



# 2019 Newsletter



**IGPN Secretariat**

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## IGPN 2019 Annual Meeting held in Suzhou China



On Oct.23th, IGPN 2019 annual meeting held in Suzhou, China, hosted by IGPN Secretariat China Environmental United Certification Center, Participants from Green purchasing networks, IGPN Council and IGPN Advisory Board which from Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, China, China Hong Kong, and Chinese Taipei attended this meeting.

During the meeting Mr. Chen yanping was elected as the new IGPN Chairman. IGPN will focus exchanges and communication on practices, tools and methods between developed and developing countries in global green procurement, promote the dissemination of green procurement, accelerate the solution of global environmental issues, and promote the realization of sustainable consumption and production goals.



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during the meeting, participants reviewed the 2019 annual work of IGPN secretariat, discussed on future development, the Bylaw and working mechanism of IGPN. Meanwhile, representatives of Green Procurement Networks from different countries and regions shared their progress and achievements in the field of green procurement, as well as with UNEP Sustainable Public Procurement program of their experience in member development and management. At the same time, the IGPN Bernhard and SIRIM signed MOU on cooperation in green purchasing.







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UNEP SPP PROGRAMME

## China, ICLEI, the Netherlands and UN Environment Programme join hands to lead the globe towards sustainable procurement :

The UN-led initiative “One Planet Network” has a new leadership for its Sustainable Procurement Programme. The initiative is mandated by the UN member states and supports the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12 - ensuring Sustainable Consumption and Production. <https://bit.ly/35c1r4g>



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### ONE PLANET LAUNCHES NETWORK-WIDE INITIATIVE ON PLASTICS !



The One Planet network has launched a network-wide initiative to tackle plastic-packaging pollution across the high-impact sectors of food, tourism and building and construction, and through the market-enabling areas of lifestyles and education, public procurement and consumer information.

The initiative on plastics will leverage the different expertise and partnerships within the One Planet network to set the agenda on plastic pollution and create the tools and solutions to address the issue. The output of the One Planet network initiative on plastics will be a guidance document addressing plastic packaging in the different sectors and areas covered by the programmes.

All programmes of the One Planet network are encouraged to join and contribute to an existing action or propose a new one.

## 2019 Annual General Meeting of Global Ecolabelling Network held in Suzhou, China

2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Global Ecolabeling Network (GEN) was held in Suzhou China during October 20th-24th. This AGM was co-hosted by Environmental Development Center of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment and GEN. China Environmental United Certification Center was responsible for implementation with strong support from UNEP China Office, International Green Purchasing Network (IGPN) and Environmental Defense Fund.

2019 AGM focused on ecolabel mutual cooperation among GEN members, ecolabel performances, communication and services certification etc. And a seminar on “Ecolabel and Green Procurement” was held to discuss their synergetic development. 2019 AGM coincided with the 25th anniversary of GEN; all participants reviewed the history of GEN and discussed the influence and role of GEN for the development of ecolabel in the world.

More than 80 participants including GEN members, IGPN members and related experts from nearly 40 countries and regions attended 2019 AGM. All participants also been invited to attend the International Symposium on Green Consumption - 25 Years of China Environmental Labeling Program. Witnessing the remarkable history and fruitful achievements of China Environmental Labelling over the past 25 years, the participants expressed their willingness of further cooperation with China to achieve green development of the world.





## *RE ACTION – DECLARING 100% RENEWABLE*

The Green Purchasing Network (GPN), ICLEI Japan, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), and Japan Climate Leaders' Partnership (JCLP) have jointly announced the launch of “RE Action – Declaring 100% Renewable” on 9 October 2019. This initiative targets and supports local governments, educational and medical institutions, and small to medium-sized enterprises to declare conversion to 100% renewable energy. More than 80 people including media gathered in the launch event, and some participating organizations gave a presentation on their activities and enthusiasm to shift toward renewable energy.

Prof. Masahiko Hirao, Chair of the GPN, introduced purposes of the initiative, which are building a framework of declaring 100% renewable for many ambitious organizations, creating virtuous cycle of the decrease in cost and increase in demand of renewables by encouraging consumers, and building a society that renewable energy will be available at a reasonable price for any organizations to procure. He also emphasized that the RE Action initiative will contribute to the transition to a carbon-free society in Japan. As of November 2019, more than 40 organizations have joined the initiative.



## **GPN RANKS GREEN PROCUREMENT OF JAPANESE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

The Green Purchasing Network (GPN) has conducted Green Procurement Initiative Ranking” targeting all 1,788 municipalities in Japan. This ranking is based on a survey that has been implemented by the Ministry of the Environment. GPN has evaluated the survey result and given points to each municipality. The average was 9.4 points out of 45, and nine municipalities were rated as perfect this year.

