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I. Developments Related to Environmental Issues in 2022

There was a great deal of developments in 2022, both inside Japan and overseas, related to environmental issues with the backdrop of the effects of the coronavirus pandemic. Below are some of the developments in global warming.

■ Global warming related developments

With regard to the framework for 2020 and beyond that relates to global warming countermeasures, an ad hoc working group was established at COP17, which was held in Durban, South Africa in November and December, 2011, and consensus was reached regarding the formulation by 2015 of a new framework which would apply to all countries.

Japan decided on by the Global Warming Prevention Headquarters Japan's Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (greenhouse gas reduction targets, etc. for 2020 and beyond) in July 2015, and submitted it to the UNFCCC secretariat. Under this INDC, Japan's emissions reduction target was defined as a 26.0% reduction in FY2030 compared to FY2013 (25.4% reduction compared to FY2005) (approximately 1,042 million tons of CO₂).

COP21 was held from November 30 to December 13, 2015, in Paris, France. At the conference, the "Paris Agreement", a new legal framework for global warming countermeasures from 2020 onwards was adopted and went into effect on November 4, 2016.

On May 13, 2016, the Japanese cabinet approved the Global Warming Countermeasure Plan, aimed at comprehensively and systematically promoting global warming countermeasures.

This plan indicates measures to be taken by each entity as well as by the government for the interim goal of reducing 26% by FY2030 compared to FY2013 level and provides a roadmap for achieving the long-term goal of reducing 80% by the year 2050.

It includes comprehensive transport sector measures such as automobile and road traffic flow measures, the promotion of public transport usage, and logistics efficiency improvements.

Furthermore, in Japan, the Cabinet issued a decision titled "Japan's Long-term Strategy under the Paris Agreement" on June 11, 2019, a long-term strategy for the development with low greenhouse gas emissions based on the Paris Agreement, and submitted it to the convention secretariat.

COP25 was held in Madrid, Spain, in December 2019, and although deliberation continued regarding the implementation approach to use for market mechanisms, it was unanimously agreed to encourage signatory countries to take ambitious climate change measures. It set in motion a framework under which all countries will regularly update their greenhouse gas reduction targets and work toward achieving them.

As "carbon neutrality by 2050" has become a global trend, Japan declared that it would aim to become carbon neutral by 2050 in October 2020, set a new greenhouse gas reduction target for FY2030 of 46% below FY2013 level (about 760 million tons of CO₂), and continue to strive to reach the 50%-reduction target.

In October 2021, Japan revised the "Plan for Global Warming Prevention," the "Basic Energy Plan," and the "Long-term Growth Strategy under the Paris Agreement," and submitted new targets for reducing Japan's greenhouse gas emissions under the Paris Agreement.

At COP26, which took place in Glasgow, UK, from the end of October through November, the "Glasgow Climate Pact" was accepted, specifying that efforts to limit the increase in global average temperature to 1.5°C should be pursued.

At COP27 held in November 2022 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, it was decided to take measures to support loss and damage and to establish a loss and damage fund (tentative name) as part of such measures, in addition to the adoption of the "Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan," which calls for increased efforts in various areas of climate change measures, and the "Mitigation Work Plan" to achieve mitigation ambition and improve its implementation up to 2030.

I. Current Status of Major Environmental Problems of the Transport Sector

1 Current status of global environmental problems

Our globe is facing severe environmental problems, such as global warming and the destruction of the ozone layer. For the next generation to receive a planet in which they can live in security, our generation must rapidly implement countermeasures to these problems.

(1) Current status of global warming

The mechanism behind and impact of global warming

In order to produce energy, we burn fossil fuels such as petroleum, coal, and natural gas, generating gasses such as carbon dioxide (CO₂) and releasing them into the atmosphere.

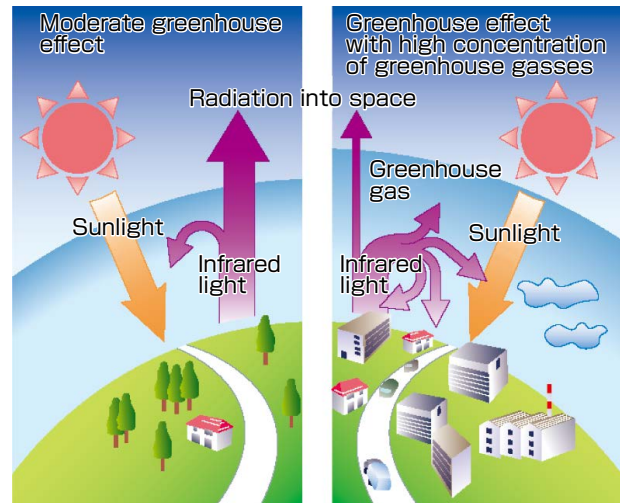
Atmospheric gasses such as carbon dioxide absorb a great deal of the light from the sun, as well as infrared radiation released from the earth's surface. This results in a warming of the atmosphere. They act like the glass in a greenhouse, raising the earth's temperature. These gasses, which have kept temperatures in the range suited for life on earth, are called greenhouse gasses.

However, factors such as the rise of industry have increased the amount of daily activity, producing a rapid rise in the amount of greenhouse gasses emitted into the atmosphere. This has intensified the greenhouse effect, producing a commensurate increase in climate temperature. This is called global warming. With regard to the causal link between human activities and global warming, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) stated that "there is no doubt that human activities have induced atmospheric, ocean and land warming" in the Working Group I Report (Natural Scientific Evidence) of the Sixth Assessment Report released in August 2021. The report also indicated that the global average temperature for 2011-2020 was 1.09 [0.95 - 1.20] °C higher than that in the pre-industrial era (1850 - 1900), and the land temperature (1.59 [1.34 - 1.83] °C) was higher than that of the sea surface temperature (0.88 [0.68 - 1.01] °C).

As global consumption of fossil fuels continues to increase, atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases will further increase, leading to global warming. The IPCC report states that the global average temperature change by the end of the 21st century compared to the pre-industrial era (1850-1900) will likely to be within the range of 1.0 - 5.7°C , and the average sea level by the end of the 21st century, which is calculated based on the data obtained during 1995 - 2014, will likely to be within the range of 0.28 - 1.01 m. Global warming is expected to increase the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, and it is noted that, compared to pre-industrial conditions, the extreme weather events that have occurred once every 10 years would be 9.4 times more in frequency and 5.1°C more in intensity for extreme terrestrial temperatures, 2.7 times more in frequency and 30.2% more in intensity for heavy terrestrial precipitation events, and 4.1 times more in frequency with intensity greater by 1.0 standard deviation for agricultural and ecological droughts in arid regions in a world with temperatures increased by 4°C on average.

In the Paris Agreement, which was achieved at the 21st Conference of Parties (COP21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in 2015, it was stipulated that the increase in global average temperature should be well maintained within 2°C compared to level during the pre-industrial era, and that efforts to limit the increase to 1.5°C should be continued. In November 2021, the Glasgow Climate Pact was accepted at COP26 held in Glasgow, UK. In this pact, they agreed that efforts should be made to limit the increase in global average temperature to 1.5°C (Paris Agreement) and for that global carbon neutrality should be achieved by the middle of this century. This will accelerate the movement toward carbon neutrality in the entire world.

Mechanism of the greenhouse effect



● Forecast of increase in average global surface temperature

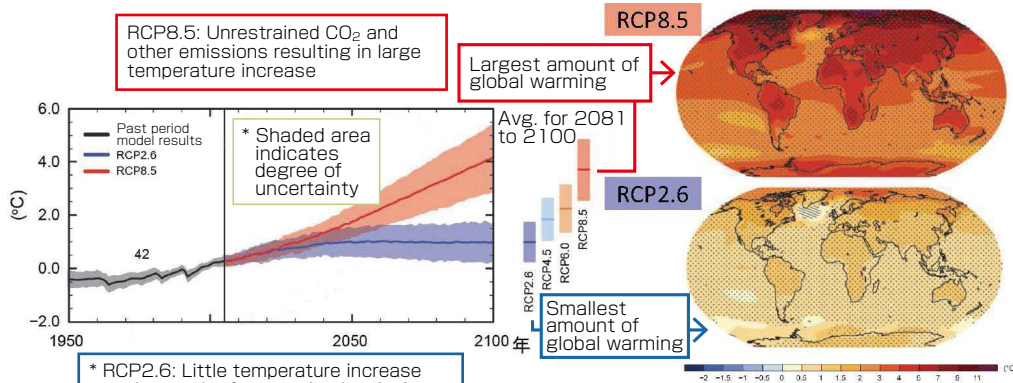


Fig. Change in average global ground temperature between 1986 and 2005 CMIP5 simulated timeline based on multiple models (1950 to 2100) Source: Figure: IPCC AR5 WG I SPM Fig. SPM.7(a)

Fig. Change in average annual ground temperature (Difference versus 1986 to 2005 average) 2081 to 2100 RCP2.6 and RCP8.5 scenario CMIP 5 multiple model average distribution diagram

The north pole area will warm faster than the global average, and the average increase in temperature will be greater for land areas than sea areas. (IPCC AR5 WG I SPM Fig. SPM. P.20, lines 21 to 22)

Source: Ministry of Environment (MOE) "Overview of IPCC 5th assessment" (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

■ Impact of individual greenhouse gasses on global warming

In addition to carbon dioxide, greenhouse gasses which cause global warming include methane, dinitrogen monoxide, and chlorofluorocarbon. According to the IPCC, the greenhouse effects per unit of volume of methane, dinitrogen monoxide, and chlorofluorocarbon, etc., are far stronger than those of carbon dioxide, but the amount of carbon dioxide being emitted is tremendous, so carbon dioxide emissions worldwide since the industrial revolution account for roughly 60% of all greenhouse gas contributions to global warming.

For Japan, in FY2019 carbon dioxide accounted for 91% of all greenhouse gas contributions to global warming, an extremely high figure.

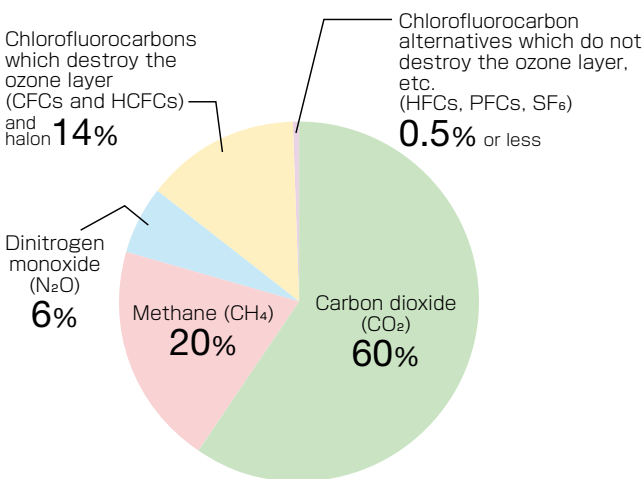
● Greenhouse gas and global warming potential (100 year period)(*1)

	Carbon dioxide	Methane	Dinitrogen monoxide	HFC(*2)	PFC(*3)	SF6
Global warming potential (100 year cumulative period)	1	25	298	1,430	9,300	22,800

*1: Global warming potential Warming effect of greenhouse gasses over a 100 year period (using carbon dioxide as a baseline with a value of 1)
 *2: HFC Calculated for HFC-134a, a typical HFC used as a coolant
 *3: PFC Calculated for PFC-5-1-14, a typical PFC used in rectifiers

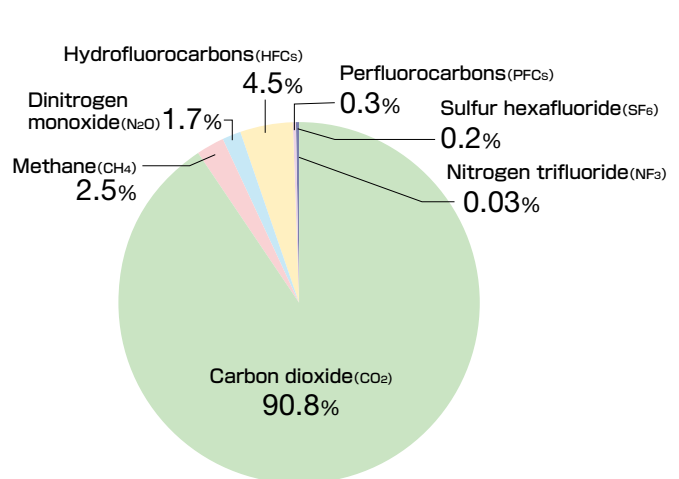
Source: IPCC (2007)

● Contributions to global warming by greenhouse gasses emitted due to human activity since the industrial revolution



Source: IPCC 4th assessment report 1st working group materials (2007)

● Contributions to global warming by greenhouse gasses emitted by Japan(for FY2020)



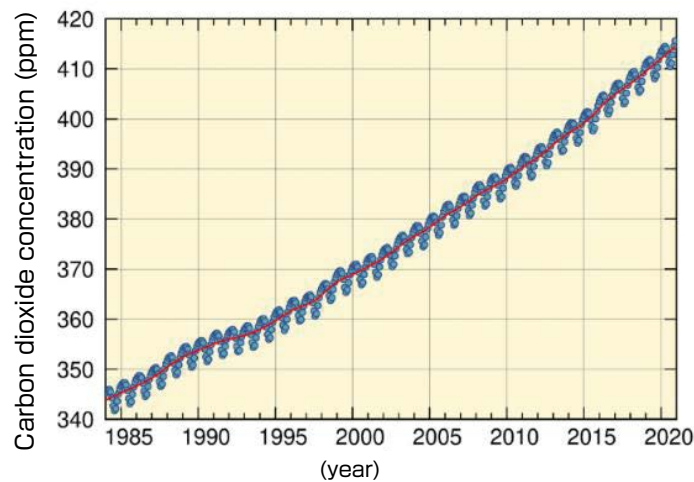
Source: GIO "Greenhouse Gas Inventory"

Trends in concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere

The concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere varies cyclically every year due to factors such as plant photosynthesis. The amount of change also depends on the location, due to differences in local vegetation, etc.

The concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere remained roughly stable at 280ppm (ppm: parts per million) before the industrial revolution in the latter 18th century, but the rapid increase in manufacturing and production activities following the industrial revolution has been accompanied by an increase in the carbon dioxide concentration. According to the World Data Centre for Greenhouse Gases (WDCGG), the carbon dioxide concentration in 2020 was 413.2ppm, significantly higher than the concentration before the industrial revolution.

The average concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere

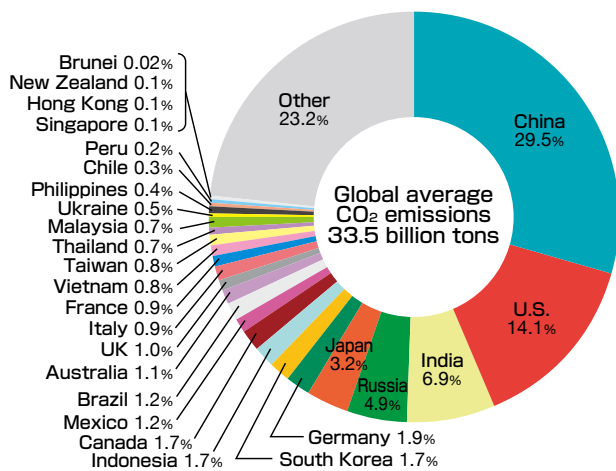


Source: Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) "Climate Change Monitoring Report 2021" (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

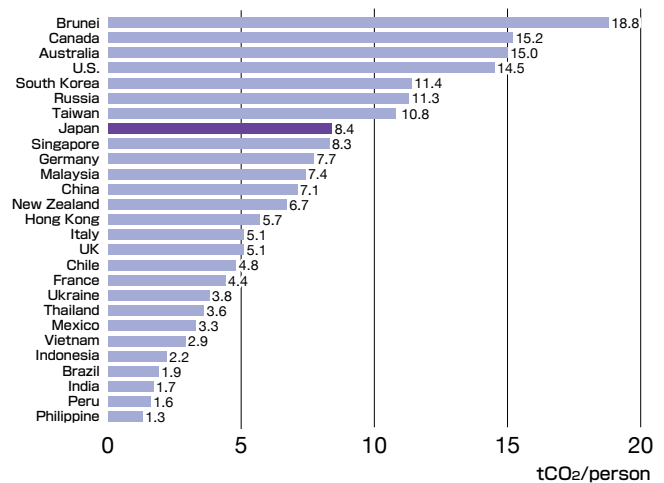
Carbon dioxide emission volume by country

Carbon dioxide emission volume by country is as follows: China 28.4%, U.S. 14.7%, India 6.9%, Russia 4.7%, followed by Japan at 3.2%. In terms of per capita emissions by country, Japan is number 8.

