



**STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
ACTIVITY NOTIFICATION**

Date of Issue	17 July 2026
Project/Activity Code	26-SPP-TW-F1-04
Title	Workshop on Global Trends in Marine Debris Policies and SMEs
Timing	15 September–18 September 2026
SPP Member(s)	Republic of China
Venue City(ies)	Taichung
Modality	Face-to-face
Implementing Organization(s)	China Productivity Center
Participating Country(ies)	Bangladesh, Cambodia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam
Overseas Participants	19
Local Participants	6
Closing Date	7 August 2026
Remarks	Not Applicable

Focus Area	F1: Green Productivity (GP) for Sustainable Transformation. GP mainstreamed across industrial and agricultural sectors, integrating sustainability, innovation, and capacity development to achieve measurable gains in productivity and environmental performance.
Primary Key Results	Pillar 4: Existing information platforms, such as the Agricultural Knowledge Market Place (AKM) and the <i>myMKC</i> Management Knowledge Center (MKC) platform have been strengthened to promote the sharing of industry knowledge and information and to facilitate cross-border or cross-sector collaboration.
Indicator	Number of APO member economies participated in the program, with a minimum attendance rate of 80% per participant. Baseline: 0 Target: 10 participants from APO members, each with 80% minimum attendance.
Description	Marine debris has become an increasingly critical environmental challenge across the Asia-Pacific region, threatening marine ecosystems, coastal communities, fisheries, tourism, and sustainable economic development. As APO member economies face growing pressure to reduce plastic pollution, improve resource efficiency, and advance circular economy initiatives, effective marine debris management has become a key policy and development priority. This workshop aims to enhance participants' understanding of global trends, policy frameworks, and practical approaches to marine debris management, with a particular focus on prevention, reduction, resource recovery, and circular economy strategies. Through expert presentations, country case studies, interactive discussions, and site visits, participants will examine innovative technologies, policy instruments, public-private partnerships, and the role of SMEs in addressing marine debris challenges. The program will also provide a platform for knowledge exchange among participants from APO member economies, enabling them to share experiences, lessons learned, and best practices while fostering regional collaboration toward more sustainable, resilient marine debris management.
Topics	Global status, sources, and environmental impact of marine debris; Policy approaches to marine litter prevention; Multistakeholder collaboration and public-private partnerships in marine debris governance; Governmental support mechanisms for advancing the circular economy in SMEs; Impact of marine debris on industries and SMEs; and Marine debris monitoring, the circular economy, and innovation pathways.
Qualifications	Government officials, policymakers, representatives of SMEs and business associations, consultants, practitioners, researchers, and academics involved in marine debris management, environmental protection, the circular economy, resource recovery, sustainability initiatives, and related policy development.