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Waist Management in Chiangrai?



Chiang Rai Municipality, one of the four selected pilot municipalities in Thailand for DELGOSEA, and its stakeholders, are now making one step further towards guidelines on joint waste management.

The municipality participated in a best practice transfer concept development workshop facilitated by Thailand Environment Institute and DELGOSEA coaches on March 30-31, 2011. The workshop aimed to solicit the municipality's representatives input on the development transfer concept of KARTAMANTUL (Yogyakarta-Sleman-Bantul in Indonesia) best practice replication on interregional cooperation. For Chiang Rai's context, the cooperation would be focused on urban environmental management, transcending the jurisdictional boundary of three local administrative organizations. The workshop's participants agreed to name the project as "*Cooperation of Local Administrative Organizations on Joint Waste Management of Chiang Rai City*".

During the two-day workshop, the representatives of Chiang Rai Municipality and its main stakeholders reached a consensus which identified waste management as a common problem requiring joint action. As a consequence, a working group was established, consisting of the representatives of relevant stakeholders in public and private sector, academic sector, community sector and civil society sector to collaborate on this project.

The key expected output of this working group is to provide developed guidelines of joint waste management generated within both the Chiang Rai municipality itself and its adjoining Tambon (semi-district) Administrative Organizations.

The workshop also discussed a tentative schedule of the project, including preliminary performance indicators, risk and opportunity factors, to ensure key output can be achieved within DELGOSEA project timeframe.

It is noteworthy that Chiang Rai's best practice replication also marks one important milestone as the municipality will celebrate its 750th anniversary of its establishment in 2012.