Share of carbon dioxide emission volume by country (2019)



Per capita carbon dioxide emission volume by country (2019)



Source: EDMC "Handbook of Energy & Economic Statistics in Japan 2022"

(2) The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol, and Paris Agreement

■ UNFCCC

UNFCCC was formulated with the objective of stabilizing greenhouse gas concentrations at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system. It was adopted in May 1992, and after being signed by the heads of states at the June 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (held in Rio de Janeiro), it went into effect in March 1994. As of January 2022, the European Union (EU) and 197 countries, including Japan, are signatories.

■ The Kyoto Protocol

In December 1997 COP3 was held in Kyoto, and the Kyoto Protocol for achieving the convention's objectives was adopted. The Kyoto Protocol specifies the percentage by which average annual greenhouse gas emissions by developed countries are to be reduced compared to a reference year (in principle 1990) during the period from 2008 to 2012 (the first commitment period). Japan was to have reduced emissions by 6%, the U.S. by 7%, and the EU by 8%. No binding targets were set for developing countries. The November 2004 ratification by Russia satisfied the Kyoto Protocol's requirements for coming into force, and the treaty became effective on February 16, 2005. The U.S. did not ratify the Kyoto Protocol. The first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, which went into effect in 2008, ended in 2012. While official adoption will first require screening by the UN, Japan met its greenhouse gas emissions reduction target.

■ Paris Agreement

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In November-December 2015, the COP21 took place in Paris, France. The Paris Agreement, a new legal framework to fight against global warming after 2020, was accepted at this conference and effectuated on November 4, 2016.

COP24 was held in Katowice, Poland in December 2018, and consensus was reached regarding the "Paris Agreement" implementation rules, with some exceptions, on which negotiations had continued for three years.

On June 11, 2019, the Cabinet issued a decision titled "Japan's Long-term Strategy under the Paris Agreement" and submitted it to the convention secretariat.

COP25 was held in Madrid, Spain in December 2019 and consensus was reached regarding the promotion of ambitious climate change countermeasures to signatory countries.

The results of the November 2022 COP27 are shown below.

Outcome of COP27, CMP17 and CMA4

November 22, 2022
Delegation of Japan

1. Outline

The 27th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27), the 17th session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP17), and the 4th session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA4), as well as the 57th session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, were held in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt from November 6th to November 20th.

From Japan, Minister of the Environment NISHIMURA Akihiro participated in ministerial meetings which were held in the second week of the conferences. In addition, officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of the Environment, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, the Financial Services Agency, the Forestry Agency, and the Japan Meteorological Agency participated in the conferences.

At COP27, the cover decision "Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan", which calls for Parties to strengthen their actions in each area of climate change countermeasures, and the "Mitigation Work Programme", which aims to scale up mitigation ambition and implementation, were adopted. In addition, funding arrangements for responding to loss and damage with the establishment of a loss and damage fund, and the establishment of the transitional committee on the operationalization of the new funding arrangement were also decided.

2. Summary of the Negotiations

(1) COP/CMA Decision "Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan"

The Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan was decided, which includes the following topics such as Science and urgency; Enhancing ambition and implementation; Energy; Mitigation; Adaptation; Loss and damage; Early warning and systematic observation; Implementation-pathways to just transition; Finance; Technology transfer and deployment; Capacity-building; Transparency; Taking stock; Article 6 of the Paris Agreement; Ocean; Forest; and Enhancing implementation action by non-Party stakeholders. This plan recalls the COP26 cover decision "Glasgow Climate Pact", and calls upon Parties to strengthen their actions in the areas of mitigation, adaptation, loss and damage, climate finance and others.

In terms of mitigation, the Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan recognizes the importance of the implementing actions aligned with the 1.5°C goal, and requests all Parties that have not yet done so to revisit and strengthen the 2030 targets in their NDCs to align with the Paris Agreement temperature goal by the end of 2023. In addition, the plan calls upon Parties to accelerate their efforts including the phasedown of unabated coal power and phase-out of inefficient fossil fuel subsidies. Moreover, the Minister of the Environment, NISHIMURA participated in the High-Level Ministerial Roundtable on Pre-2030 Ambition, which was decided to be established in the Glasgow Climate Pact.

In terms of climate finance, the plan establishes the Sharm el-Sheikh Dialogue on Article 2.1 (c) of the Paris Agreement, which stipulates to make the global finance flows consistent with the objectives of the Agreement, and decides to make a report on developed country Parties' efforts in doubling of their adaptation finance that was decided in the Glasgow Climate Pact.

Other paragraphs of the plan mention to the need to address climate change and biodiversity loss in a comprehensive and synergetic manner, the role of cities, and just transition.

In the negotiations, Japan stressed that all Parties should continue to take ambitious climate actions, built on the Glasgow Climate Pact. In particular, mitigation actions aiming for achieving the 1.5°C goal should not be stalled under the current international circumstances, and, to this end, Japan suggested the plan include the need for all Parties to submit strengthened NDCs and Long-term Strategies aligned with the 1.5°C goal.

(2) Mitigation

The Mitigation Work Programme to urgently scale up mitigation ambition and implementation was adopted. The work programme includes such elements as: the importance of achieving the 1.5°C goal; setting the term to 2026 (continuation after 2026 may be decided later on) and considering the progress every year by taking up the programme as an agenda item at annual CMA session; setting thematic areas to all sectors and cross-cutting issues (including the utilization of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement); setting up a work cycle including at least two dialogues per year and a report on annual progress; facilitating participation of non-Party stakeholders; inputting the outcome to the High-Level Ministerial Roundtable on Pre-2030 Ambition. Japan pointed out the importance of targeting all emission sectors and cross-cutting issues, both of which were included in the work programme.

(3) Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and Clean Development

Mechanism (CDM) under the Kyoto Protocol

The reporting format of internationally transferred mitigation outcomes and guidance to registries, review guidance for Article 6 technical expert, the rules for Article 6 paragraph 4 Mechanism, and processes for the transition of CDM activities and certified emission reductions to the Paris Agreement were decided.

Regarding non-market approaches, development and operationalization of a UNFCCC web-based platform and schedule for implementing the work programme activities were decided based on the discussion under the Glasgow committee established at COP26.

Regarding the processes and functioning of the CDM in the future, the secretariat will prepare a technical paper for consideration on this issue in 2023.

(4) Adaptation

Annual progress of the "Glasgow Sharm el-Sheikh Work Programme on Global Goal on Adaptation", which was adopted at COP26, was taken stock, and next year's work stream was decided (next year is second and the last year of the programme). It was also decided that a discussion on setting up a framework including areas of priority and cross-cutting issues will take place.

(5) Loss and Damage

The structure, responsibilities and role of the secretariat and advisory board of the "Santiago Network" were decided for the full operationalization of the network", which catalyzes technical assistances for loss and damage.

(6) Climate Finance

Various agenda items were discussed, including long-term climate finance, post-2025 new collective quantified goal on climate finance, Standing Committee on Finance (SCF), matters related to the Financial Mechanisms, and matters related to the

funding arrangements for responding to loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change. In particular on the newly adopted agenda item regarding the funding arrangements for responding to loss and damage which was proposed by developing countries, ministerial consultations were held to fill the gaps of views expressed by both developed and developing country Parties. As a result of the ministerial consultations, it was decided to establish new funding arrangements for assisting developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change; a fund for responding to loss and damage in the context of establishing the new funding arrangements; and a transitional committee to make recommendations for operationalization of the funding arrangements including the above mentioned fund, and to submit the recommendations to the COP28.

Regarding long-term climate finance, as many developing countries strongly requested for a progress report on the collective goal of mobilizing USD 100 billion per year by developed countries, it was decided to make the biennial progress report of the USD 100 billion mobilization goal. In addition, at the request of developing countries, it was also decided to prepare a report on the doubling of adaptation finance by 2025, which was committed by developed countries in the Glasgow Climate Pact last year.

Also, some developed countries including the EU and its Member States proposed a new agenda item to have a space of the discussion on matters related to Article 2.1(c) of the Paris Agreement, while it was not adopted due to the opposition from developing countries. Instead, as mentioned above, it was decided in the CMA cover decision to launch the Sharm el-Sheikh Dialogue to enhance understanding of Article 2.1(c).

(7) Global Stocktake (GST)

The second technical dialogue was taken place. Japan made presentations on mitigation actions covering all-greenhouse gases and all-economic sectors, and the efforts toward decarbonization at the local level, and the importance of locally led adaptation actions in the dialogue.

It was decided to hold an intersessional consultation in April 2023 on preparation for the consideration of output components of the first global stocktake and convene an intersessional workshop in October 2023 to develop elements for it at COP28.

(8) Other agenda items

The discussions on the following broad agenda items were taken place: second periodic review; technology development and transfer; capacity building; agriculture; research and systematic observation; response measures; gender and climate change; Action of Climate Empowerment. Regarding technology development and transfer, the joint work programme of Technology Executive Committee (TEC) and the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) to facilitate the collaboration between the two entities was welcomed. Regarding agriculture, the establishment of the four-year Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security was also adopted as a succession of the Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture.

The election of members of the Constituted Bodies under the UNFCCC was also conducted and two Japanese members were respectively elected and re-elected. Regarding COP28, it was agreed that the United Arab Emirates will host the session from November 30th to December 12nd, 2023.

Two members of the Japanese delegation were assigned as the co-facilitators of two negotiation agenda items under COP, CMP and CMA and took the lead in their respective negotiations.

3. Ministerial Meetings

The Minister of the Environment, NISHIMURA held 21 bilateral meetings with Australia, Canada, China, Egypt, the European Commission, France, Germany, India, Italy, Lithuania, Marshal Islands, Mongolia, Netherland, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, UK, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, the UNFCCC secretariat and the UN Habitat. In each of the meetings, the Minister exchanged views on the proposal for the consensus on negotiation agendas such as the cover decision, Mitigation Work Programme, and the effective implementation of climate actions.

The Egyptian Presidency held the "Sharm el-Sheikh Climate Implementation Summit" on November 7th and 8th. Leaders from each country and organization including H. E. Mr. Abdel-Fattah El-SISI, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, and H. E. Mr. António Manuel de Oliveira Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations participated in the summit and pointed out the urgency of climate change and the need for strengthening the implementation of climate actions. In the summit, the leaders of G7 including UK, France and the European Union delivered statements, and the summit-level roundtables focusing on six thematic areas were also conducted.

Ms. KOIKE Yuriko, the governor of Tokyo, participated in the high-level roundtable as per the invitation by the Egyptian government.

4. Promotion of Japan's actions and side-events

(1) Japan pavilion

Japan set up a "Japan Pavilion" at the COP27 venue. Throughout the conference period, Japan exhibited 13 technologies and initiatives of Japanese companies related to mitigation, adaptation, effective CO₂ utilization, and Fukushima environmental restoration. In addition, 21 technologies from Japanese companies were exhibited online as part of the Japan Platform for Redesign: Sustainable Infrastructure (JPRSI) Online Pavilion.

A total of 43 seminars were also held on Japan's domestic climate change measures and decarbonization transition initiatives with overseas partner countries, introducing the current status of Japan's efforts and discussing future activities and directions with global stakeholders and experts.

Specifically, the seminars covered a wide variety of topics as follows: development and implementation of long-term strategies and adaptation plans, measurement and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions, satellite observation, sustainable finance, market mechanisms including Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM), co-benefits-based climate change measures, energy transition, decarbonization and resilience in various sectors (water, transportation, agriculture, forestry, etc.), urban climate action, circular economy, hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) and methane emission reductions, Nature-based Solutions (NbS), waste management and geothermal development in Africa, scenario analysis toward net zero in Japan, government and corporate initiatives for the Green Transformation (GX), etc.

(2) Initiatives led by Japan

On November 14, Japan led government-level discussions on "avoided emissions," which is a new concept for evaluating an entity's contribution to mitigation, by involving key stakeholders from business sector (WBCSD, etc.), finance sector (GFANZ, etc.) and governments (UAE and the United States). Based on strong cooperation with WBCSD, an outline of the guidance being developed by WBCSD was presented for the first time in the world, and action to establish the concept will be further taken.

On November 15th, the Government of Japan announced the "Assistance Package by the Government of Japan for averting, minimizing and addressing Loss and Damage" to provide comprehensive support for loss and damage, from disaster preparedness to disaster relief and disaster risk insurance, in cooperation with the international community. This package includes the launch of a new and additional initiative to promote the development of early warning systems through public-

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private partnerships in the Asia-Pacific region.

Japan reaffirmed its presence in the industrial sector, notably through the recognition of the importance of GX and transition finance in the Summit Statement of LeadIT, an initiative to address the transition to industrial decarbonization.

On November 16th, the “Paris Agreement Article 6 Implementation Partnership” was launched in collaboration with other countries and international organizations to support capacity building for countries by promoting understanding of the Paris Agreement Article 6 rules and providing training, in order to expand global market mechanisms in line with Article 6, to build a high-integrity carbon markets, and to contribute to further global greenhouse gas emission reductions. As of November 18th, 2022, 24 organizations and 43 countries have announced their participation. On the same day, a Memorandum of Understanding on collaboration in the Partnership was signed between Minister of the Environment NISHIMURA and H.E. Simon STIELL, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC.

The new “SUBARU” Initiative, which aims to create climate-resilient cities in developing countries, was also jointly announced with the UN-Habitat Fukuoka Headquarters.

On the same day, a Memorandum of Cooperation on the establishment of the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) was signed between Minister of the Environment NISHIMURA and H.E. Simo KILEPA, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change of Papua New Guinea.

(3) Participation in international initiatives

The Government of Japan participated in the following international initiatives on climate change at COP27:

- November 7th: “UN Global Early Warning Initiative for the Implementation of Climate Adaptation”, led by World Meteorological Organization (WMO);
- November 7th: “Forests and Climate Leaders’ Partnership (FCLP)”, led by the United Kingdom;
- November 8th: “Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC)”, led by the United Arab Emirates and Indonesia;
- November 11th: “Joint Declaration from Energy Importers and Exporters on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Fossil Fuels”, led by the United States and the European Union; (In this connection, on November 17th, the United States and the European Union held “Global Methane Pledge (GMP) Ministerial”, attended by Ambassador AKAHORI Takeshi, Director General for Global Issues of Ministry of Foreign Affairs.)
- November 11th: “Industrial Deep Decarbonization Initiative (IDDI)”, an initiative related to decarbonization of industries led by UNIDO;
- November 12th: “Food and Agriculture for Sustainable Transformation Initiative (FAST)”, an initiative led by Egypt Presidency on sustainable transformation of food and agriculture; (H.E. Mr. KATSUMATA Takaaki, State Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries attended the ministerial meeting via video message.)
- November 15th: “Global Offshore Wind Energy Alliance (GOWA)”, a public-private platform led by Denmark regarding the offshore wind power generation; (Japan has announced its participation in September this year.)
- November 17th: “Net-Zero Government Initiative”, led by the United States and “CDR Launchpad”, led by the United States aimed at decarbonization through technologies such as direct air capture and mineralization;
- November 17th: “Sustainable Urban Resilience for Next Generation (SURGe)”, led by Egypt Presidency and UN Habitat.

(4) Promotion of Japan’s action in other UNFCCC mandated events and official side events

The mandated event ‘Earth Information Day 2022’ was held on 9 November; the event provided an opportunity to exchange information on the state of the global climate system and developments in systematic observation. During the event, Japan presented three posters regarding the latest research and Earth observation outcomes: Antarctic ice-shelf basal melting as a possible tipping element, Integrated Ocean observation research by JAMSTEC, and Global megacity stories: GHG emissions and CO₂ uptake by surrounding forests and farmlands utilizing satellite technology.

The Government of Japan presented on:

- How the Greenhouse Gases Observing Satellite (GOSAT) series will further elucidate the phenomenon of global climate change and promote countermeasures in “New Generation of Greenhouse Gas Remote Sensing Satellites for Contribution to the Paris Agreement” held on November 12th;
- The importance of disaster risk reduction in Japan in “Implementing Adaptation through the Adaptation Action Coalition (AAC)’s Sectoral Workstreams”;
- The importance of life cycle management of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) alternatives and methane emission reductions in the waste sector, at the International Partnership for Climate and Clean Air (CCAC) Ministerial Meeting for the Reduction of Short-Lived Climate Pollutants on November 15th;
- Directions for effective implementation of capacity building support under Article 6 in “Sharing best practices and lessons learned from capacity building for implementation of Article 6”;
- Japan’s efforts to achieve net-zero for which various stakeholders are working on the circular transition in the event on the Marrakech Partnership held on November 17th;
- The draft guidelines for greenhouse gas measurement and reporting, which were developed in cooperation with ASEAN member countries and Japan, in the seminar on transparency, co-hosted by the Government of Singapore;
- Japan’s regional decarbonization efforts in the high-level event on Global Climate Action hosted by UNFCCC Climate Champion.

Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan website

(3) Current status of global warming issues in Japan

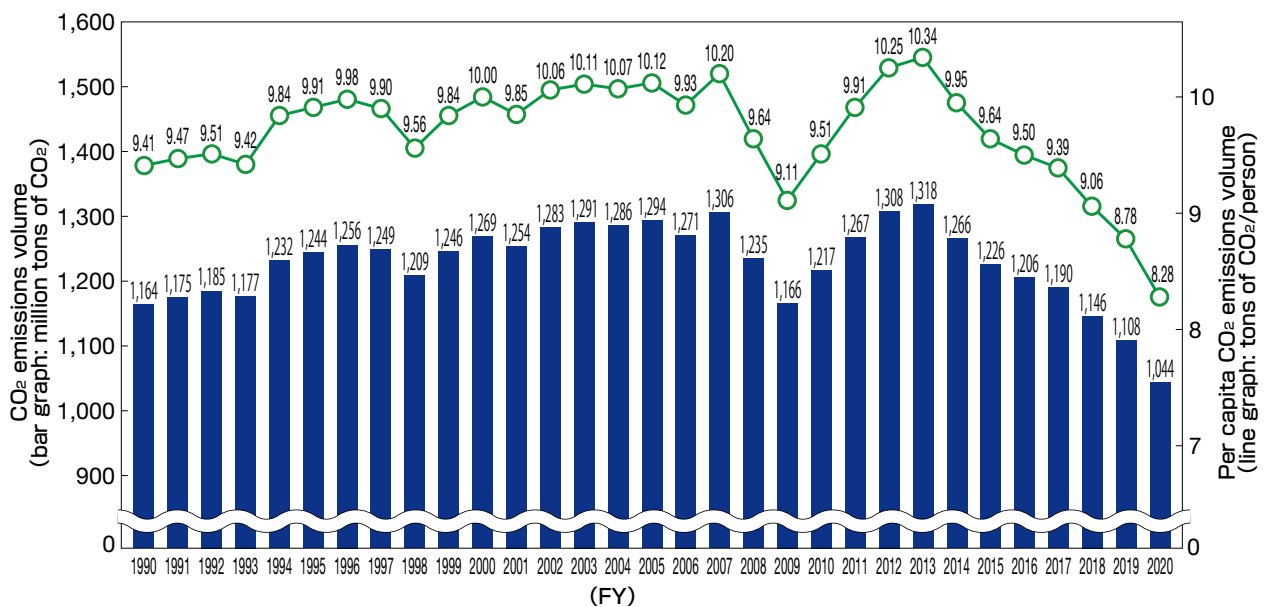
① Current status of carbon dioxide emissions in Japan

Japan is the world's 5th largest producer of carbon dioxide emissions, so it plays an extremely important role in solving the problem of global warming.

■ Trends in carbon dioxide emissions in Japan

In FY2020 Japan emitted approximately 1,044 million tons of carbon dioxide, roughly 20.8% less than it did in FY2013. The per capita emissions volume in FY2020 was approximately 8.28 tons.

● Trends in carbon dioxide emissions in Japan

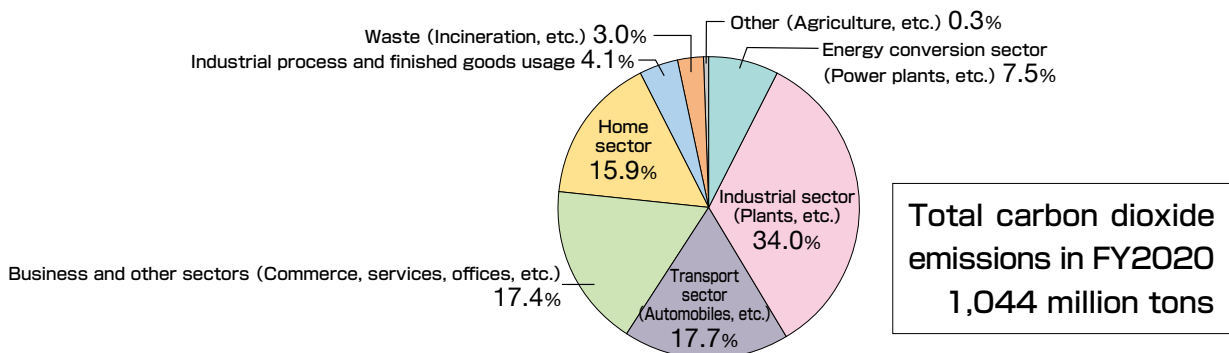


Source: GIO "Greenhouse Gas Inventory"

■ Ratio of carbon dioxide emissions in Japan by sector

The industrial sector accounts for 34.0% of Japan's carbon dioxide emissions, the transport sector for 17.7%, business and other sectors account for 17.4%, and the home sector accounts for 15.9%.

● Amount of carbon dioxide emissions in Japan (by sector) FY2020



Source: GIO "Greenhouse Gas Inventory"

② Energy consumption in Japan

The rapid increase in fossil fuel consumption since the industrial revolution is considered to be one of the main causes of global warming. Global warming is inextricably linked to energy consumption.

■ Final energy consumption in Japan

Japan's energy consumption grew faster than its GDP during the period of rapid economic growth which lasted into the 1970s. However, the two times oil crises in the 1970s led to increased efforts to reduce energy consumption by the manufacturing sector, and the development of energy saving products. These efforts made it possible to restrain energy consumption while still achieving economic growth. Throughout the 1990s crude oil prices remained at a low level but energy consumption of the home sector and the business sector increase. The price of crude oil began rising again in the 2000s, and energy consumption has been falling since peaking in FY2005. In FY2011 the focus on energy conservation following the Great East Japan Earthquake brought about another decline in final energy consumption. In FY2020, real GDP decreased by 4.6% and final energy consumption decreased by 6.7% compared to FY2019 due to the impact of the restrained human flow and depressed production activities caused by the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

Looking at energy consumption trends from FY1973 to 2019, energy consumption for the company and business site sector grew 0.9-fold (0.8-fold for the industrial sector and 1.9-fold for the business and other sectors), 1.9-fold for the home sector, and 1.5-fold for the transport sector. Since the first oil crisis, the company and business site sector, although experiencing economic growth, have seen the same level in energy consumption thanks to the implementation of energy saving measures mainly in the manufacturing industry. On the other hand, the home sector and the transport sector have seen a great increase in energy consumption because of the spread of energy equipment and automobiles. As a result, while the company and business site sector, the home sector, and the transport sector accounted, respectively, for 74.7%, 8.9%, and 16.4% of total energy consumption in FY1973, in FY2020 these ratios had changed to 61.9%, 15.8%, and 22.3% respectively.

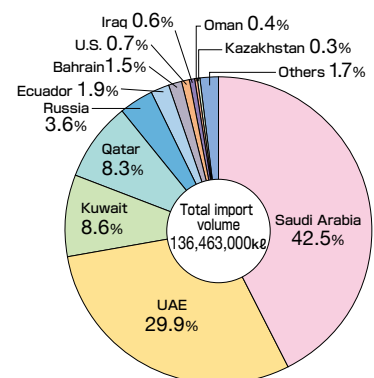
■ Dependence on petroleum for energy consumed in Japan

The amount of oil supply in Japan as a primary energy source decreased due to the promotion of oil substitution policy and energy conservation policy triggered by the oil crisis, but turned to increase in the late 1980s after the application round of easier energy conservation measures and with a decline in oil prices. Since the mid-1990s, the supply has been on a downward trend again due to progress in the use of energy alternative to petroleum and improved fuel efficiency of automobiles. The supply in FY2020 is 6,543 PJ on a calorific value basis.

The crude oil self-sufficiency rate in Japan has remained below 0.5% since around 1970 until FY2020. The supply structure that relies on foreign countries for the majority of its energy resources is clearly stated as a structural issue in Japan's energy supply and demand in the Sixth Basic Energy Plan approved by the Cabinet in October 2021. Japan imports the crude oil from the Middle East region including Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait, Iraq, and Oman, and their combined share in total was 92.0% in FY2020.

(Source: METI "Energy White Paper 2022" (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation))

● Crude oil imports by supplying country (FY2020)



Source: created based on METI "Yearbook of Mineral Resources and Petroleum Products Statistics" (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

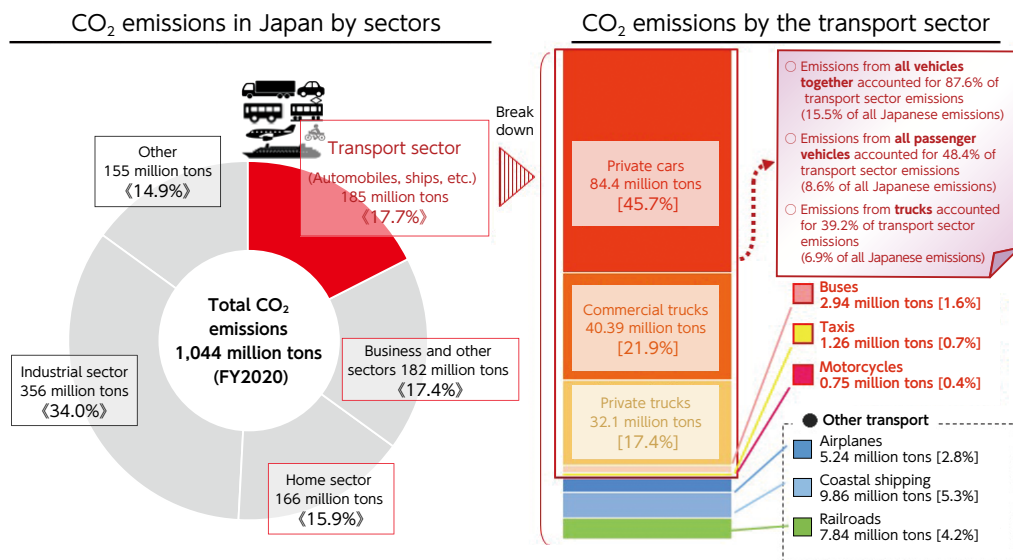
(4) Current status of global warming issues in the transport sector

① Current status of carbon dioxide emissions by the transport sector

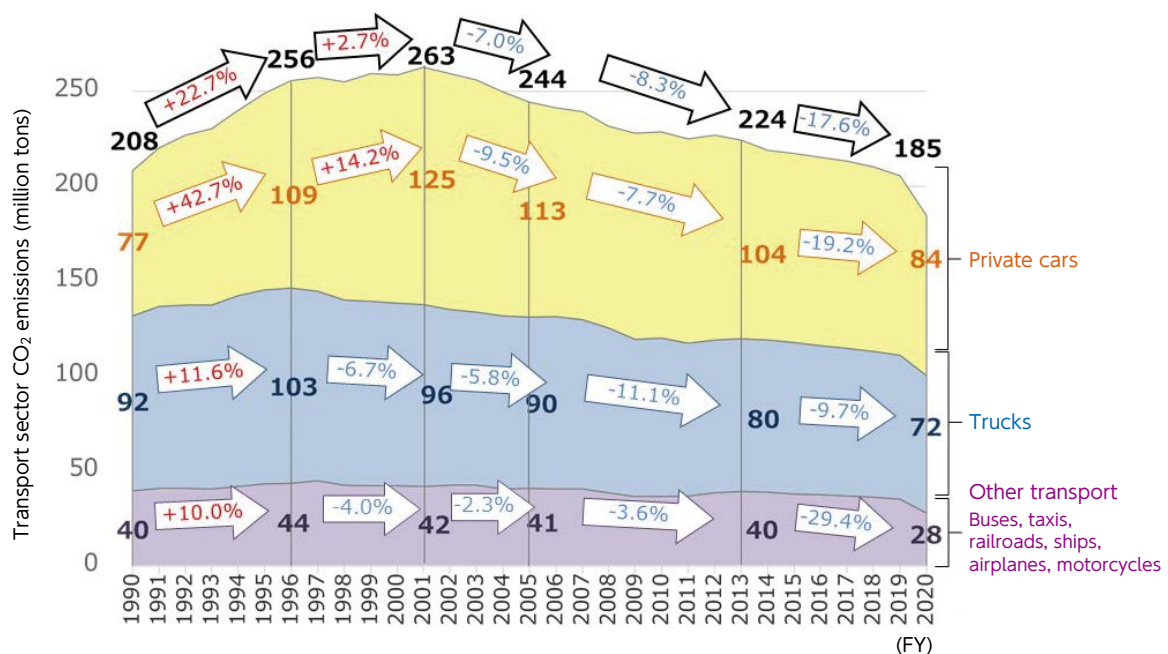
■ Trends in carbon dioxide emissions by the transport sector

Japan's total carbon dioxide emissions in FY2020 (1,044 million tons), emissions from the transport sector accounted for 17.7% (185 million tons). Emissions from all vehicles together accounted for 87.6% of the transport sector emissions (15.5% of Japan's total emissions), emissions from all passenger vehicles accounted for 48.4% of the transport sector emissions (8.6% of Japan's total emissions), and emissions from trucks accounted for 39.2% of the transport sector emissions (8.6% of Japan's total emissions).

● Trends in carbon dioxide emissions by the transport sector



※ Due to rounding, total values may not match.
 ※ Emissions from power generation by power providers and emissions from heat generation by heat providers are allocated to their respective final demand sectors in proportion to energy consumption amounts.
 ※ Created by the MLIT Policy Bureau Environmental Policy Division based on the Greenhouse Gas Inventory Office of Japan's "Greenhouse Gas Emissions Data of Japan (FY1990 to 2020)"
 ※ Motorcycles were included in "Business and other sectors" until FY2015 data, but were calculated as an independent item in the transport sector from FY2016 data.



Source: MLIT website (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

II. Current Status of Major Environmental Problems of the Transport Sector

From FY1990 to 1996 the amount of carbon dioxide emitted by the transport sector rose by 22.7%, but from FY1997 to 2001 emissions remained roughly level, and began falling from FY2001 onwards.

Emissions in FY2020 decreased compared to FY2005 and 2013, mainly due to improved fuel efficiency of automobiles and a decrease in transport volume due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. The emissions also decreased compared to the previous fiscal year, marking it the eighth consecutive year of decline in emissions.

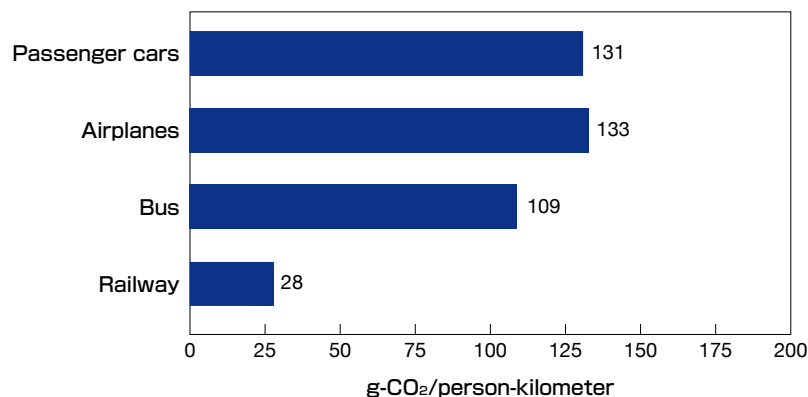
■ Carbon dioxide emission volume per unit of transport volume

Generally speaking, when the transport volume increases, so does the amount of carbon dioxide emissions. Transport volume is affected by economic trends and other factors, so for total carbon dioxide emissions in the transport sector to fall regardless of changes in transport volume, it is important to promote highly effective transport.

In this section, we compare the amount of emissions per unit of transport volume, an indicator of efficiency, for passenger transport and freight transport.

For passenger transport, the carbon dioxide emissions from each mode of transport are divided by the transport volume (person-kilometers) to calculate the carbon dioxide emissions per unit of transport volume. The results are shown in the figure below.

