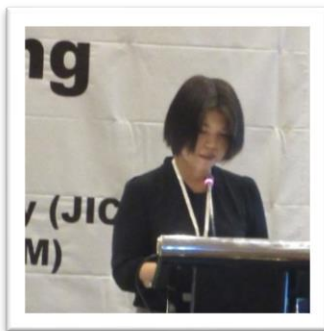


Seminar on the regulations of food packaging

The captioned seminar was held on 24th June 2019 to share knowledge and experience between Indonesia and Japan in terms of the regulations concerning the safety of food packaging, and to formulate future action plans for enhancing the safety of food packaging, including recycled plastic food contacts in Indonesia. The opening remarks were delivered respectively by Mr Ikuo Tsukamoto, JICA Expert for Food Safety and Ms Deksa Presiana, Sub-Director of Food Safety Standardization of the National Agency for Drug and Food Control (NADFC).



First, Ms Mitsue Oota, Deputy Director of Food Standard Examination Division, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) informed the recent revision of the Japanese Food Sanitation Law which intended to introduce a positive list system of food packaging for allowing solely the use of evaluated resins and polymers listed through a coherent risk assessment as safe substances of food packaging.

Ms Deksa presented the regulations of food packaging in Indonesia authorized by three governmental institutions. The NADFC primarily focuses on safety control of food contact materials and its substances, as well as setting migration limits, while the control of raw material, additives, and polymer in manufacturer, and of food packaging distributed in the market are regulated by other ministries. She informed that, in response to urgency of plastic waste problems in Indonesia, the NADFC has been currently drafting a guideline for manufacturers to produce safe food packaging from recycled plastic materials, specifically recycled Polyethylene terephthalate (PET), with expectations of safety of food packaging to protect human health itself.





Manabu Tsumori, Planning and Policy Director of the Japan Hygienic Olefin and Styrene Plastics Association (JHOSPA) gave a lecture on its voluntary management systems applied to food packaging industry dedicated to ensuring compliance of food contact materials with national regulations. He also explained the information sharing system operated by the Association and emphasized that the application of standard materials in

raw material supplier, food packaging manufacture and food business were very crucial. It was further remarked that the development of the concrete voluntary standards for manufacturers were necessary to maintain and secure their businesses

In conjunction with the seminar, factory visit was organized at PT DNP Indonesia Karawang factory and YAKULT Sukabumi factory on 26th - 27th June 2019, to observe their hygiene management systems in manufacturing food packaging. The participants had fruitful discussion regarding the importance of voluntary managements and operations in business community.



These activities were expected to contribute to the NADFC's ongoing work of drafting their upcoming guideline. Based on the action plan formulated in this seminar, JICA would provide necessary technical assistance including a training programme on safety control of the food contact material in coming months.

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