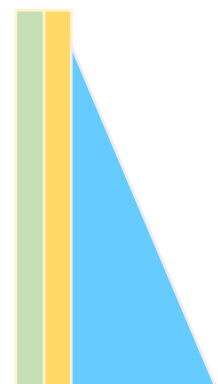
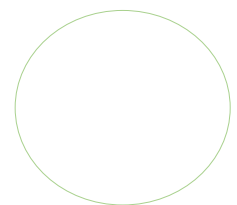
- a) avoid plastic where possible(reduce) or feasible to reuse model;
- b) influence plastics procured by using criteria at recyclable;
- c) encourage market to recycle which aim to close the plastic loop;
- d) plastic packaging is reused or recycled.

To address the challenge faced by the procurement, the guidance focuses on using procurement as a strategic rather than just a purchasing function by adopting 3 specific principles, buy less, buy better, and using longer.

The guideline explains the pre-tender actions and tender actions, in terms of pre-tender actions, that is Eliminate-use of problematic and unnecessary plastic in all purchases; Reduce-overall consumption and associated plastics; Reuse – switch from single use to reuse models where possible; in terms of tender actions, market engagements, criteria, standard and labels.

It uses a picture of different geographic logos ensure the awareness of impact along the plastic supply chain, and support the strategic procurement is approach rather than a criteria-led approach.

--Presented by Dr. Mervyn Jones, Senior advisor, Circular Economy,
Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management





2021 Recap Recent Activities and Outcomes

The Japan Green Purchasing Network (GPN) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the ideas and practices of green purchasing in Japan. Since its establishment in 1996, 1,289 members including businesses, local authorities and NGOs, with its main secretariat office and six local networks, 47 directors and 12 advisors, four committees to develop and implement action plans, offer opportunities of learning, dissemination and implementation, and information gathering to members.

Learning Opportunities

- Workshops and seminars
- Distribution of newsletters and online articles

Information Gathering Opportunities

- GPN guidelines for consumers
- Eco-products database

Dissemination and Implementation Opportunities

- Encouragement of a shift to **renewable energy**
- **Green purchasing award**
- Sustainable procurement action program
- **Consulting services** to local governments

Outcome

- The increased number of participants in workshops and seminars
- The increased number of organization declaring 100% Renewable Energy
- Press release of the award-winner's practices
- Development of green procurement policies including carbon emission targets in some local governments
- Revision of green purchasing/contracting guidelines on personal computers and tablets, automobiles, and on truckload shipping



2021 Key words of China Environmental Labelling and Green Purchasing

/01

Innovation

The fifth time won the Annual Innovation Awards of China Green Public Procurement due to its great and continuous contributions to national government green procurement

/02

Toward carbon neutrality

Released the first Carbon Neutral Certificate for hotel industry, furniture industry, and report of Reducing Air Pollution and Carbon Emissions by Shared Cycling

/03

Enforcement implementation

Provided CEL products group almost 10095 Certificate with 4360 Enterprises, pilot compulsively implement in Hainan province, entered in Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games and Paralympic Games etc.

/04

Performance focus

Focus on monitoring the environmental performance, took example of the total VOCs reduction in office furniture's products is around 1.49 million tons in late 5 years;

/05

Collaboration

Co-lead entity of the UNEP One Planet Network SPP program, core member of Asia Pacific GPP Network, board member of GEN, accelerate the implementation of sustainable public procurement



2021 Recap: Activity and Progress

Thailand Environment Institute is a non-profit organization established in 1993, ranked among the world top think tanks by the University of Pennsylvania for 7 consecutive years.

Develop and revise Criteria:

Green Procurement Criteria approved by Pollution Control Board:

- Brick and block;
- PVC pipe;
- Packaging;

Revision of Green label criteria

- Recycle Plastic;
- Biodegradable and compostable Plastic;
- Plastic Packaging

Certify green labels:

The certified product model achieved 1272; the certified product type achieved 799;



Promote and share the information



Collaborative Projects:

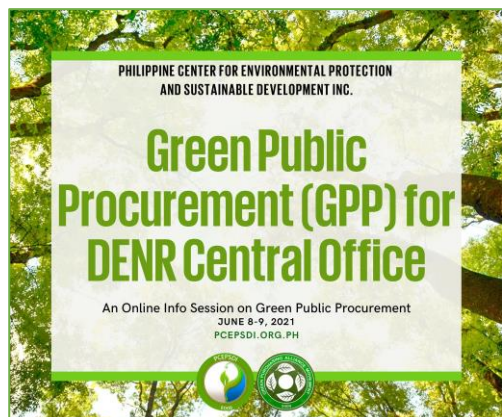


Next step:

- Develop product certification standards;
- Expand certification to SME;
- Maintain the Quality which ready for service;
- Promote the Marketing plan to support GPP;
- Consumer knowledge and awareness

-Presented by Dr. Chuttree Phurat, Senior Project Manager and Acting Director of Green Label and Environmental Label Unit, Thailand Environment Institute, GPN Thailand

GP Interventions for the Public and Private Sector



The 2021 capacity building for the government sector included local level, national level, and private level. In local level, continued support and on-demand training on GPP for DENR Central Office; In national level, supported by GIZ Advance SCP Project, expansion and mentoring on the implementation of the developed guidelines, roadmap, capacity building and expand products lists.

