

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
SOUTH ASIA CO-OPERATIVE ENVIRONMENT
PROGRAMME
and
BASEL CONVENTION REGIONAL CENTRE FOR
TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FOR THE
ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION
on
STRENGTHENING COOPERATION

In order to promote south-south cooperation to improve environmental management on chemicals and waste in South Asia, South Asia Co-Operative Environment Programme (hereinafter referred to as "SACEP") and Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the Asia and Pacific Region (hereinafter referred to as "BCRC Beijing") (hereinafter referred to as "Parties") have reached a mutual understanding on the following provisions:

1. To cooperate in activities in the field of the environmentally sound management of waste and chemicals, according to relevant provisions of the <Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal > <Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants> and relevant international environmental initiatives, cooperative efforts will be associated with, but not limited to:



(a) Collaborate on training, conferences, workshops and other activities carried out by BCRC Beijing and SACEP related to chemicals and waste management and treatment;

(b) Jointly develop and apply for bilateral, regional and multinational projects in areas relevant to chemical and waste management and treatment in South Asia;

(c) Invite staff from or nominated by Parties to carry out technical internships organized by Parties subject to the availability of budget or other financial resources; and

(d) Cooperate in other areas as mutually agreed upon whenever such opportunities arise.

2. This MOU constitutes an expression of a shared intention of the Parties to endeavor to develop foundations for achieving their shared objectives relating to the protection of the environment and developing and strengthening systems, institutions, organizations and individuals concerned with environmental protection in South Asia.

3. Each Party's actions under this MOU shall be considered to be that Party's sole and separate action for all purposes, including liability, and neither Party shall claim to be acting on behalf of, or as agent for, the other Party to this MOU.

4. In executing this MOU, neither Party necessarily commits to any financial obligation in relation to activities to be carried out under this MOU.

5. The contact person will be designated and communicated to each other in due course after the signature of this MOU. Any change

relating to the information of the contact person shall be updated in a timely manner.

6. This MOU may be changed or amended by written agreement between the Parties.

7. Either Party shall have the right to terminate this MOU by giving one months' advance notice in writing to the other Party. If this MOU is terminated by either Party, steps shall be taken to ensure that the termination does not affect any prior obligation, project or activity already in progress.

8. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force upon signature of both Parties.

Done on this 9th day of March 2017, in two copies in the Chinese and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.



For BCRC Beijing

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For SACEP

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