

Toxic and Chemical Substances Bureau
Environmental Protection Administration, Executive Yuan
Important Implementation Results for April 2019

1. The Toxic and Chemical Substances Bureau, joined by the Ministry of Education, organized an award presentation ceremony for the “2018 Green Chemistry Creativity Competition for Senior High Schools”, held on April 9. One gold medal team, 2 silver medal teams, 3 bronze medal teams and several “outstanding performance” teams were awarded. The event was established to promote the understanding of green chemistry, toxic substances, waste reduction, and the meaning of 12 key principles, among senior high school teachers and students.
2. The amendment of current rules for control of mercury content in toxic chemical substances was announced on April 8 in response to the control of mercury-containing substances and the phase-out schedule specified in the UN’s “Minamata Convention on Mercury.” The bans, controls and limits on use of mercury-containing substances in Taiwan are tightened up as a part of Taiwan’s determined effort to control mercury.
3. The “Award presentation for the 1st Green Chemistry Application and Innovation Award and the 2019 National Conference on the Study of Environmental Incidents” was held on April 16 at the Chang Yung-Fa Foundation. Fifteen groups and 10 people were recognized for their outstanding work. This event served to encourage the industrial sector to move toward innovation and R&D of alternatives that: are low in pollution and toxicity; reduce the use of toxic chemicals; meet hazard prevention and management standards; improve emergency response capability; and promote green chemistry education.