

## Agreement of Cooperation between the Japan Society of Material Cycles and Waste Management (Japan) and International Society of Waste Management, Air and Water (India)

We signed a MOU with Indian leading academic society “the International Society of Waste Management, Air and Water (ISWMAW)”, 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023 at the 13th Icon SWM-CE & IPLA Global Forum 2023 in Mumbai, India. President Dr. OSAKO gave VIDEO message and Prof. ASARI and others attended onsite. Our academic society was established in 1990 and is the largest “waste management”-related academic society in Japan. We have been conducting various research activities with an eye toward a society where resources are recycled, with a focus on promoting appropriate waste management and recycling, which are the demands of the times. As these research results bore fruit, waste-related legal systems were rapidly expanded, and the realization of a recycling-oriented society became a major issue for our country and became the theme of the academic society.

From the beginning, we have placed great emphasis on international cooperation, and have had regular exchanges with several countries. In addition, since 1997, we have been publishing an English journal “Journal of Material Cycles and Waste Management” ([Journal of Material Cycles and Waste Management | Home \(springer.com\)](https://www.springer.com)), and the number of submissions has increased every year, the impact factor has also increased, and this is growing into one of the leading academic journals in this field.

In 2014, we started the international academic conference 3RINCs with the aim of creating an international network in the Asia-Pacific region (<https://www.3rincs.org/>). It goes without saying that holding the 4th 3RINCs in India in 2017 served as a major opportunity for closer ties between the two countries.

India not only has the world's largest population but also dominates the world in various fields. Although we are facing many challenges in the field of waste and resource recycling, research and systems to solve them are being developed at a rapid pace. Our English journal has the largest number of submissions from India, symbolizing your active activities.

We believe that the benefits of these two countries working together in academic advancement and future human resource development will be immeasurable. We sincerely hope that we can deepen dialogue and work together to solve problems in a sustainable manner.

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We hosted the “disaster waste management” session 11.30 - 1.10 pm (Indian time) on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov at the 13th Icon SWM-CE & IPLA Global Forum 2023 in India. Good practices were introduced not only from Japan but also from Thailand, Philippines, Pacific and other countries, and participants from India also listened with interest.

-Chair Prof. Misuzu ASARI (RIHN, Japan)

-Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sirintornthep Towprayoon: Preparation of disaster waste management in Thailand

-Dr. Glenn Fernandez: Disaster Waste Management from the View of Business Continuity Management

-Prof. Shinya Suzuki: Disaster Waste Management in Japan - focusing of flood disaster-

-Dr. Ryo Tajima: Characteristics of the institutional framework for disaster waste governance in Japan

-Mr. Shintaro Higashi: Exploring Guidelines for Disaster Waste Management in Asia