

The World Bank (WB), together with the United States-based international NGO, the Tarley Foundation, is providing a US\$ 50 million grant for the manufacture of innovative plastic recycling products and processes by companies operating in the eight South Asian (SA) countries including Sri Lanka, South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP) Environmental Scientist W.K. Rathnadeera told Ceylon Today.

The Colombo headquartered SACEP, together with the US based INGO, Parley for the Oceans, is coordinating this event.

He said the WB will provide a \$ 37 million monetary grant, while Tarley will be providing a \$ 13 million technical assistance grant in this connection. Bids in Sri Lanka in this regard will open next year with complementary bidding calls made in the remaining seven SA countries as well, he said. The allocation for each successful bid project will be between \$ one million to \$1.5 million, with Ratnadeera expecting a maximum of three successful bids to be received from Sri Lanka. The project implementation period is five years, he said.

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