For the private sector, campaigns were launched in the tourism sector and responsible consumerism. The key points and campaign strategy include using data and examples, telling how to create awareness in the perspective of relatable concepts, using local or street language, and engaging content.



-Presented by Ms. Maureen Grace Lebria, Programmes and Projects Director, Philippine Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development, GPN the Philippines

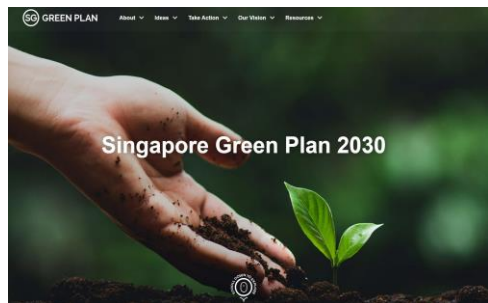


Singapore's Green Procurement Programme

Green Gov. Sg and Updates on Green Labelling

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By including more sustainable requirements into tenders and actively sourcing for and developing more sustainable alternatives, buyers of goods and services can send a strong and clear message that sustainable procurement is the way forward. When more businesses buy sustainably, others within the supply chain would be encouraged to do so.



-Grace Fu, Minister of Sustainability & Environment Singapore Speech at the SG Sustainable Procurement Forum, November 10, 2020



Singapore 2030 Green Plan-Towards A Net Zero Carbon Future Sets Ambitious Targets, the key program of Singapore 2030 green plan includes "City in nature, Sustainable living, Energy reset, Green economy, and Resilient future; Sustainable living, and Green government."

Green GOV. SG movement was launched on July 12, 2021, was key enabler of national sustainability agenda mapped out in the Singapore Green Plan 2030. The 3E strategic pillars of Green Gov. SG movement: Excel in public ambitious targets, Enable a sustainable economy and green citizenry, and Excite public officers to contribute sustainable activities.



96%

People in Singapore say they care about saving the planet and can help with their choices and actions

People in Singapore will buy from companies that are environmentally compliant or take a positive stance on environmental issues.

92%

*Green
label
Hero
Champion*

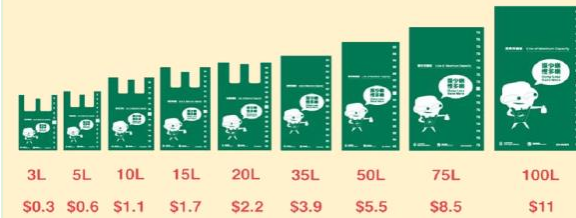
--Presented by Ms. Jen Teo, Executive Director, Singapore Environment Council, GPN Singapore



Promotion of Recycled Materials

Price at \$0.11 per litre

9 sizes, t-shirt and flat-top designs



Recycling in Hong Kong

- Hong Kong municipal solid waste recovery rate has been decreased from about 50% to 30% since 2010.
- HKSAR Government announced "Waste Blueprint for Hong Kong 2035" in February 2021 which setting out the vision of "Waste Reduction · Resources Circulation · Zero Landfill".
- Charging scheme on disposal of municipal solid waste will start in 2023.
- Government has also provided funds to support recycling value added chain covering processing, marketing and sales of recycled products made from recyclables.

A certification scheme launched

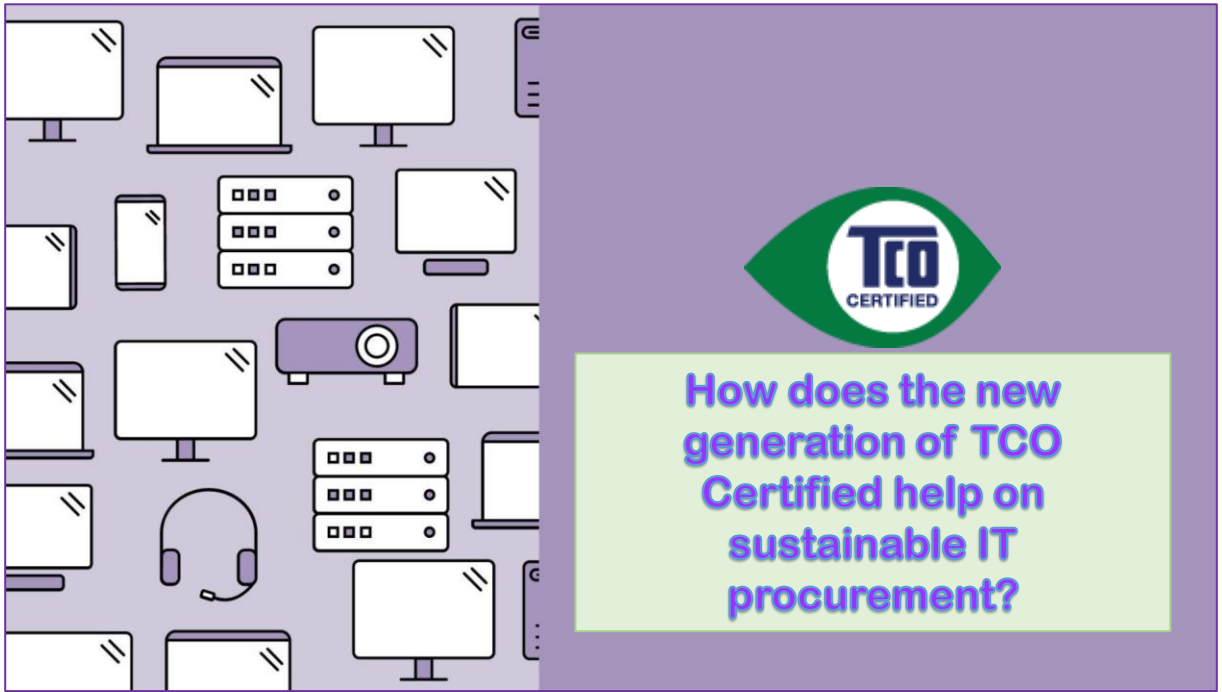
Therefore, Green Council has launched a certification scheme to verify and certify the recycled content of products.