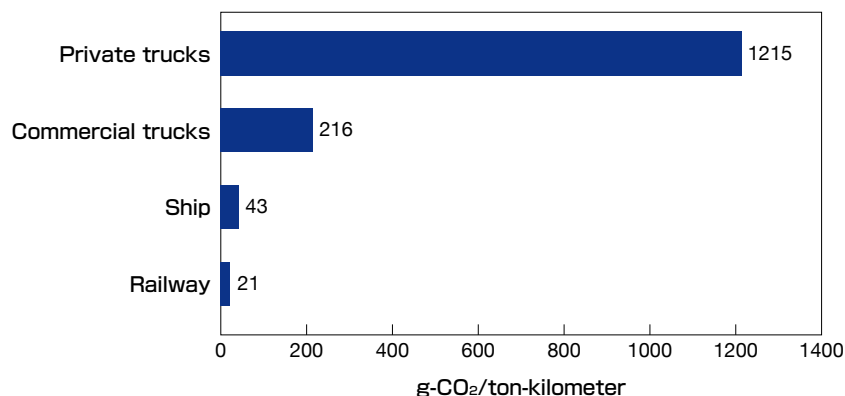
● Carbon dioxide emission rates by passenger transport mode (FY2020)



*Due to the decrease in the number of passengers in each transport system caused by the spread of the coronavirus pandemic, carbon dioxide emissions per unit of production were calculated to be extremely high compared to previous years. Please exercise caution when using this data.

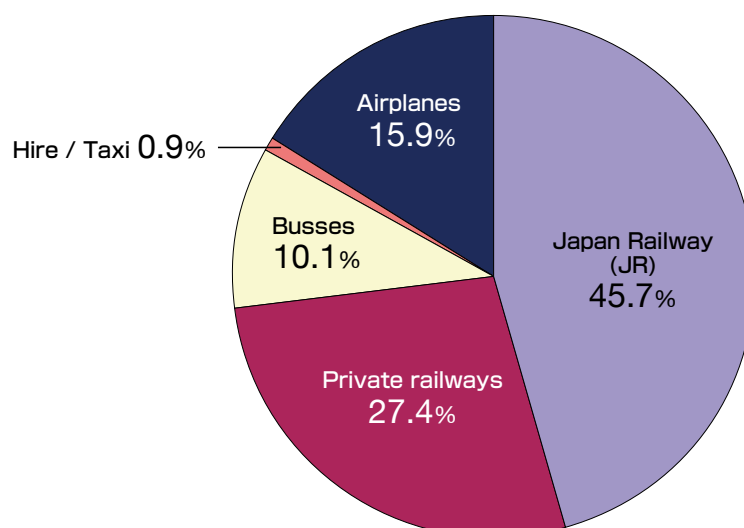
For freight transport, the carbon dioxide emissions from each mode of transport are divided by the transport volume (ton-kilometers) to calculate the carbon dioxide emissions per unit of transport volume. The results are shown in the figure below.

● Carbon dioxide emission rates by freight transport mode (FY2020)



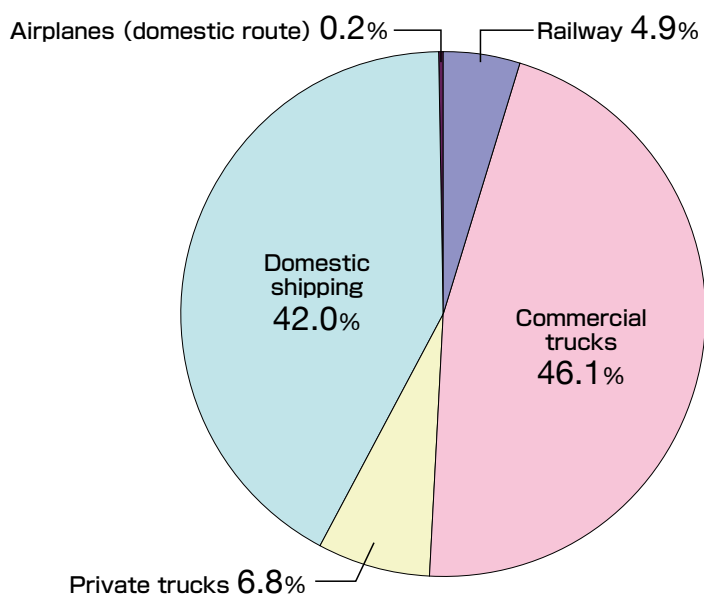
Source: MLIT website (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

● Modal shares of domestic passenger transport (100 million person-km) FY2019



- *1 The air transport volume percentage is the total of both regular and irregular services.
- *2 The passenger vehicle, etc., percentage includes both light-vehicle and truck transport.
- *3 The bus and hire/taxi, etc., percentage does not include private vehicle transport.
- *4 Passenger ship figures have not been released.

● Modal shares of domestic freight transport (100 million ton-km) FY2019



- *1 The air transport percentage is the total of both regular and irregular services, and includes excess luggage and postal mail.
- *2 The total of subtotals for individual transport modes and the total for transport modes may not be identical due to rounding.

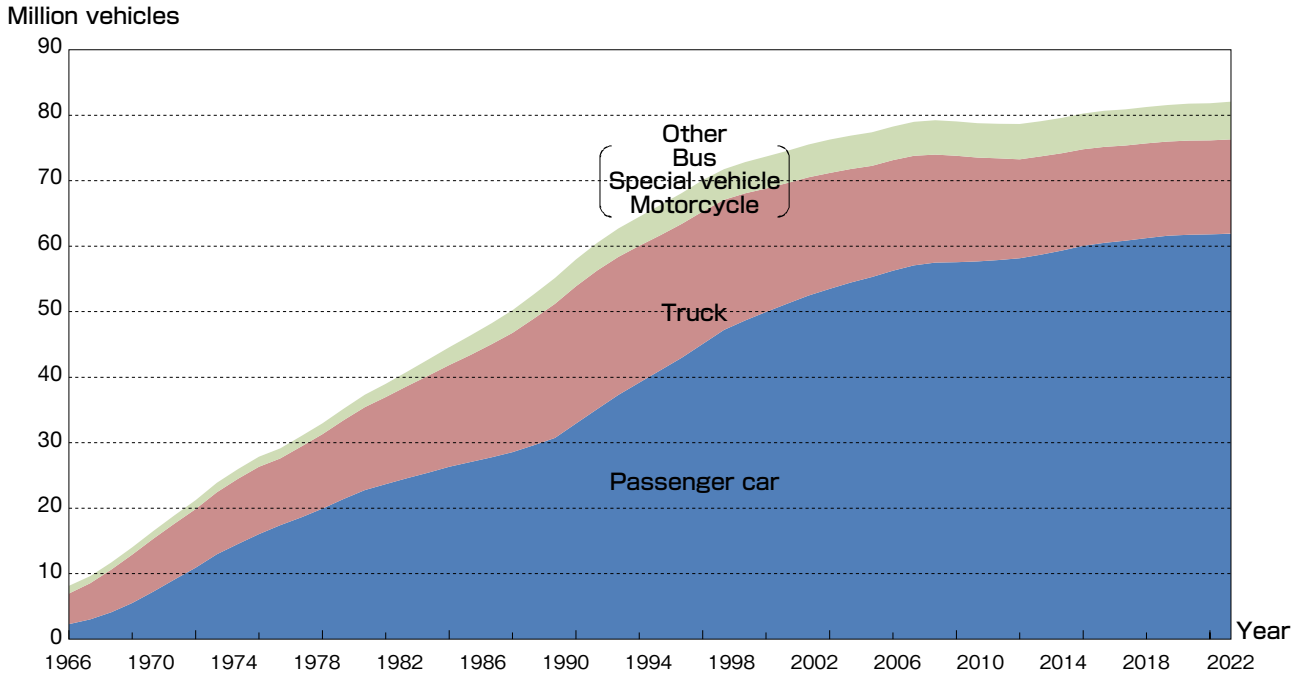
Source: MLIT "White Paper on Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism in Japan FY2021" (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

② Energy consumption by the transport sector

Over the past few years automobile fuel efficiency improvements and increased shift from in-house or private operation to commercial truck operation have brought about a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by the transport sector. Emissions in FY2020 were 185 million tons.

Efforts must continue to be made to achieve further reductions in the amount of energy consumed by automobiles.

● Automobile ownership trends



1: Passenger vehicles includes light vehicles.
 2: Number of vehicles as of the end of March of each year.

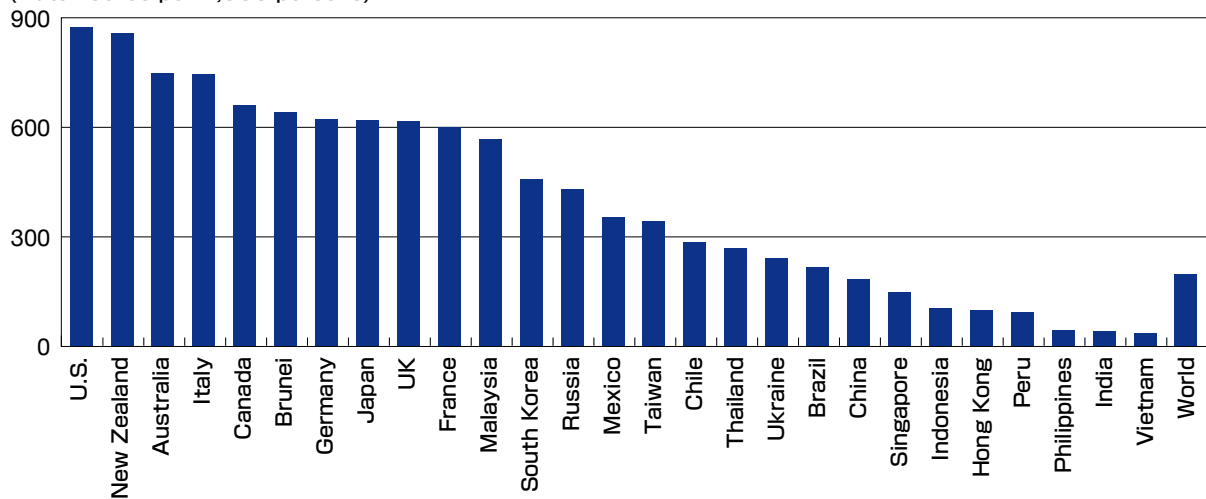
Source: Automobile Inspection & Registration Information Association website (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

Automobile ownership rates around the World

In terms of automobile ownership per thousand people, U.S. has the world's highest automobile ownership rate, at 874 automobiles per thousand people. Automobile ownership rates are low for developing countries. In recent years developing countries such as China and India have experienced dramatic upswells in automobile ownership led by their rapid economic growth. The number of cars owned per thousand people grew by 3.1% globally in 2019, but in China it grew by 9.7%. Automobile ownership in countries with enormous populations is predicted to have some impact on global warming, and is an area where attention is being increasingly focused.

● Automobile ownership rates in individual countries 2019

(Automobiles per 1,000 persons)



Source: EDMC "Handbook of Energy & Economic Statistics in Japan 2022"

2 Current status of automobile gas emissions

Road traffic related environmental problems involving the transport sector include atmospheric pollution produced by suspended particulate matter (SPM) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) such as nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) emitted from automobiles. NOx is not only a cause of acid rain and photochemical smog, but also has negative health effects (on respiratory organs). SPM is also said to harm respiratory organs by adhering to the lungs and bronchi.

In recent years all air pollution monitoring stations*¹ have met FY2020 air quality standards achievement rates for NO₂, with 100% achievement rates for fifteen consecutive years since FY2006. In the automobile exhaust gas monitoring stations*², 100% of all effective monitoring stations achieved the environmental standard.

For SPMs, nationwide FY2020 air quality standards achievement rate was 100% for air pollution monitoring stations and 100% for automobile exhaust gas monitoring stations. Following FY2019 (air pollution monitoring stations: 100%, automobile exhaust gas monitoring stations: 100%), air quality standards were achieved at all validated measuring stations.

* 1 Air pollution monitoring station:

Monitoring stations performing regular monitoring of general atmospheric pollution conditions.
(Nationwide: 1,434 stations)

* 2 Automobile exhaust gas monitoring station:

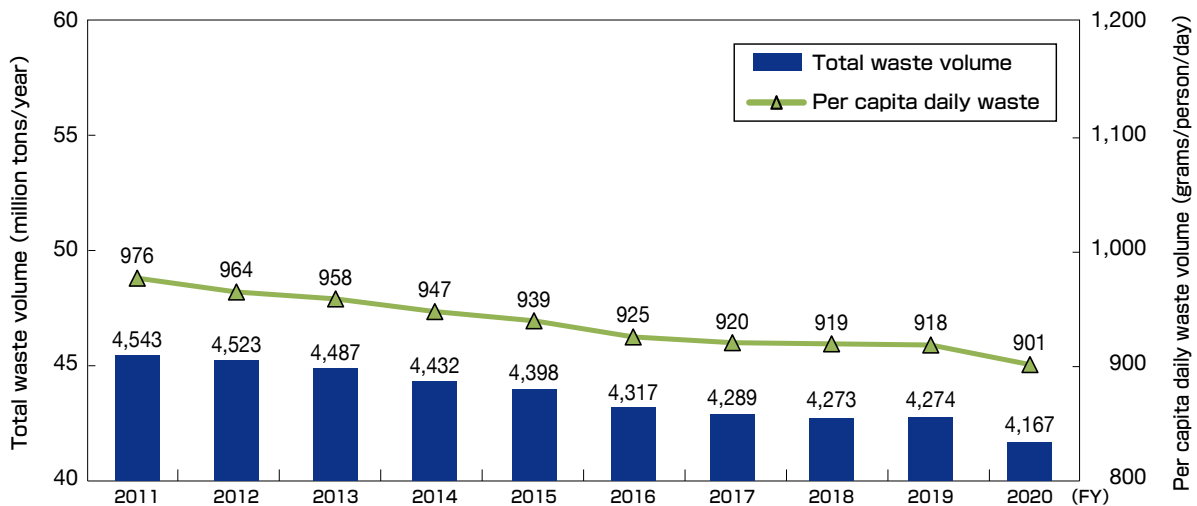
Monitoring stations performing regular monitoring of atmospheric pollution conditions near intersections, roads, and road edges in which emissions from automobiles are believed to be sources of air pollution.
(Nationwide: 393 stations)

3 Current status of waste and recycling

① Trends in general waste volume

Total waste volume and per capita daily waste volume fell slightly after the second oil crisis in FY1979, but began rising rapidly from roughly FY1985. From FY1990 they leveled off or increased slightly, but began falling from FY2001. In FY2020 the total amount of waste was 41.67 million tons. The total amount of recycled waste in FY2020 was 8.33 million tons. The ratio of total waste which was recycled has grown tremendously, from 5.3% in FY1990 to 20.0% in FY2020.

● Total waste volume and per capita daily waste volume

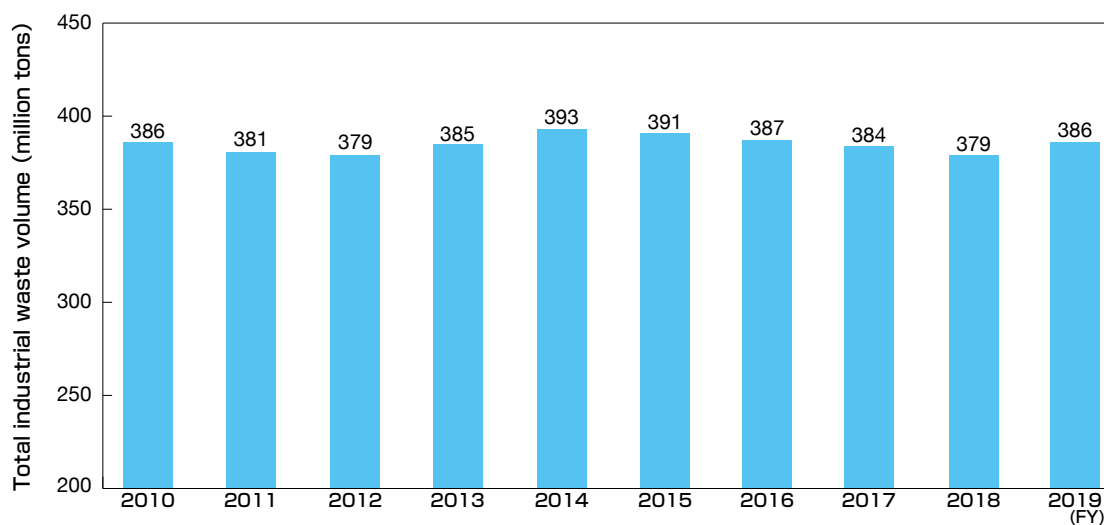


Source: MOE website (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

② Trends in industrial waste volume

The amount of industrial waste produced has stayed roughly at the same level since the FY1990s at approximately 400 million tons.

