

# Questions for Panel Discussion (Webinar II)

- 1) The cities and municipalities might experience reduction in their waste management services due to the new normal behaviors and the fear of COVID-19 infection has posed many challenges for the future sustainability of waste management services of cities. How can cities and municipalities build-back-better the entire waste management system aftermath of COVID-19? What should be the defining features of municipal waste management system and services keeping in mind emergence of such pandemics in future as well as the mitigation of such virus spreading?
- 2) How can cities and countries institute or devise better 3R and circular economy policies, programs and institutions to strengthen resilience of cities to fight or withstand against such health emergencies, including pandemics like COVID-19? What critical lessons does COVID-19 pandemic offer us in this regard?
- 3) How can countries and cities effectively integrate public health considerations into 3R and circular economy policy, planning, including infrastructure development, to minimize the health impact of such pandemics in future?
- 4) Technological advancements in 3R and circular economy areas may mitigate the fears of infection in waste management service and industry. How could we foster such technological advancements at local and national level through regional (international) cooperation?
- 5) How can countries and cities make the socio-economic system redesign sustainable and resilient through transition to circular economy post-COVID-19 based on the 3 transitions concept introduced by Japan?