Benefit

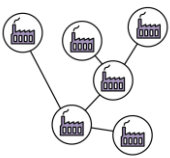
- Provide 3rd party verification of actual recycled content
- Support market development of recycled products
- Increase buyers' trust
- Meet purchasing specifications
- Improve product competitiveness
- Avoid green washing



Type II
Green Label
ISO 14021



Getting to truly sustainable IT products is a journey of continuous improvement in environmental and social responsibility. With TCO Certified generation 9 we take critical next steps along this pathway. Updates and changes are made in several criteria areas.



Socially responsible manufacturing

Bringing transparency further up the supply chain

Require transparency about sub-suppliers, take the next step in combating corruption and include stricter criteria on responsible mineral sourcing.



Hazardous substances

System for safer chemicals expands from product to production

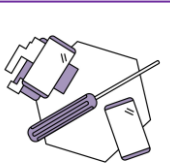
Only allowing safer substances in the production process helps protect the health and safety of workers, and reduces the environmental risk.



Sustainability data that you can trust

Enabling data-driven decision making and sustainability reporting

To increase transparency around certified products, more than 40 new Sustainability Performance Indicators (SPIs) are added. Gathered data is verified by independent experts.



Circular IT management

Extending the life of IT products and reducing e-waste

Circular criteria help purchasers lower greenhouse gas emissions, reduce e-waste and maximize the value of IT investments. Products must be designed for a long life.

--Presented by Mr. Nick LIU, Manager, Sustainable Purchaser Engagement, Asia Region, TCO development, IGPN Advisory board member



**Winner of the
Transformative
Action Award 2021
is revealed**

The citizen-centred cooperative La Titaranya SCCL was crowned the Transformative Action of 2021 this week at a virtual ceremony hosted by the European Committee of the Regions. The organisation impressed the jury with their action, which focuses on the physical and social rehabilitation of a local, degraded neighbourhood in Valls (Spain). Alongside the prestigious trophy and the title of “Transformative Action of the Year 2021,” La Titaranya also received €10,000 to help support further actions.

The cooperative developed a long-term strategy with direct governance from citizens to generate plans for social housing, premises for organisations, public spaces, a climate shelter, heritage recovery and a local, organic food store. The team tasked with executing and multiplying this work specialises in rehabilitation, construction with an environmental perspective, and feminist urban planning.

This 2021 edition marks the fifth anniversary of the Transformative Action Award, which recognises ongoing or concluded Transformative Actions – inspired by the 15 pathways outlined in the Basque Declaration – that accelerate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Climate Agreement.

The award is organised jointly by ICLEI Europe, the Basque Country and the City of Aalborg (Denmark), with support from the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) and the European Investment Bank (EIB). This year saw 24 excellent applications from across Europe, which was then narrowed down to three finalists: La Titaranya SCCL, ICLEI Member Nijmegen (the Netherlands), and the City of A Coruña (Spain).

Nijmegen’s ‘Kleurrijk Groen’ initiative caught the jury's eye for leveraging diversity as a tool to create more sustainable communities, while the City of A Coruña was a finalist for constructing a network of urban gardens, which cultivate communal resilience by offering environmental, social and economic opportunities.

To learn more about this year’s winner and finalists, as well as the Sustainable Cities Platform, visit the website here(<https://sustainablecities.eu/home/>).

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Mainstream of the Annual Work



- IGPN By-law for trial and suggestions collection;
- Support to participate in the <2021 SPP Global Review> Survey;
- Released the report of<GREEN PURCHASING NETWORK-A Landscape of Practice to Achieve SCP>;
- Support GPNs member activity-the Hong Kong Green Awards 2021;
- Launches the Survey on Environmentally friendly products/services and Green Purchasing to Tackle Climate Change;
- Website upgrading and server transforming;
- Endorsed in New Edition of UNEP Sustainable Public Procurement Implementation Guidelines.

Coming through seasons

HAPPY NEW YEAR



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