## **SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT ACTION PROGRAM**

GPN has developed Sustainable Procurement Action Program, which can be used by companies to self-check not only environmental considerations in their business and their products and services, but also their social aspects and supplier confirmation. Through the program, companies will evaluate their environmental and social initiatives objectively, get the picture what their opportunities and challenges are, confirm their achievement of Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games Sustainable Sourcing Code, and start activities to meet SDGs.



## 2019 PTTEP GREEN PROCUREMENT CRITERIA DEVELOPMENT (GPP-PTTEP 2019) (IN THAI)

The trend of global economic and social development promotes the concept of "green economy". In order to promote SCP management in Thailand, the government encourages government sector leaders in the procurement of environmentally friendly products and services and to expand their impact on the organization.

Local governments, state-owned enterprises, universities, public organizations, government departments, and will be directed to the private sector, including the public. In order to promote changes in production and consumption behavior, environmentally friendly products and services. It is a key driver for sustainable production and consumption in all sectors.

The importance of PTTEP's public policy , there is a promotional activity in the organization of environmentally friendly products and services. The continuous improvement of procurement standards for environmentally friendly products and services is underway.





## **CHINA ENVIRONMENTAL LABELLING GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT SEMINAR**

China Environmental Labelling Government Procurement Briefing Seminar held in Haikou organized by CEC. The meeting gave In-depth interpretation of <Notice on adjusting and optimizing the government procurement execution mechanism of energy-saving products and environmental labeling products> jointly issued by four ministries including the Ministry of Finance (MOF), and the ecological environment < Notice concerning the issuance of a list of items for government procurement of environmental labelling products> jointly issued by Ministry of Finance (MOF) and Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE), <Announcement of the List of Certification Agencies Participating in Implementation of Energy-Saving Products and Environmental Labels Government Procurement Product> issued by State Administration for Market Regulation (SAMR)

### MOU SIGNED IN SUZHOU, 23 OCTOBER 2019

Between Mr Augustine Koh,  
IGPN Berhad and Mr. Basori  
Selamat, SIRIM QAS Sdn Bhd.

Witnessed by:

Prof Hideki Nakahara (IGPN) and  
Mr Farid Yaker (UNEP)

Mr. Chen Yan-Ping, the new  
chair of IGPN (first left)



### TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF GREEN PROCURERS

Pilot training and certification Programme to commence in Malaysia in year 2020

Endorsed by IGPN, the program will be organised by all GPN and appointed certification bodies of the respective countries.

For example in Malaysia:

- GPN such as GPNM to be responsible for the training and consultancy
- Certification Body such as SIRIM to certify successful candidate to ISO standards



### TRAINING PROGRAM ON AIR QUALITY MODELLING

Ekonnnect Knowledge Foundation conducted a 2 days hands on training program on Air Quality Modelling with BREEZE AERMOD on September 24 & 25 in Mumbai. The participants spent nearly 50% of the time in practicing with AERMOD and developing air quality action plan for managing air emissions in a city. The application oriented training was much appreciated by the participants. The next course on AERMOD will take place in December, 2019.





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## SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT TRAINING FOR THE HOSPITALITY SECTOR

August 30, 2019, the Philippine Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development, Inc. (PCEPSDI), under the Transforming Tourism Value Chains (TVC) project, with the support of the Iloilo City Mayor's Office, delivered a Sustainable Procurement Training for the Hospitality Sector in Iloilo City.

This training was developed in accordance with the *Country Report on the Assessment of Sustainable Procurement Practices at the National Level*, written by Mr. John Paolo Rivera, Ph.D, Project Technical Consultant to the TVC project, and Associate Director of the Asian Institute of Management – Dr. Andrew L. Tan Center for Tourism. The Country Report found that in addressing the gaps of sustainable procurement in the country, tourism stakeholders suggested to be provided with more capacity building and training, together with tools and guidance to support the practice of sustainable procurement, among other findings. .



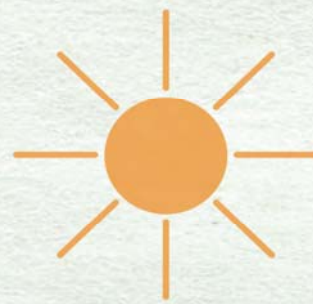


## SUPPLIER AWARD 2019

Organize supplier recognition ceremonial program in 2020 for members to award their outstanding







***Happy New Year of 2020***

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