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## **Japan's comments on GEF C31. Work Program**

### **9. Regional: Barrier Removal to the Cost-effective Development and Implementation of Energy Efficiency Standards and Labeling Project (BRESL) (UNDP)**

- Labeling schemes should be consistent with the existing voluntary labels and International Energy Star Program (U.S.A. and Japan). We would like to have confirmation this project will not lead to an exclusion of such existing Environmental Labeling Systems including labels for energy-efficiency.
- In some countries, Environmental Divisions have fairly well developed labeling programs of their own. Therefore, such knowledge should be shared within the government to take advantage their expertise.

### **12. China: Energy Efficiency Financing (World Bank)**

- Large-scale financing is basically under the scheme of World Bank, but this project has certain merits as preparation for future investments in view of effectively using the limited GEF resources, by supporting capacity building of Chinese banks and enterprises in energy conservation.
- We would like to request the agency to reflect in the project document the lessons learned from the previous several projects regarding energy efficiency in China.

### **16. Regional: Implementation of Sustainable Development Strategy for Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA) (UNDP)**

- PEMSEA, Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Sea of East Asia, which is implemented by UNDP from 2007, is a framework for regional cooperation on sustainable development, enabling the sustainable use and management of coastal and marine resources of the Seas of East Asia.
- The objective of this project is to facilitate implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA), adopted in 2003, which recognizes the current state of the deteriorated marine environment, relevant programs and instruments, as well as implementation approaches, in order to achieve the sustainable development of the Seas of Asia.
- Japan is supporting the SDS-SEA under PEMSEA, and this project as well.

**22. Regional: Demonstration of Sustainable Alternatives to DDT and Strengthening of National Vector Control Capabilities in Middle East and North Africa (UNEP)**

- Each participating country with their various regionality should share as much information as possible. Also, internal cooperation between the concerned Ministries is required to ensure effective management for the project.

**23. China: Environmentally Sustainable Management of Medical Waste in China (UNIDO)**

- There are the guidelines on BAT and provisional guidance on BEP decided in COP3 of Stockholm Convention and the general technical guideline for management of wastes contaminated with POPs decided in COP8 of Basel convention. They should be taken into account.
- Although it is important to consider domestic factors such as medical waste increase due to the measures taken for tackling SARS, we should be careful enough to distinguish incremental costs of implementing measures that fulfill the Convention obligations.
- According to the Article 15 of Stockholm Convention, we request that the plan for monitoring as well as reporting of the emission even after this project is completed should be developed.

**24. China: Strengthening Institutions, Regulations and Enforcement Capacities for Effective and Efficient Implementation of the National Implementation Plan (NIP) in China (UNIDO)**

- We would like to ask the agency to reflect in the project document the lessons learned from the previous several projects, such as “Building the Capacity of the People's Republic of China to Implement the Stockholm Convention on POPs and Develop a National Implementation Plan” (approved 2003, ID:1412, GEF Grant:4,406US\$m) and “PCB Management and Disposal Demonstration” (approved 2004, ID:2360, GEF Grant:18,636US\$m).

**26. Global: GEF Public-Private Partnership Initiative (Lead agency: World Bank/IFC; other agencies: UNEP, FAO, UNIDO)**

- We would like to know on which existing frameworks the tool “Capital for Prizes” is based and how their experiences or findings are utilized in the proposal.