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Korea's Resource Circulation Policy Introduced to the World... Hosting the 'Rethinking Plastic Life' Event

- Held at BEXCO in Busan from November 25 to 29 in conjunction with the 5th Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-5) for the International Treaty on Plastic Pollution

The Ministry of Environment (Minister Kim Wansup) will hold the event 'Rethinking Plastic Life' from November 25 to 29 at BEXCO (located in Haeundae, Busan) to promote Korea's resource circulation policy to the world.

This event is organized to share Korea's advanced plastic circular economy policies and technologies with participating countries, coinciding with the 5th Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-5) for the International Treaty on Plastic Pollution, which will be held in Busan from November 25 to December 1. It is jointly hosted by the Ministry of Environment, Busan Metropolitan City, and the organizing committee*.

* Korea Environment Corporation, Korea Environmental Industry and Technology Institute, Korea Packaging Recycling Cooperative, Korea Resource Circulation Service Agency, Container Deposit System Management Organization

The event will feature a five-day program starting with the opening ceremony on November 25, including 1) circular economy academic discussions (forums and seminars), 2) consultations on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and financial support for developing countries, and 3) promotional exhibitions. On the first day of the event, there will also be an inauguration ceremony for the 'Sustainable Plastic Circular Economy Initiative,' in which participating companies and the government will work together to

promote the spread of the plastic circular economy across society.

The circular economy academic discussions (forums and seminars) will be hosted by approximately 50 domestic and international organizations*, including public institutions, local governments, international organizations, and civil society groups. Various topics will be presented and discussed, including 1) local cooperation for the transition to a plastic circular economy, 2) the role of youth, and 3) marine conservation.

*(International organizations) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD), World Wildlife Fund (WWF), World Economic Forum (WEF), etc.

(Local governments) Busan, Jeju (Citizen environmental organizations) Climate Change Center, Korea Zero Waste Movement Network, etc.

In addition, the event will share Korea's advanced policies on resource circulation, such as the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) system, with developing countries, and guide them on customized cooperation programs. It will also introduce financial support for underdeveloped countries in collaboration with organizations such as the World Bank, and seek ways for developing countries with insufficient waste management capabilities to actively contribute to the development of the international treaty on plastic pollution.

Furthermore, the K-Plastic Resource Circulation Exhibition Hall will introduce recycling technologies integrated throughout the entire process from plastic raw material production to consumption, collection, and recycling, as well as a pilot project for collecting colorless PET bottles. The exhibition will also offer hands-on experiences with deposit systems related to disposable cups and fishing gear, and showcase resource circulation policy promotions and related activity photos from 27 domestic and international organizations and groups.

Minister of Environment Kim Wansup stated, "We hope this event serves as

a platform to introduce Korea's plastic policies and technologies and contributes to strengthening the management capacities of the international community so that the goal of the treaty to end plastic pollution can be achieved.”

Attachment: Overview of the ‘Rethinking Plastic Life’ Event. End.

Overview of the ‘Rethinking Plastic Life’ Event

□ Circular Economy Forum and Seminar

- **(Date)** Nov. 25 (Mon) - Nov. 29 (Fri) (Total of 49 sessions to be held)
- **(Venue)** BEXCO, 3rd Floor, Exhibition Center 2, Rooms 321-324 (One room for 100 people and two rooms for 50 people)
- **(Main Contents)** Presentations and discussions on topics related to resource circulation and circular economy policies and technologies
- **(Participation)** A total of 49 organizations, including UN agencies, OECD, ICLEI, and the World Economic Forum (WEF)

Category	Korea					Other			
	Total	Government Policy (including local governments)	International Organizations	NGOs and Non-profits	Other (companies and academia)	Total	International Organizations	NGOs and Non-profits	Other (companies and academia)
Organizations	17	7	3	6	1	32	13	18	1

