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Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed Memon

Regional Coordinator Resource Efficiency in Asia Pacific United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Dr. Memon is working with UN Environment (United Nations Environment Programme) as a

Regional Coordinator for Resource Efficiency in Asia Pacific Office located in Bangkok. He is supporting resource efficiency, sustainable consumption and production, green economy, green financing, sustainable public procurement, sustainable tourism, sustainable industries and various areas for Asia and the Pacific. He is also implementing EU funded SWITCH-Asia Phase 2 component by UN Environment to support Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially SDG 12 on sustainable consumption and production in the region. He got his Masters in Project Management and National Development from University of Bradford in UK, and Doctorate in Environmental and Resource Economics and Management at Hiroshima University in Japan.



Ms. Beatriz Maroto Izquierdo

Mongolia Country Director of the NGO Geres and Switch EU Project Coordinator

Ms. Beatriz Maroto Izquierdo is Country Director in Mongolia of the NGO Geres. Her professional

experience began around technical innovation on development aid, but soon took shape in project and program management to provide access to energy and water to the most vulnerable population. She aswell alternated her main profession, being Professor in the Renewable Energy Master at Carlos III Madrid University and in the Off-grid renewable energy systems course of the Institute of Sustainable Energy. Industrial Engineering Master in Energy Technologies Specialization. With over 10 years of experience in Integral Management of Development Aid Projects in International and Multicultural environments: Latin-American, Africa, Asia and Europe. She is devoted to the implementation of sustainable development programs as a way of resilience of indigenous population.



Mr. Heikki Karhu

Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Finland in Thailand

Mr. Heikki Karhu has been working as First Secretary and Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Finland in Bangkok since August 2018. The Embassy covers all matters concerning Finland's political and

economic interests in Thailand and Cambodia. The circular economy and sustainable technologies are strategic priority themes for Finland in South-East Asia. In his role, Mr. Karhu has actively promoted new partnership between Finnish and local institutions and companies in the circular economy, cleantech and waste-to-value. Mr. Karhu joined the diplomatic service in 2014. He holds a Master of Laws from the University of Helsinki and a Master of Science in Economics from the Aalto University.



Prof. Kyoko Kusakabe

Professor, Department Head Department of Development and Sustainability

Prof. Kyoko Kusakabe is a professor of Gender and Development Studies at Department of Development and Sustainability, School of Environment, Resources and Development, Asian Institute of

Technology in Thailand. She has over 20 years of experience in research and teaching gender and development in Asia especially focusing on the Mekong Subregion. Aside from her academic work, she has experience in working with NGOs and government organizations for gender mainstreaming and integration of gender issues. She was a gender expert on regional urban environmental management project supported by the Canadian government and also currently leads a research project on gender mainstreaming guidelines for regional marine plastic management of the World Bank. She has published/edited 5 books, over 50 journal papers, over 20 chapters in books, over 20 monographs, and managed over 40 projects as PI/ co-PI. She is a co-author of Thailand's Hidden Workforce: Burmese Migrant Women Factory Workers (Zed Books, 2012, co-authored with Ruth Pearson) and co-edited Fisherfolk in Cambodia, India and Sri Lanka: Migration, gender and well-being, (Routledge, 2020).



Associate Prof. Dr. Ali Gul Qureshi

Associate Professor, Department of Urban Management, Graduate School of Engineering Kyoto University

Dr. Ali Gul Qureshi is an associate professor in Department of Urban Management at Kyoto University,

Japan. His basic education is in civil engineering (from MUET, Pakistan) with specializations in transportation engineering (from AIT, Thailand), logistics and operations research (from Kyoto University, Japan). His interests lie in city logistics policies, sustainable urban and regional planning, eco-towns, sustainable growth, environmentally efficient freight and passenger transportation, and post disaster logistics issues. His other research interests are related with exact and heuristics optimization of different variants of vehicle routing and facility location problems, and their integration in different frameworks such as multi-agent systems, and their application in evaluation of city logistics measures. He regularly contributes high quality research papers in leading international and regional (Asia-Pacific) journals and in peer reviewed conferences related with his areas of research.



Ms. Josephine Tan (Jo)

General Manager, Penang Green Council, Malaysia

Ms. Josephine Tan Mei Ling is the General Manager for Penang Green Council. She reported to office as PGC's new General Manager in April 2019. She has been appointed as the

Co-Lead for the Circular Economy Club – Penang Chapter in March 2020. For the past 6 years, she has been serving as the Special Officer in charge of Environmental portfolio under Penang State Government. Her vast experience also comes from her active involvement in environmental related issues, policies making, educational awareness and international networking platforms such as United Nations Environment Program, Climate & Clean Air Coalition, Global Environment Centre, Japan International Cooperation Agency and UN Habitat.

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