● Industrial waste volume



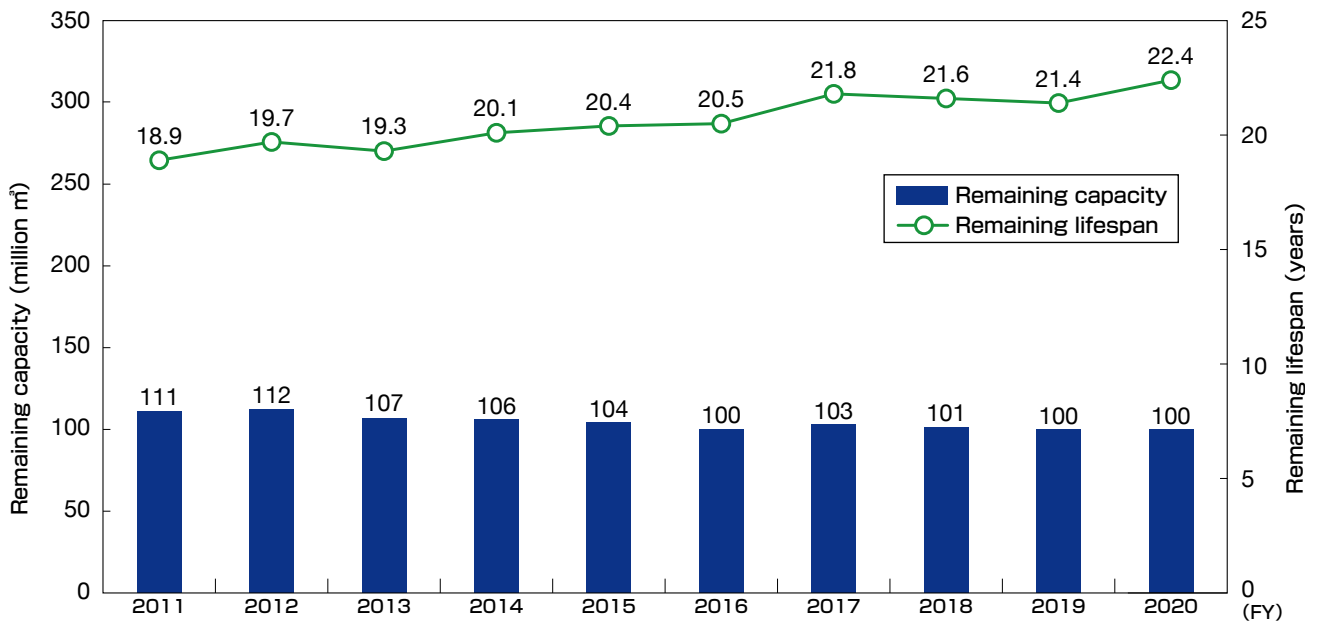
Source: MOE website (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

③ Remaining lifespans and remaining capacities of general and industrial waste final disposal sites

As of the end of FY2020, there were 1,602 final disposal facilities for general waste, with a remaining capacity of 99.84 million m³ and a remaining lifespan of 22.4 years on national average. The remaining capacity remains at roughly the same level as the remaining lifespan.

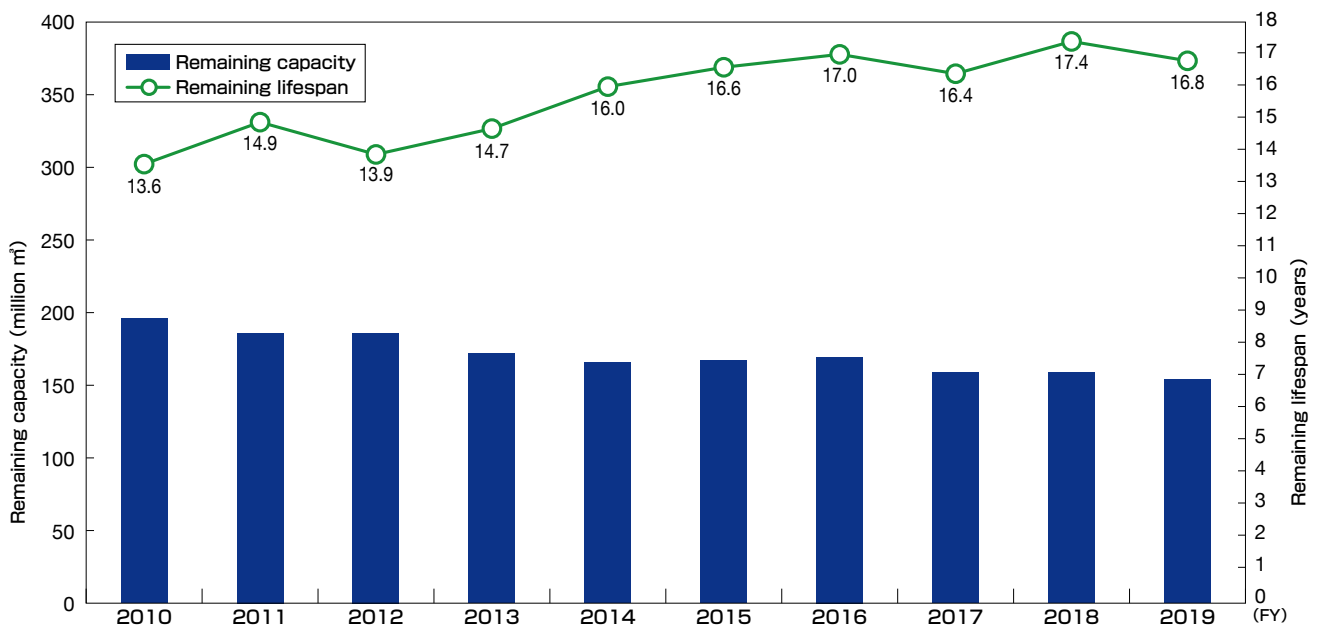
The remaining capacity of industrial waste final disposal sites as of the end of FY2019 was 153.97 million m³ –approximately 4.7 million m³ less than the previous year. In addition, the remaining life was 16.8 years on national average, and improvements are being made gradually.

● Remaining lifespans and remaining capacities of final disposal sites (general waste)



Source: MOE website (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

● Remaining lifespans and remaining capacities of final disposal sites (industrial waste)

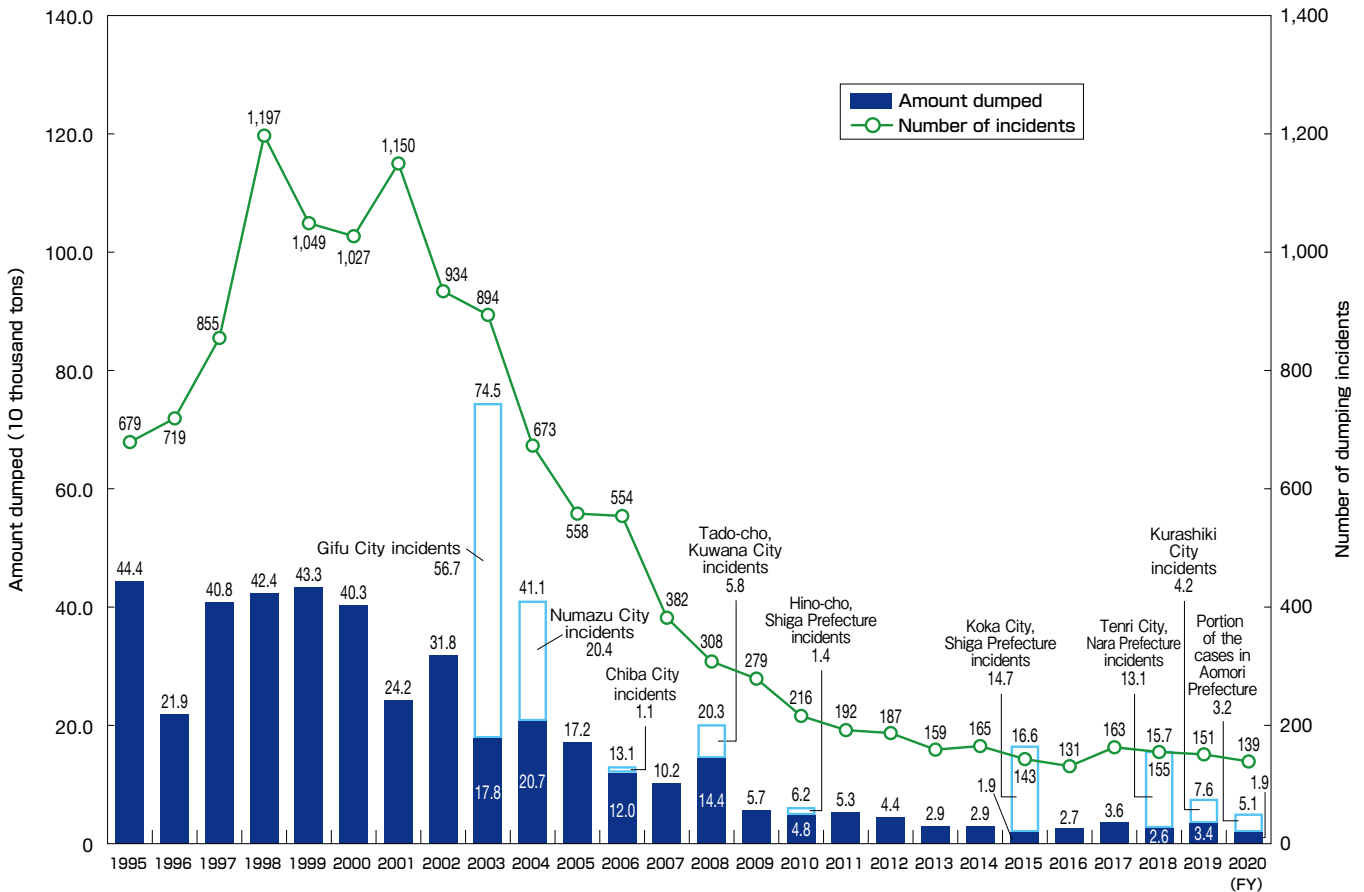


Source: MOE website (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

④ Trends in number of incidents of illegal dumping, etc., and amount dumped

139 incidents of illegal dumping of industrial waste, a total of 51,000 tons of waste, were discovered in FY2020, along with 182 incidents of improper disposal (86,000 tons). Newly discovered cases of illegal dumping decreased considerably and steady results are being observed. Although the number of cases of improper disposal is decreasing, it has not yet been eliminated, as new cases have been uncovered in excess of FY2019.

● Number of incidents of illegal dumping of industrial waste and amount dumped



Note)

- The number of incidents of illegal dumping and the amount of illegally dumped waste were calculated based on incidents of illegal dumping of 10t or more of industrial waste per incident identified by the governments of prefectures and designated cities (as well as all incidents of illegal dumping of special controlled industrial waste).
- The white areas of the bar graph correspond to the following incidents.
 - FY2003, Gifu City – Large scale incidents were reported in FY2003
 - FY2004, Numazu City – Large scale incidents were reported in FY2004
 - FY2006, Chiba City – Incidents were discovered in FY1998, but reported in FY2006
 - FY2008, Tado-machi, Kuwana City – Incidents were discovered in FY2006, but reported in FY2008
 - FY2010, Hino-machi, Shiga Prefecture – Incidents were discovered in FY2009, but reported in FY2010
 - FY2015, Koka City, Shiga Prefecture, Ube City, Yamaguchi Prefecture and Kuji City, Iwate Prefecture – Incidents were reported in FY2015
 - FY2018, Tenri City – Incidents were reported. Also, incidents discovered in FY2016 by Yokosuka City and incidents discovered in FY2017 by Shibayama-machi, Chiba Prefecture are included.
 - FY2019, Kurashiki City – Incidents discovered in FY2014 by Yamaguchi City, Yamaguchi Prefecture and incidents discovered in FY2016 by Kurashiki City are included
- FY2020: Cases in Goshogawara City, Aomori Prefecture; Kanuma City, Tochigi Prefecture; Yawata City, Kyoto Prefecture; and Mito City reported as large-scale cases
- Sulfuric acid pitch was excluded from this study.
- Ferrosilt dumping incidents were not included in this study. 720,000 tons of Ferrosilt were sold and used as backfilling material since August 2001, but it was later discovered that the manufacturer and seller of Ferrosilt had mixed in toxic waste liquid, making this an illegal industrial waste dumping incident. Illegal dumping was confirmed in 45 locations in 4 prefectures, and Ferrosilt removal has been completed in all of these locations.

* Amounts are rounded, so totals may not match. t

Source: MOE website (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

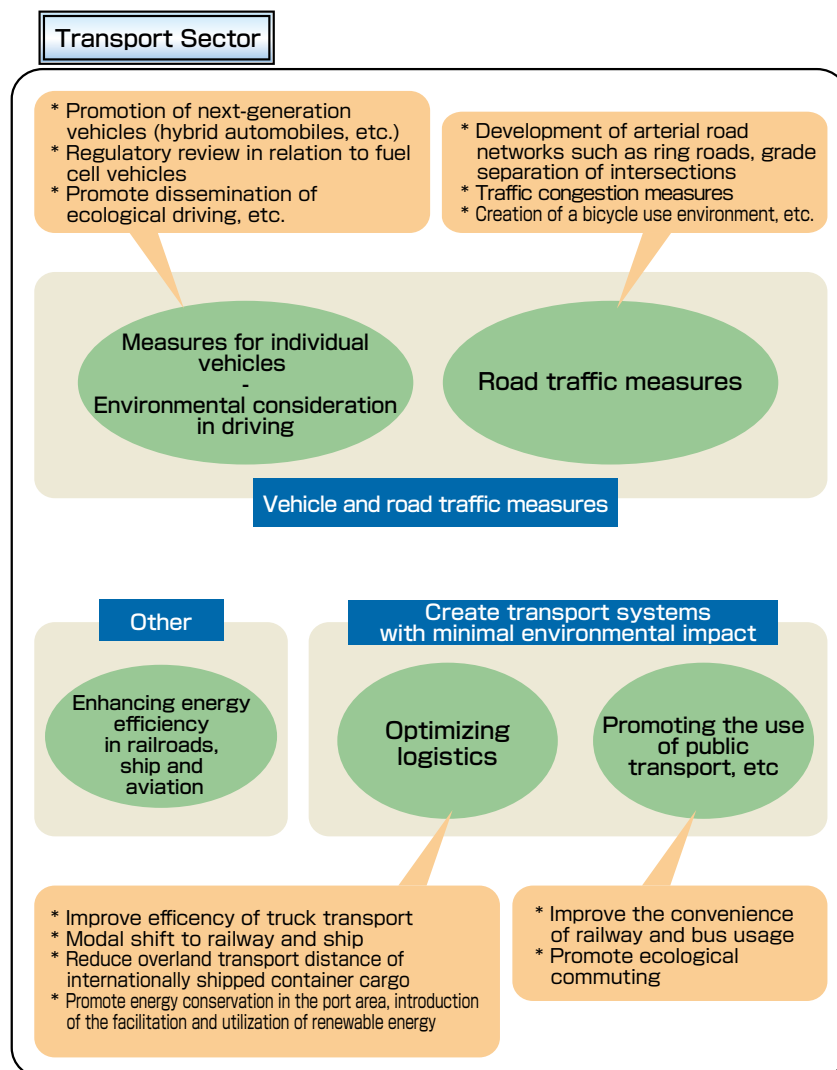
III. Measures in Response to Major Environmental Problems of the Transport Sector

1 Promotion of global warming countermeasures

(1) Transport sector countermeasures

The amount of carbon dioxide emitted by the transport sector in FY2020 was 17.6% lower than the amount emitted in FY2013, and emissions volume has been decreasing since 2001. In order to ensure that this decrease continues steadily, the MLIT is promoting comprehensive measures such as automobile and road traffic measures, logistics efficiency improvements, and promoting the use of public transport.

● Global warming countermeasures of MLIT



Source: MLIT (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

① Promotion of individual automobile measures

The automobile sector accounts for a large share of the energy consumed by the transport sector, so individual automobile measures have been implemented, including further improving fuel efficiency through the world's leading fuel efficiency technologies and measures to promote the use of automobiles with superior fuel efficiency and the use of clean energy vehicles.

■ Fuel efficiency improvements through Top Runner Standards

○ The Energy Saving Act and fuel efficiency standards (Top Runner Standards)

Improving automobile fuel efficiency is extremely important to reduce automobile CO₂ emissions and promote global warming countermeasures. In order to promote the improvement of automobile fuel efficiency, fuel efficiency standards (Top Runner Standards*) have been established based on the Act on the Rational Use of Energy (Energy Saving Act).

As a result, automobile manufacturing industry members (automobile manufacturers and importers) are required to improve fuel efficiency performance such that the average fuel efficiency of vehicles sold (determined by taking the weighted harmonic average of automobile fuel efficiency values) does not fall below standards set for each company based on their vehicle sales composition. Furthermore, it requires that they post fuel efficiency related information so that automobile users can select automobiles with superior fuel efficiency, and the fuel efficiency values are listed in the product catalogs of individual automobiles.