- **Key Forums and Seminars**

Catego ry	Nov. 25 (Mon)	Nov. 26 (Tue)	Nov. 27 (Wed)	Nov. 28 (Thu)	Nov. 29 (Fri)
Morning		Busan Fostering Resource Circulation Clusters and the Future of Busan	UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) Innovative Pathways for Ending Plastic Pollution	Korea Maritime Institute East Asia's Response to Marine Plastic Pollution KORA (Korea Resource Circulation Service Agency) Recycling and Greenhouse Gas Reduction	WWF (World Wildlife Fund) Biodiversity and Enhancing Corporate Participation BFFP/Greenpeace Reuse and Recycling Solutions
Afterno on	Ministry of Environment Plastic Circular Economy Initiative Climate Change Center International Plastic Treaty Engaging Youth	ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability) The Role of Local Governments in Ending Plastic Pollution	IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) Biodiversity Options for the Plastic International Treaty	OSEAN (Our Sea of East Asia Network) Coastal Stabilization and Citizen Science	Basel Action Network International Waste Trade and Circular Economy
	OECD-WB Korea Environment Corporation Strengthening Local Collaboration WEF (World Economic Forum) Promoting Circularity through Innovative Policies	Jeju The Role of Local Governments in Reducing Plastic Usage UNOSD (United Nations Office for Sustainable Development) Bridging Gaps and Promoting Change	Ministry of Environment Management Policies for the Use of Recycled Materials and International Cooperation Korea Zero Waste Movement Network Current Status and Challenges of Reuse in Asia	COSMO (Container Deposit System Management Organization) Management Policies for the Use of Recycled Materials and International Collaboration	Korea Environmental Industry & Technology Institute Specialized Graduate School for Plastic Reduction Daejayeon Plastic Policies and Practices with Youth Participation

☐ K-Plastic Promotion and Exhibition

○ **(Date/Time)** Nov. 25 (Mon) 13:00 - Nov. 29 (Fri) 17:00

○ **(Venue)** BEXCO Exhibition Center 2, 3rd Floor, Hall 5A

- **(Main Content)** Promotion and Exhibition of Domestic Plastic Lifecycle Policies and New Technologies and Services for the Circular Economy
- **(Participation)** Total of 27 organizations ※ Additional allocations made to some sponsoring organizations

Category	Korea				Other			
	Total	Government Policy	Civic Organizations	Other (Companies, academia)	Total	International Organizations	Civic Organizations	Other (Companies, academia)
Organizations	16	5	5	6	11	1	9	1

- **(Exhibition Hall Composition)** 3 independent booths (6 organizations) and 33 Basic Booths (27 organizations)

Category		Contents	Participating Organizations
Inde pend ent Bo oth	K-Plastic Resource Circulation Zone	- Exhibition booths reflecting the concept of 'Beauty of Korea' - Exhibition of K-Plastic Life Cycle and New Resource Circulation Technologies	Korea Resource Circulation Service Agency, Korea Packaging Recycling Cooperative
	Marine Plastic Pollution Prevention Zone	- Exhibition and Promotion on Marine Plastic Pollution Prevention - Introduction of Policies Related to Deposit Systems for Disposable Cups and Fishing Gear	Korea Marine Environment Management Corporation, Korea Fisheries Resources Agency, Container Deposit System Management Organization
	Academia & Industry Consortium Zone	- Exhibition of One-Stop Treatment Vessel for Marine Floating Plastic - Promotion of Waste Plastic Pyrolysis Treatment and Reuse Technologies	Poseidon Consortium (Pusan National University, marine specialized technology companies, etc.)
Ba sic Bo oth	Government Policy Zone	Promotion of Institutions and Relevant Policies	6 organizations, including corporations and technology institutes
	International Organizations & Civic Organization Zone	Promotion of Organizations and Exhibition of Related Activity Photos and Artwork	International Organizations, Academia, NGOs
	General Enterprises Zone	- Promotion of Domestic and International Related Companies and Technologies - Exhibition of Upcycling Products, including Toy Recycling	6 companies including Control Union 4 upcycling companies

□ EPR and Financial Consultations for Developing Countries

- **(Schedule)** Nov. 26 (Tue) - Nov. 28 (Thu) ※ 2 to 3 briefings planned depending on participation demand
- **(Venue)** BEXCO, 3rd Floor, Exhibition Center 2, Hall 5A [Briefing Room, EPR and Financial Consultation Zone]
- **(Participation)** Korea Environment Corporation, World Bank, Korea Packaging Recycling Cooperative, etc.

- **(Main Contents)** Introduction of Korea's EPR system operational experience, consultations on customized collaboration programs, and introduction of financial support programs for underdeveloped countries in collaboration with the World Bank, etc.