

# **Chemicals Administration, Ministry of Environment**

## **Major Policy Implementations in November 2025**

1. Visited facilities and institutions in Minamata, Japan from October 28 to November 11 and met with a team from the local municipal government and the Minamata Environmental Academia to exchange views on the prevention and control of mercury hazards. Served as a continuation of the 2025 collaborative “Taiwan Global Pathfinders Initiative,” the visit aimed at discussing bilateral cooperation for 2026 and exchanging contact information.
2. Attended the conference of the parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP-6), the review committee meeting and related meetings held in Switzerland from October 31 to November 9. A total of 22 resolutions were adopted at COP-6. Major resolutions included the phased elimination of dental amalgam by 2034, the establishment of unified customs regulations, and strengthened collaboration to combat illegal trade

3. On November 4, the Ministry pre-announced amendments to the “Categories and Management of Handling for Toxic Chemical Substances,” adding Methoxychlor, Dechlorane Plus and 2-(2H-benzotriazol-2-yl)-4,6-di-tert-pentylphenol (UV-328) as newly controlled toxic chemical substances. The Ministry also strengthened regulations governing the management of mercury and perchloroethylene to enhance the nation’s overall management of toxic chemical substances.
4. On November 19, the Ministry attended the final review of the “2025 Presidential Hackathon.” The Ministry nominated two projects – “Citizen Explorer: Asbestos Roofing Waste Reporting and Digital Footprint Tracking” and “AI Diagnosis: A Green Substitution Assessment Tool for SMEs” – for the final round of evaluation. Among them, “AI Diagnosis: A Green Substitution Assessment Tool for SMEs” received the Team Excellence Award.
5. On November 20, delegations from the Sendai City Government and Tohoku University in Japan visited the Ministry. They shared

information on rapid screening technology for PFAS co-developed by Tohoku University and the startup Nano Frontier using nanotechnology, as well as related policy developments. Participants from the Ministry included representatives from the National Environmental Research Academy and the Department of Water Quality Protection.

6. On November 20, the Ministry of Environment received the Ministry of Labor’s 2025 Excellence Award in the “Occupational Safety and Health Performance Evaluation for Government Agencies,” and Deputy Director of Chemicals Administration Lu Po-chou accepted the award on behalf of the Ministry. The evaluation committee commended the Ministry for its outstanding achievements in system development, the application of smart technologies, and the care for high-risk groups, demonstrating its maturity in occupational safety and health governance.
7. On November 20, the Ministry held the “2025 Multilateral Communication Forum on Rodent Control and Environmental Agent Management,” inviting NGOs, the Ministry of Agriculture

and experts recommended by relevant agencies to discuss the management of rodent control and environmental agents, with the aim of preventing their application in agricultural settings.