* Top Runner Standards: Standards based on the currently commercially available automobiles with the highest fuel efficiencies, taking into consideration future technological advances

○ Fuel efficiency standards

In March 1999 fuel efficiency standards for FY2010 were formulated for passenger cars and small trucks, based on the Top Runner Standards concept.

In March 2006 the world's first heavy duty vehicle (truck, bus, etc.) fuel efficiency standards were formulated, with a target year of FY2015.

In July 2007 new fuel efficiency standards were formulated for passenger cars. These new standards aimed for a 23.5% improvement in fuel efficiency (versus FY2004) for passenger cars by FY2015.

In March 2013 new fuel efficiency standards were created for passenger cars, aimed at FY2020, requiring fuel efficiency to be improved by 24.1% versus actual FY2009 figures, assuming a shipped vehicle composition equivalent to that of FY2009. Furthermore, in July 2015 fuel efficiency standards for FY2022 were formulated for small trucks, based on the assumption of equivalent shipment volume as in FY2012, requiring them to be 26.1% more fuel efficient than vehicles sold in FY2012 (based on actual FY2012 vehicle fuel efficiency).

In March 2019, fuel efficiency standards for FY2025 were formulated for heavy duty vehicles (trucks, buses, etc.), based on the assumption of equivalent shipment volume ratio as in FY2014, requiring them to be 13.5% more fuel efficient than FY2015 standards.

In March 2020, assuming that the ratio of vehicles shipped remains the same as that of FY2016, FY2030 was designated as the target year with new fuel efficiency standards formulated to improve fuel efficiency in passenger cars by 44.3% compared to the standard value for FY2020.

○ New fuel efficiency test method

In conjunction with the new FY2015 fuel efficiency standards, the method for testing fuel efficiency was revised to more closely approximate actual driving conditions. In the past, 10·15 mode driving was used to test fuel efficiency, but this was changed to JC08 mode driving.

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Under JC08 Mode, driving is performed using a greater number of speed changes to reflect actual driving conditions. It also includes measurement methods under which vehicles are started with cold engines, in addition to starting with warmed up engines.

The World Light Vehicle Test Procedure (WLTP) was established at the UNECE World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP29), held in March 2014. In October 2016 Japan added WLTP to JC08 Mode as a method of testing exhaust gas emissions and fuel efficiency for passenger vehicles.

● Passenger vehicles

[Fixed-route buses (automobiles with capacities of 10 or more and with a total vehicle weight in excess of 3.5 tons)] Target year: FY2025 Measurement methods: JH25 mode

Category (Total vehicle weight (t))	3.5~8	8~10	10~12	12~14	14~
Fuel efficiency standard (km/L)	7.15	6.30	5.80	5.27	4.52

[General buses (automobiles with capacities of 10 or more and with a total vehicle weight in excess of 3.5 tons)] Target year: FY2025 Measurement methods: JH25 mode

Category (Total vehicle weight (t))	3.5~6	6~8	8~10	10~12	12~14	14~16	16~
Fuel efficiency standard (km/L)	9.54	7.73	6.37	6.06	5.29	5.28	5.14

[Gasoline passenger vehicles, diesel passenger vehicles, and LP gas passenger vehicles, plug-in hybrid vehicles (with occupancies of 9 people or less people or total vehicle weight of 3.5 tons or less)] Target year: 2030 Measurement method: WLTC mode

Fuel efficiency standard (FE) (km/L) in response to vehicle weight (M) (kg) is as follows.

M: less than 2,759kg

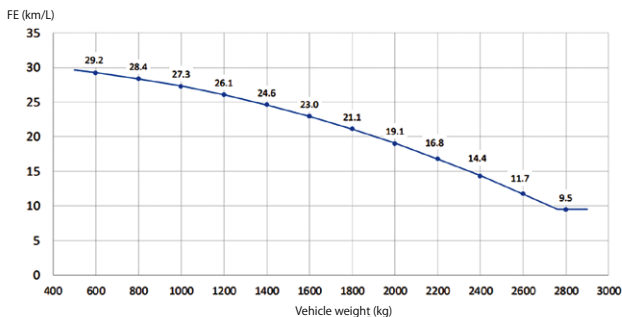
$$FE = -2.47 \times 10^{-6} \times M^2 - 8.52 \times 10^{-4} \times M + 30.65$$

M: more than 2,759kg

$$FE = 9.5$$

*FE is rounded up to two decimal points.

The relational expression of FE is shown in the graph below.



Source: MLIT (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

● Trucks/Freight vehicles

[Gasoline freight vehicles and diesel freight vehicles (total vehicle weight of 3.5t or less)] Target year: FY2022 Measurement method: JC08 mode or WLTC mode

Category (Total vehicle weight (kg))	~740	741	856	971	1081	1196	1311	1421	1531	1651	1761	1871	1991	2101~			
Structure A																	
Fuel efficiency standard (km/L)		28.1	25.0	22.7	20.8	18.5	16.9										
Structure B																	
Fuel efficiency standard (km/L)		MT 21.0 AT 20.4	20.4 19.8	19.9 19.2	19.4 18.7	16.7 16.3	15.1 14.7	13.9 13.5	12.9 12.5	12.1 11.7	11.5 11.1	10.6 10.6	11 10.2				
Diesel structure B																	
Fuel efficiency standard (km/L)													16.8 14	15.9 13.7	15.2 13.5	14.6 13.3	13

(Note)

Structure A: Vehicles with structures matching ①, ②, or ③ below.

- ① Maximum carrying capacity divided by total vehicle weight is 0.3 or less.
- ② The same cab contains both passenger boarding and article loading appurtenances, and the cab is separated from the outside of the vehicle by a fixed roof, window glass, or other partition.
- ③ There is an engine in front of the driving cabin.

Structure B: Vehicles to which none of the above apply.

[Trucks, etc. (freight vehicles with total vehicle weights exceeding 3.5t)] Target year: FY2025 Measurement method: Heavy duty vehicle mode

Category (total vehicle weight (t))	3.5~7.5				7.5~8	8~10	10~12	12~14	14~16	16~20	20~
(Maximum carrying capacity (t))	~1.5	1.5~2	2~3	3~							
Fuel efficiency standard (km/L)	10.83	10.35	9.51	8.12	7.24	6.52	6.00	5.69	4.97	4.15	4.04

[Tractors (freight vehicles with a total vehicle weight in excess of 3.5 tons)] Target year: FY2025 Measurement method: JH25 mode

Category (total vehicle weight (t))	~20	20~
Fuel efficiency standard (km/L)	3.11	2.32

Source: MLIT (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

Measures for developing and promoting next-generation vehicles

Because Japan’s overall CO₂ emissions, the transport sector occupies around 20% and around 90% of that is emissions from automobiles, the raising of fuel efficiency and emission performance in automobiles is extremely important. In addition, The “Green Growth Strategy Through Achieving Carbon Neutrality by 2050,” formulated in June 2021, calls for comprehensive measures to be taken to achieve a goal in which *electrified vehicle (including hybrid EV and Plug-in hybrid EV) sales will account for 100% of new car sales by 2035 as well as for setting a new goal for commercial vehicles.

In order to promote environmental conservation, including CO₂ emission reduction, the Japanese government has positioned electric vehicles, fuel cell vehicles, plug-in hybrid vehicles, hybrid vehicles, clean diesel vehicles, and natural gas vehicles as “next-generation vehicles”, and is promoting their widespread use.

Due to this, along with raising fuel efficiency through the establishment of standards and harmonizing international technical standards, measures are being carried out to encourage the promotion of the next-generation vehicles, beginning with tax benefits and support systems.

Specifically, by establishing fuel efficiency standards based on the Energy Saving Act and requiring automobile manufacturers to meet such standards, the promotion of highly fuel efficient automobiles, including the next-generation vehicles, is being encouraged. Also, Japan is taking the lead in establishing international standards for the next-generation vehicles, and this is expected to help expand such electric technologies as electric cars and fuel cell vehicles, improve Japan’s automobile safety and environmental performance and strengthen the ability of international competition.

Furthermore, a tax benefits system for automobiles with excellent environmental performance, including the next-generation vehicles, is being established and eco-car tax reductions for greater environmental performance that exempt motor vehicle tonnage tax are being enforced in order to encourage promotion.

*Electrified vehicles: electric vehicles, fuel cell vehicles, plug-in hybrid vehicles, hybrid vehicles

Revision of automobile-related taxes (extension and revision of eco car tax reductions, etc.)

○Revisions such as raising fuel economy standards will be implemented in stages over a three-year period in consideration of technological developments other than electric vehicles, while maintaining the current tax breaks, such as tax reduction for eco cars, until the end of 2023, with a firm adherence to “business-private gap” for trucks, buses, and taxis.

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In addition, for the next-generation vehicles, such as electrified vehicles and plug-in hybrid vehicles that are used for commercial purposes, including buses, taxis and trucks, partial support for vehicle prices when they are introduced is being carried out.

In particular, ultra-small electrified mobility vehicles that are compact, agile, exceptionally environmentally performative, are an easy means for moving around local areas, and are for around one to two passengers. Procedures were streamlined and the revising of the certification system was carried out in January 2018. For ultra-compact mobility vehicles with a maximum speed of less than 60 km/h intended for mass production, the standard was revised in September 2020 to promote vehicles that can travel freely on public roads without any restrictions on users or driving areas.

In addition, in light of the fact that Road Traffic Act was revised in April 2022 to define “specified small motorized bicycles” as a new vehicle category for electric kickboards, etc., the safety standards for “specified small motorized bicycles” were established in December 2022.

②Promotion of environmentally friendly automobile usage

“Eco-driving” has been positioned as an environmentally friendly automobile usage promotion measure. The Eco-Drive Promotion Liaison Committee (National Police Agency (NPA), METI, MLIT, and MOE) formulated the “Eco-Driving Dissemination and Promotion Action Plan”, and the Committee and related organizations are actively promoting these efforts.

In 2006 the committee proposed the “10 Tips for Eco-driving”, which outlined specific eco-driving efforts. These recommendations were revised in January 2020.

10 Tips for Eco-driving



10 Tips for Eco-driving

Eco-driving consists of driving techniques and mentalities that conserve fuel, reduce CO₂ emissions, and help prevent global warming. Eco-driving also helps reduce traffic accidents. Fuel-efficient driving is not only gentle on the wallet, but is also safer, putting passengers at ease. Calm driving at ease, with plenty of time to spare, is also a form of eco-driving. Eco-driving is something that anyone can start doing right away. Little changes to your driving mentality and habits can improve your driving and create a better society. Let's start eco-driving, beginning with the basics you can immediately put into action.

1 Understand your own fuel efficiency.

Make it a habit to have an understanding of the fuel efficiency of your own vehicle. If you have a grasp of your normal fuel efficiency, you will have a real understanding of the effects of your own eco-driving. It is useful to use tools that support eco-driving such as the fuel efficiency monitoring equipment fitted in your vehicle, eco-driving navigation or fuel efficiency management on the internet.

2 Accelerate gently eStart.

When setting off, be gentle on the accelerator. (You should aim to reach around 20km/h in 5 seconds.) Just by doing this on a daily basis, you can improve your fuel efficiency by around 10%. Unrushed, gentle acceleration also contributes to safe driving.

3 Maintain a steady speed and keep your distance.

Try to maintain a steady speed when you are driving. If you are too close to the vehicle in front of you, you are more likely to speed up or reduce speed unnecessarily and this reduces fuel efficiency by around 2% in urban areas and 6% in the suburbs. Try to drive with as few speed changes as possible depending on the traffic.

4 Slow down by releasing the accelerator.

If you know you are going to stop, for example, at traffic lights, take your foot off the accelerator early. This is called engine braking and improves fuel efficiency by 2%. Try using engine braking when you are slowing down or going down hills.

5 Make appropriate use of your air conditioner.

Air conditioners (A/C) in cars cool and dehumidify the interior of the car. If you only need the heater, turn the A/C switch to OFF. For example, even if the car temperature is set to 25°C, the same as the external temperature, if you leave the A/C switch to ON, fuel efficiency reduced by around 12%. In addition, even when you do need the air conditioner, make sure that the car interior isn't too cool.

※ 1 Please be careful when switching off your engine at intersections as it can cause the following safety issues. (There are no issues for cars that do this automatically.)
- If you press the brake pedal a number of times while you are stopped, it can affect the effectiveness of the brakes.

- If you are not used to doing this, you may make a mistake or be late in moving again. There may also be cases in which the engine does not start up again due to decreased lifespan of parts such as the battery.
- As safety devices such as airbags and direction indicators do not activate, it is better not to switch off your engine if you are near the front of the queue or on a hill.

※ 2 It is perfectly OK to warm up your car as you drive unless under special circumstances such as cold regions with a temperature of -20°C.

※ 3 Tire pressure decreases by around 5% in a month.

※ 4 If the value is 50kPa (0.5kg/cm²) less than the recommended value.

6 Don't warm up or idle your engine.

When the car is stopped when you are waiting for someone or you are loading or unloading something, do not let the engine idle *1. Ten minutes of idling (with the A/C set to OFF) consumes around 130cc of fuel. In addition, modern vehicles do not normally need to have their engines warmed up *2. You should start moving as soon as you have started the engine.

7 Leave in plenty of time and avoid congestion.

Before you leave, use traffic information about traffic jams and regulations, etc. as well as maps and your satnav to check your destination and route. For example, if you get lost on a one-hour drive and drive for an extra 10 minutes, the amount of fuel consumed increases by 17%. You can save both time and fuel by checking traffic information while you are driving to avoid traffic jams.

8 Check and maintain your car regularly, starting with tire pressure.

Make it a habit to check your tire pressure *3. If tire pressure is less than the recommended value, fuel efficiency decreases by around 2% in urban areas and 4% in the suburbs *4. You can also improve fuel efficiency if you regularly change the oil, the oil filter, the air cleaner element and so on.

9 Reduce your load.

Unload anything unnecessary from your vehicle. Fuel efficiency is greatly affected by the weight of what is in your car. For example, if you load an object weighing 100kg and then drive, fuel efficiency decreases by around 3%. It is also sensitive to air resistance. Remove external equipment such as ski carriers, etc. when you are not using them.

10 Do not obstruct the flow of traffic when you are parking.

Do not cause obstructions when you park. Parking in this way near intersections, for example, causes traffic jams. Not only does it reduce fuel efficiency for other vehicles, it also causes accidents. When there are no obstructions to the flow of traffic, average speed is improved and reductions in fuel efficiency are prevented.

The Eco-Drive Promotion Liaison Committee

(Metropolitan Police Department, METI, MLIT, Ministry of the Environment)

The Eco-Drive Promotion Liaison Committee website →



Definition of the levels and the status of initiatives regarding autonomous driving

In recent years, owing to technological innovation, initiatives toward autonomous driving are making headway and attention is being focused on the trends.

In “Public Private ITS Initiative/Roadmaps 2017,” the Japanese government adopted the definition of SAE International’s J3016 (September, 2016) as the definition for the levels of autonomous driving.

● Summary of the definition of autonomous driving (J3016)

Level	Summary	Main respondent to surveillance for safe driving
Driver carries out all or part of the driving tasks		
SAE Level 0 No automatic driving	· The driver carries out all of the driving tasks	Driver
SAE Level 1 Driver assistance	· The system carries out the driving subtask of either front/back or left/right vehicle control	Driver
SAE Level 2 Partial automatic driving	· The system carries out the driving subtask of both front/back and left/right vehicle control	Driver
Autonomous driving system carries out all of the driving tasks		
SAE Level 3 Conditional automatic driving	· The system carries out all driving tasks (within designated domain) · If continuous operation is difficult, the driver is expected to respond appropriately to the system’s requests for intervention	System (Driver, when continuous operation is difficult)
SAE Level 4 Advanced automatic driving	· The system carries out all driving tasks (within the designated domain) · If continuous operation is difficult, the user is not expected to respond.	System
SAE Level 5 Complete automatic driving	· The system carries out all driving tasks (not limited to the designated domain) · If continuous operation is difficult, the user is not expected to respond.	System

Source: Home page of Prime Minister of Japan and the Cabinet (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

MLIT has started an autonomous driving service at semi-mountainous areas with Roadside-station (michi-no-eki) as the base. In semi-mountainous areas with a super-aging population, a goal has been set of introducing autonomous driving services focusing on local hubs such as Roadside-station, and an experiment has been carried out to verify the feasibility of securing the flow of both people and goods.

This experiment includes motor-driven carts running on a designated route by sensing the magnetic force from the underground electromagnetic induction line, and motor-driven carts identifying the vehicle position based on GPS and running on a designated route.

● Example of a bus-type vehicle



Air Environment-friendly SS (e → AS)

The Ministry of the Environment and the Agency of Natural Resources and Energy certifies SS (Service Stations) that have measuring devices that can collect fuel vapor gas as Air Environment-friendly SS (e → AS).

Fill up at an Air Environment-friendly SS (e→AS) certified by the Ministry of the Environment and the Agency of Natural Resources and Energy to contribute to protecting the air environment!

SS that are limiting the emission of fuel vapor gas, which is one of the substances that cause air pollution as well as causing the distinctive smell of gasoline, are certified as Air Environment-friendly SS* (nickname: e→AS).

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*SS: Service Station.

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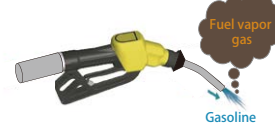
Four stages of certification are carried out according the Fuel vapor gas collecting rate of overall SS.

Reduce the smell when refueling gasoline!

◇ The process of collecting fuel vapor gas ◇

Measuring devices that don't have a collection function

~Conventional fuel pump nozzle~



Fuel vapor gas is not collected and escapes out into the air from the fuel port.

Measuring devices that do have a collection function

~Fuel pump nozzle that collects fuel vapor gas~



Fuel vapor gas is collected so it is environmentally-friendly and it is also effective in combatting smell.

○ Certified SS can be found on the Ministry of the Environment e→AS website.

See the website for more details.

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We plan to make it possible to search for e→AS on satnavs in the future.

<The origin of e→AS>

e = ecological, good A = Air, S = Service station and they are combined to mean 'a good future' and 'good earth' in Japanese.

The arrow expresses working towards a good future and earth.



Ministry of the Environment and Agency of Natural Resources and Energy Air Environment-friendly SS (e→AS) Promotion Bureau

Source: MOE (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

③ Promotion of road traffic flow control measures

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) implements various road traffic flow control measures, such as reducing carbon dioxide emissions from vehicles by making traffic flow more smooth and increasing travel speed to improve effective fuel economy.

Specifically, MLIT is promoting efforts to strengthen arterial road networks, including ring roads, which contribute to the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions, as roads are developed. These include taking targeted measures to traffic congestion bottleneck points based on scientific analysis of big data utilizing ETC2.0 and consideration of introduction of planar congestion control measures including toll policies for traffic demand adjustment utilizing ICT, AI, etc. MLIT is also promoting efforts to make road infrastructure more energy-efficient by switching road lighting to LED or by upgrading it, and to realize energy-creating road infrastructure by promoting the introduction of renewable energy from solar power generation using road space for electricity needed for road management. In addition, MLIT is promoting efforts to create an environment for bicycle use, including support for the formulation of bicycle use promotion plans by local governments, development of bicycle traffic space networks, improvement of bicycle parking facilities, and promotion of shared bicycle use, in coordination with safety assurance measures to promote bicycle usage.

Construction of road networks

- Construction of Metropolitan Ring Roads

Expected to open sequentially from FY2022 (All lines are expected to open in FY2025-2026)

Expected to open in FY2024

Making road infrastructure more energy-efficient

- Install LED road lighting, upgrade road lighting

Install LED road lighting

Upgrade road lighting

Measures against congestion

- improvements congesting points

大和トンネル

付加車線の設置

Creating an environment for bicycle usage

- Promote bicycle usage

Furnish bicycle lane

Encourage commuting by bicycle

Source: MLIT (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

④ Improvement of freight distribution efficiency

■ Creation of sustainable logistics systems through collaboration between freight owners and logistics operators

○ Green Logistics Partnership Conference

Promoting the creation of a greener overall logistics system requires greater collaboration between freight owners and logistics operators, and the expansion of sustainable logistics systems for global warming countermeasures improving productivity, etc.

The “Green Logistics Partnership Conference” , launched in 2004 and composed of companies and organizations united by this goal, strives to promote mutual understanding of the importance of the Green Logistics and improve coordination between freight owners and logistics operators, in order to carry out modal shifts and improve truck transport efficiency.

As part of this activities, “Joint Guidelines on the Method for Calculating CO₂ Emissions by the Logistics Sector” (METI and MLIT) were formulated. These guidelines establish a unified method of calculating carbon dioxide emissions by the logistics sector, and can be used by both freight owners and logistics operators for smoother collaboration, and to enable objective evaluation of the effectiveness of each initiative. Particularly successful good practice example projects involving logistics operators and freight owners engaging in partnerships to reduce CO₂ emissions, to create sustainable logistics systems for improving productivity, etc. are recognized by MLIT Minister awards and METI Minister awards.

Green Logistics Partnership Conference

(Sponsor: Professor Emeritus Takehiko Sugiyama, Hitotsubashi University)

【Background】
In order to promote the reduction of CO₂ emissions and other environmental burdens in the logistics sector, as well as to improve logistics productivity, the partnership was established to share awareness of the importance of green logistics among shippers, logistics providers, and other related parties, and to promote their interactions.

【Organizers】 Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan Logistics Systems Association, Japan Federation of Freight Industries
【Sponsor】 Japan Business Federation
【Establishment】 April 2005
【Number of members】 Approx. 3,400

【Activities】
Toward the expansion of voluntary private sector initiatives for green logistics, recognize excellent logistics partnership operators and introduce their initiatives, and so on.

Award for Excellence in Logistics Partnership

【Purpose】
By presenting awards to companies that have made outstanding achievements in reducing the environmental burden of logistics, improving logistics productivity, and creating a sustainable logistics system, the program aims to motivate companies to take voluntary action and to promote the spread and expansion of green logistics.

【Type of Award】.
 1. Grand Prize (Minister's Commendation)
 2. Division Award (Director-General's Award)
 -Logistics DX-Standardization Award
 -Logistics Structural Reform Award
 -Toughness and Sustainability Award
 3. Special Award

Minister of MLIT Award, FY2022

【Project Title】
Promotion of relay transport, etc., starting from intermediate bases through cross-industrial cooperation

【Winner】
Suzuyo&Co. Ltd., Fujifilm Logistics Co. Ltd., Sapporo Group Logistics Co. Ltd., Nankou Unyu Co. Ltd., MGC Woodchem Co. Ltd., Unilever Japan Co. Ltd., Lion Co. Ltd, PALTAC Co. Ltd.

Relay transport starting from an intermediate base

Relay transport originating from the place of origin

“Integrated Vehicles Distribution Center” function

Shizuoka⇌Tohoku

Long-distance operation by relay transport at two locations (Starting from Tochiai and Kawasaki) (Gandai⇌Ibaraki Yuki⇌Kawasaki⇌Shizuoka)

Kanto⇌Kansai

By strategic vehicle (low-floor chassis) round-trip relay transport (Hamamatsu as a starting point) (Osaka⇌Hamamatsu⇌Western Kanagawa)

Between Kanto⇌Kansai (Kyushu)

Relay transport combining ferry transport and land transport (1) Starting from Hamamatsu, Osaka⇌Hamamatsu⇌Shizuoka⇌Kanagawa⇌Hamamatsu (2) Fukuoka⇌Oita, Oita⇌Shizuoka

Source: MLIT (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

Promotion of modal shift and increased efficiency of freight distribution

Enhanced coastal shipping competitiveness and modal shift to sea transport

The MLIT is engaged in efforts aimed at strengthening the competitiveness of the coastal shipping industry and promoting a modal shift to sea transport.

As part of these efforts it is implementing the “Eco-Ship Modal Shift Project”, which promotes modal shift by selecting companies which contribute to modal shift by using some degree of sea transport, and permitting those companies to use the Eco-Ship Mark. As part of this project, the Eco-Ship Modal Shift Project Executive Committee has implemented an Eco-Ship Mark certification system (the Eco-Ship Mark indicates that a company is contributing to environmental efforts by using sea transport). As of April 2022, 176 freight owners and 199 logistics operators have received Eco-Ship Mark certification. Eco-Ship Mark certified companies that have made particularly large contributions are also selected to receive Director-General, Maritime Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism awards.

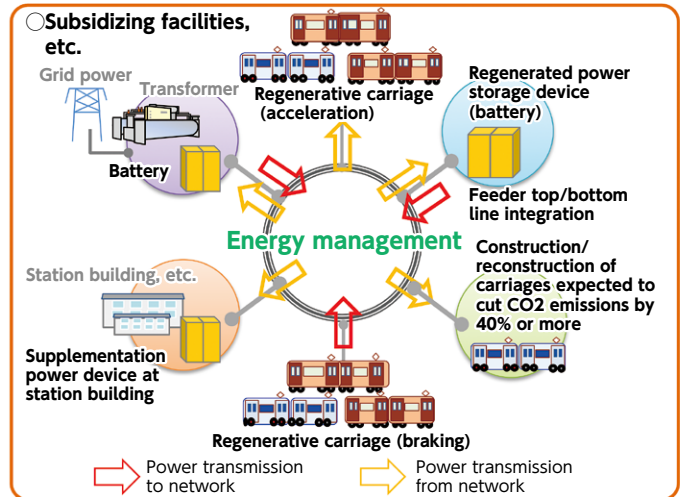


(Poster of invitation for Eco-Ship Mark certification)
Source: Committee for Implementation of Eco-Ship Modal Shift Operations

○Project to promote network low carbonization in railroad businesses, etc.

Railroads are essential means of transport in the daily lives and economic activities of the people of Japan. One of their notable features is that they have a smaller environmental impact than other modes of transport. In order to further promote reductions in CO₂ emissions by railroads and develop circular and ecological economies, MLIT and MOE are working together to support deployment of state-of-the-art energy-saving facilities and devices that use energy efficiently through a project to promote network low carbonization in railroad businesses, etc.

●Project to promote network low carbonization in railroad businesses, etc.



Source: MOE (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

○ "Eco Rail Mark" system promotion and expansion

The "Eco Rail Mark" was established in FY2005 to certify companies and products which are proactively working to achieve low environmental impact rail freight transport. By supporting companies and products certified with the "Eco Rail Mark", awareness of environmental impact reduction efforts increases, among freight owner companies such as manufacturers, as well as consumers, with the goal of promoting a corresponding modal shift to rail freight transport. MLIT and the Railway Freight Association (RFA) are striving to further promote and expand the "Eco Rail Mark". As of November 10, 2022 there are 167 "Eco Rail Mark" product certifications for 188 products, 98 certified companies, and 46 certified supporting companies.

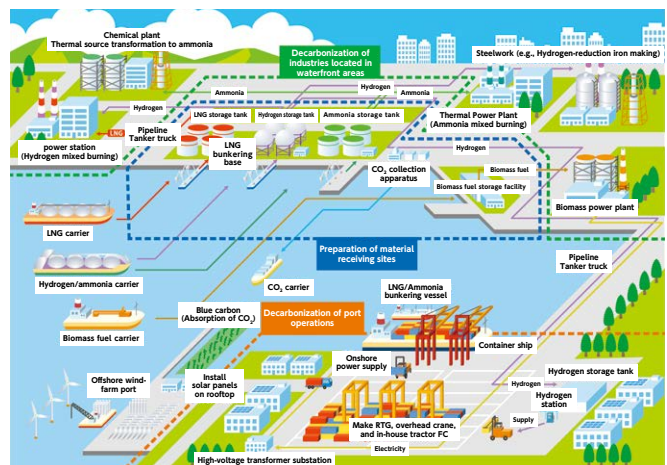


Source: RFA

○Promotion of Carbon Neutral Port

MLIT is promoting the Carbon Neutral Port (CNP) initiative, designed to upgrade port functions in consideration of decarbonization and to improve the environment for receiving hydrogen and other substances, to enhance the competitiveness of Japanese industry and ports, and to contribute to the realization of a decarbonized society. The "Act Partially Amending the Port and Harbor Act" enacted in December 2022 established a system to further promote the establishment of CNPs by, for example, requiring port management bodies to prepare a port decarbonization promotion plan based on discussions at the Port Decarbonization Promotion Council, in which a wide range of stakeholders participate. In addition, the project promoted the development of LNG bunkering bases, the construction of facilities to supply shoreside electricity to vessels at anchor, the introduction of offshore wind

●An image of specific efforts to establish Carbon Neutral Ports (CNP)



Source: MLIT (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

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power generation, the introduction of low-carbon cargo handling machinery, consideration of the introduction of cargo handling machinery powered by hydrogen, and the use of blue carbon ecosystems, among others.

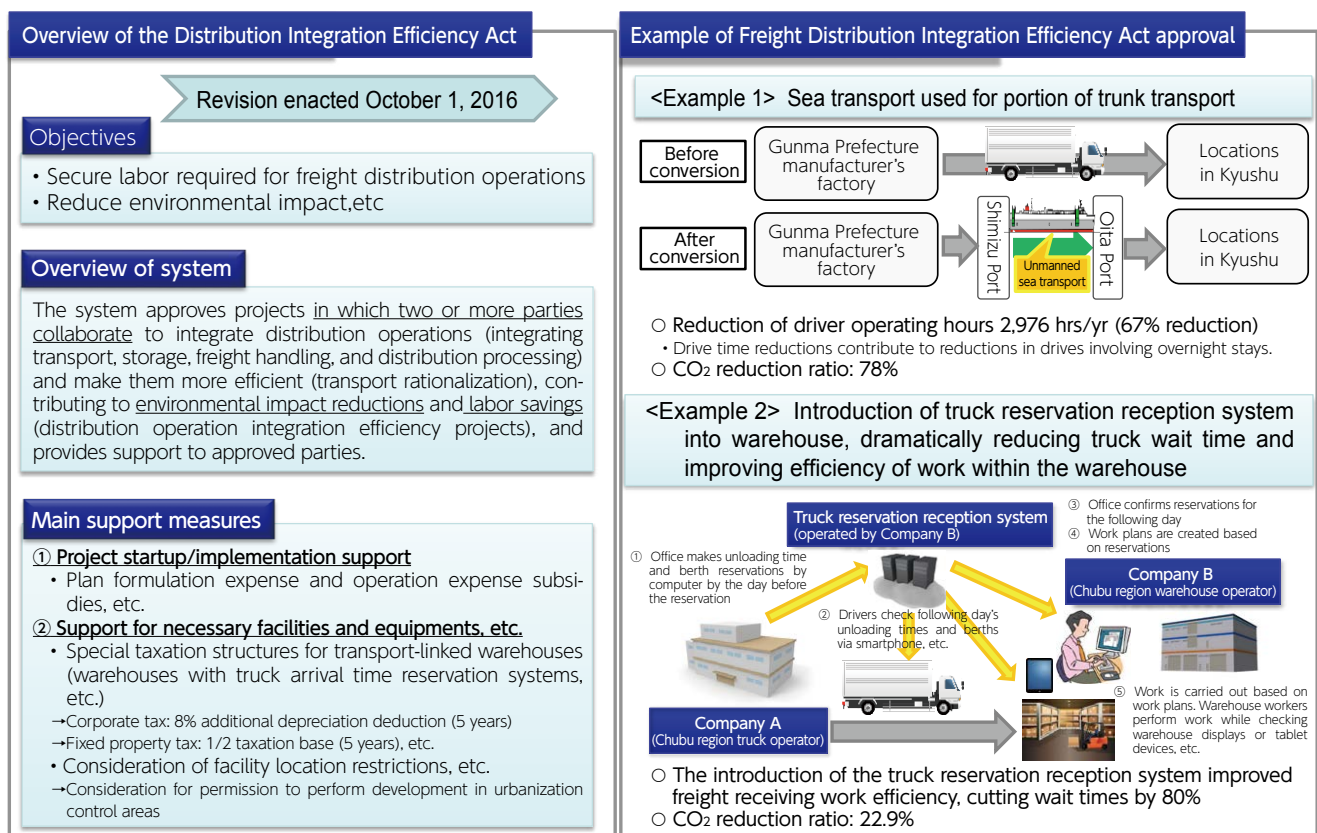
○Approval of Distribution Integration Efficiency Plans based on the Act on Advancement of Integration and Streamlining of Freight Distribution Business (Distribution Integration Efficiency Act).

In order to increase distribution efficiency and reduce environmental impact, plans have been approved for a project aimed at integrating and improving the efficiency of advanced freight distribution facilities with a specified minimum scale (specified freight distribution operation facilities) and other facilities. Roughly 300 projects have been approved since the establishment of “Distribution Integration Efficiency Act” on October 1, 2005.

On October 1, 2016, a revision to the Act was enacted, requiring two or more parties to collaborate during the implementation of projects. This revision was enacted in response to labor shortages in the distribution field, with the aim of expanding modal shifts among support recipients and measures which do not require joint delivery, etc., specified distribution operation facilities.

Based on this, as of the end of December, 2022, 358 diverse projects, including modal shifts, joint delivery, and special freight distribution operation facility wait time reduction, have been approved, and measures have been implemented to achieve freight distribution labor savings, improve freight distribution efficiency, and reduce environmental impact. On July 27, 2020, approval was given for the first time in Japan for a plan to simultaneously convert two modes of transport, marine and rail, at the same time.

Distribution Integration Efficiency Act and labor savings



Source: MLIT (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

Promotion of the Green Management Certification System

In recent years there has been an increasing focus on environmental problems such as global warming and air pollution. Satisfying both environmental and economic concerns and creating a sustainable economic society has become an urgent challenge. The Eco-Mo Foundation has created and distributed green management promotion manuals containing checklists for self-assessment in order to promote environmental conservation activities by transport related companies. This manual, based on the concepts of ISO14031 (an international environmental performance evaluation standard), contains checklist items for environmental conservation items to be addressed, and descriptions of specific corresponding environmental efforts. This makes it easy to set and evaluate environmental targets, thereby achieving greener management.

Green management consists of companies assessing their own environmental conservation efforts, using promotion manuals as references in considering improvement measures based on the results of these environmental conservation efforts, creating action plans which include these improvement measures, and implementing them in order to achieve the improvements. This cycle makes it possible to implement proactive, ongoing environmental conservation activities.

The MLIT is striving to promote this green management as a countermeasure against environmental problems.

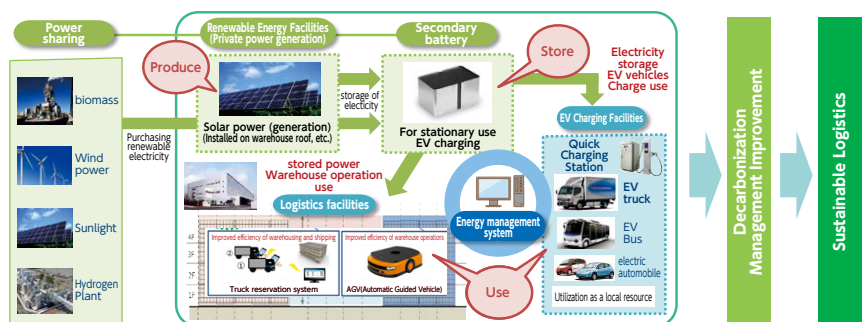
In order to promote green management, the Green Management Certification System was established in 2003. The Eco-Mo Foundation acts as the certification body under this system, objectively certifying and publicizing environmental improvement efforts by companies, based on the green management promotion manuals. This produces greater understanding and motivation of the green management certified businesses by other companies and users, with the ultimate objective of reducing the environmental impact of the transport industry.



Project to promote decarbonization of distribution operations (subsidy for projects to promote decarbonization of distribution operations)

The project will promote decarbonization of logistics by supporting efforts to supply energy to logistics facilities and EV trucks in an integrated manner through the installation of renewable energy facilities utilizing the roofs and sites of logistics facilities, such as warehouses and truck terminals.

Support for the integrated introduction of renewable energy facilities and equipment into logistics facilities



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⑤ Promotion of usage of public transport

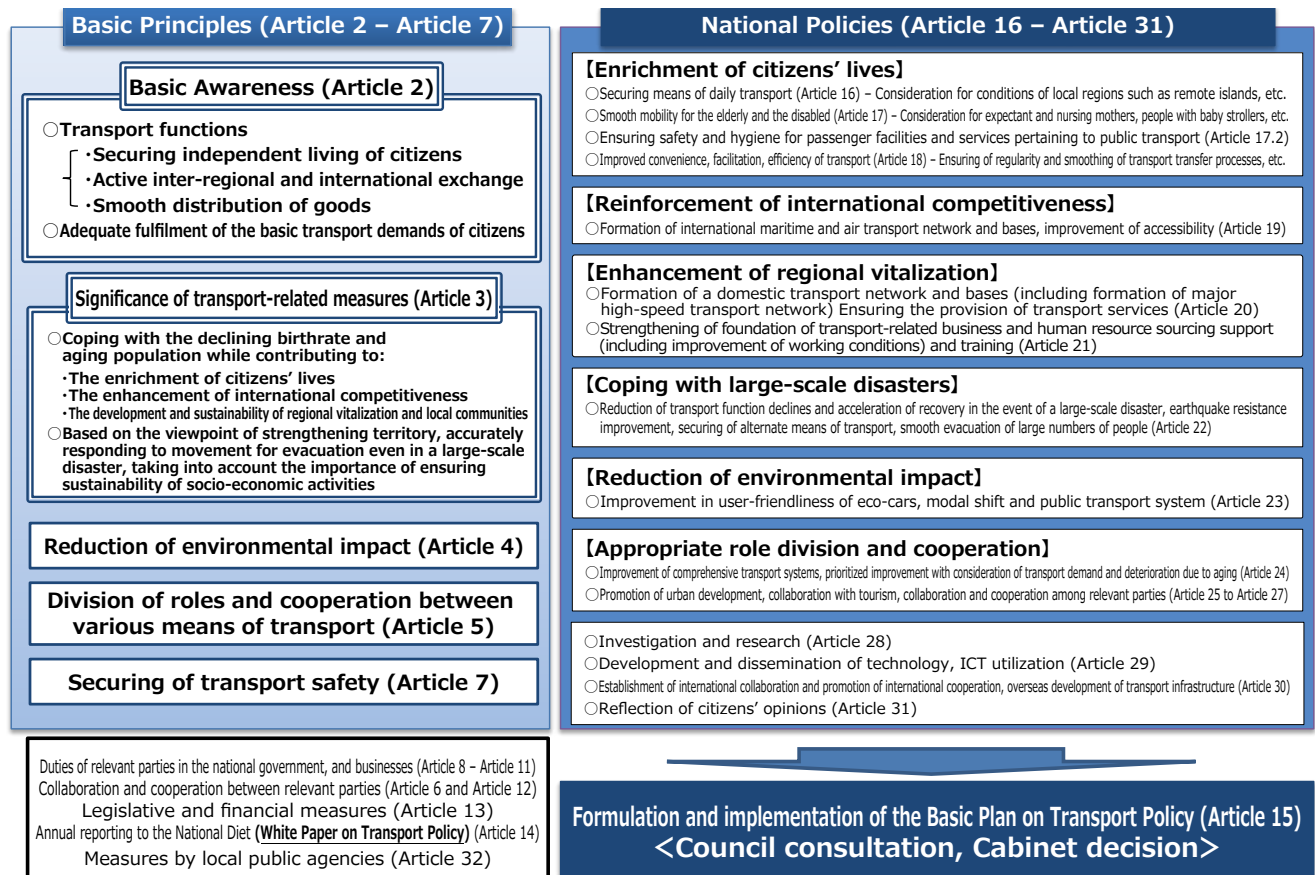
Creating new railroad lines and new transport systems, and making rail and bus transport more convenient, contribute a shift in passenger transport from private cars to public transport, which has less of an environmental impact. This leads to reductions in automobile CO₂ emissions, so various measures are being implemented in order to achieve this shift.

■ Establishment of the Basic Act on Transport Policy

The Basic Act on Transport Policy defines the basic philosophy underpinning transport related measures in order to promote measures necessary for the national government to coordinate closely with local governments and transport companies in implementing comprehensive and systematic measures from the perspectives of increasing international competitiveness and regional vitality, and ensuring preparedness for large-scale disasters. This act applies to the international transport, national transport, and regional transport which acts as the infrastructure supporting Japan's economic and social activities. The Second Basic Plan on Transport Policy, endorsed by the Cabinet on May 28, 2021, covers the period from FY2021 to 2025, and based on this plan, transportation-related measures have been promoted in a comprehensive and systematic manner.

The Basic Act on Transport Policy requires that a white paper on the transport policy be approved by the Cabinet and reported to the Diet every year. The 2022 edition of the white paper was approved by the Cabinet and reported to the Diet in June 2022.

● Summary of the Basic Transport Policy Plan



Source: MLIT (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)


Promotion and support for Japanese MaaS

Support is being provided for the creation of the infrastructure needed for the new mobility service, Mobility as a Service (MaaS), as well as for the construction of MaaS and its widespread use, which will help solving local issues. The objective of these efforts is to achieve nationwide use of MaaS, secure and enrich transport in rural areas and tourist destinations, and maintain and invigorate public transport.


MaaS implementation and collaboration

- **Implement MaaS for seamless mobility across areas and businesses**
 - Focused support for initiatives that aim for wide-area collaboration and initiatives that enable collaboration among a wide range of businesses, such as the use of My Number Card.
 - Organize necessary preconditions, requirements, functions, etc., with the aim of building a collaborative infrastructure that straddles areas and fields.
- **Support for businesses to develop and evaluate new mobility service business plans**

Wide area Maas in Kyushu



Provide seamless mobility service and integrate local contents utilizing digital technologies



<Case Studies>


Left: Seamless MaaS services are provided over a wide area by implementing the same PF and application infrastructure throughout Kyushu.


Right: In Maebashi City, a citizen authentication function was implemented by linking a My Number Card to a transport IC card, providing discounts to citizens for public transport.

Promotion of digitization of transport operators essential for MaaS implementation

- **Support for introduction of traffic information data conversion and congestion information provision system**
 - Raise the level of small and medium-sized businesses, etc. that have not yet been digitized in order to achieve data linkage within the region and across the wider region.
 - DX to improve efficiency and sophistication of management and services.
- **Support for introduction of new payment methods such as IC cards, QR and touch payments, facial recognition, etc.**
 - Payment data accumulation enables service sophistication and seamless cashless travel
- **Support for implementation of AI on-demand transport**
- **Support for the introduction of new mobility devices such as shared bicycles, electric kickboards, green slow mobility, etc.**

Utilize for *Information provision and traffic analysis, can collaborate with "BeaRock" (GIFS-Realtime)





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Green Slow Mobility

Based on the Paris Agreement that was concluded in 2015, the aim is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to essentially zero by the latter-half of the 21st century within a global framework. In Japan, the aim is to achieve a carbon neutral, decarbonized society with greenhouse gas emissions at zero overall by 2050.

At the MLIT, Green Slow Mobility aims to solve various transport problems in local areas, such as the securing of transport services where societal aging is advancing and the development of new sightseeing mobility for tourist attractions. Simultaneously it also aims to spread low carbon mobility in local areas.










Green Slow Mobility is a small mobility service that utilizes electrified vehicles that can travel on public roads at speeds of less than 20 kilometers per hour. By using power generated from sustainable sources such as solar or wind power, it is possible to achieve decarbonized transport.

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【Features of GSM】

- ① **Green**・・・Eco-friendly transport service utilizing electrified vehicles
- ② **Slow**・・・Enjoy the scenery, suitable for residential roads, reduce the number of serious accidents occurred
- ③ **Other**・・・Smaller, more open, and easier to get on and off compared to vehicles with the same capacity

Light vehicles	Small vehicles	Standard-sized vehicle
 4-person	 5-person	 10-person
 4-person	 6-person	 11-person
 4-person	 7-person	 18-person

* A midsize vehicle driving license is required to operate vehicles bearing 11 people

Green Slow Mobility, which is specialized for short-distance travel at low speed, is expected to provide new transport services that complement existing transport systems to introduce the “one last/first mile” for local residents and new mobility for tourists, as well as to encourage local activities.

① **Transporting rural residents**

- 1) Areas without bus service
- 2) Areas with a high proportion of elderly residents
- 3) Improving welfare for the elderly
- 4) Conversion from existing buses

② **Mobility for tourists**

- 1) Sightseeing tours by guides
- 2) Short-term regular tourist buses
- 3) Park-and-ride
- 4) Events

③ **Short rides**

From parking spaces to facilities, or between facilities

④ **Local branding**

As the “face” of the area



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Measures for promoting rail use

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) promotes the use of railway by supporting for constructions of connecting lines between routes, mutual direct connections, subway maintenance, and comprehensive renovation at railway stations.

It is also collaborating with rail operators in the “Eco Rail Campaign”, promoting the use of rail transport as an handy environmental action.

Examples of Service and Convenience Improvement Measures

- ◆Urban Railway Convenience Improvement Project
 - Kanagawa Eastern Bound Lines (Sotetsu/Tokyu Direct Lines)
- ◆Urban Railway Improvement Project (Underground High-Speed Rail Improvement Project)
 - Naniwa-suji Line, Fukuoka City Nanakuma Line, Tokyo Metro Yurakucho Line extension, Tokyo Metro Namboku Line extension
- ◆Railway Station Comprehensive Improvement Project
 - Shinagawa Station, Keihin Kyuko Railway, Sagami Railway Ebina Station, Odakyu Railway Chuurinkan Station, JR Tokai Kariya Station, JR West Shimogion Station

Support for the establishment of next generation streetcar systems (LRTs*), which are increasingly in the spotlight, is being provided as part of the Ministry’s project of “Emergency measures for creating environments to accept foreign visitors”.

* LRT: Short for “Light Rail Transit”. These next generation streetcar transport systems use low-floor trams (LRVs), improve their track and stop to provide easy boarding and unboarding, punctuality, travel speed, comfort, and other features.

Overview of LRT systems

Overview of LRT systems

What is LRT (Light Rail Transit)?

LRT is an improvement on the driving areas, carriages, and other aspects of conventional streetcars, effectively utilizing existing road, rail, and other infrastructure. It is a public transport system which is friendly to people and to the environment, providing greater speeds, punctuality, and transport capabilities. It is gaining greater attention for its barrier free access and environmental friendliness, contributing to the restoration of urban and regional areas by vitalizing central urban districts.

Features

High speeds and punctuality levels

* LRT offers high speeds and high levels of punctuality through high performance carriage, the use of dedicated tracks, partial grade separation, signal prioritization, fare payment system improvements, and more.



Driving area (right-of-way)

Automobiles can physically enter the track area → Tracks and road are separated → Priority signals are used



Coordination with town planning efforts

* Installation of LRT as a town symbol to create lively center
* Can be installed in conjunction with other town planning measures such as development of station plaza and conversion of adjacent streets into transit malls, creation of park & ride parking lots, development of public facilities along the line, etc.



Unified appearance
Conventional design → Train designed to match local scenery



Sufficient transport capacity

* High frequency and articulated carriage are combined appropriately to ensure sufficient transport capacity



Train transport capacity (maximum capacity)

Approx. 90 people (Single-car: Hiroshima Electric Railway train) → Approx. 150 people (Five-car: Hiroshima Electric Railway train)



Environmentally-friendly

* In addition to providing the environmentally friendly streetcar feature of producing CO₂ emissions less than automobiles, LRT systems also reduce noise and vibration through the use of resilient wheels and vibration control tracks



Track structure

Normal track → Vibration control track
87dB → 76dB
(Noise comparison)
Measured at a distance of 7.5m from the center line between tracks, at a height of 1.2m above ground, for an LRT travelling at 40km/h



People-friendly

* Low carriage floors, boarding and disboarding slopes, etc., eliminate height differences and ensure ease in transferring to other means of transport



Floor height
780mm → 330mm



CO₂ emissions

CO₂ emissions per person per kilometer transported (g)

Privately owned car	188
Minibus	94
LRT streetcar	36

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■ Revised Act on Vitalization and Rehabilitation of Local Public Transport Systems

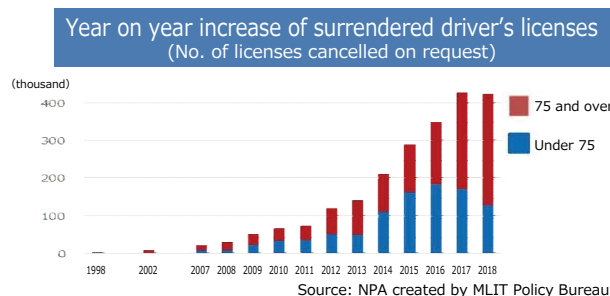
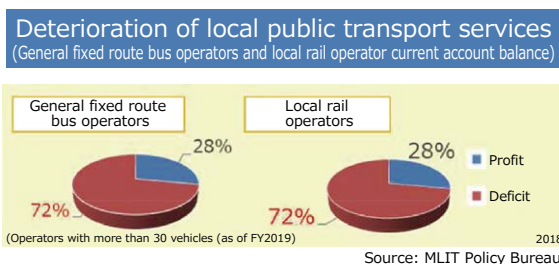
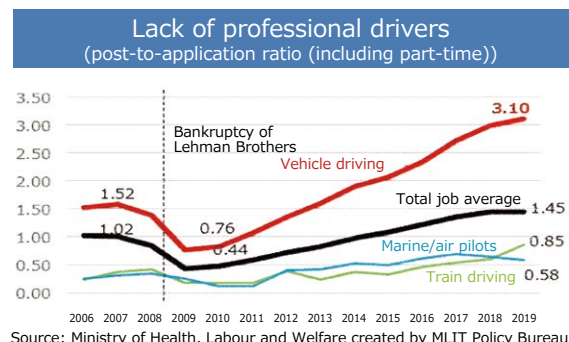
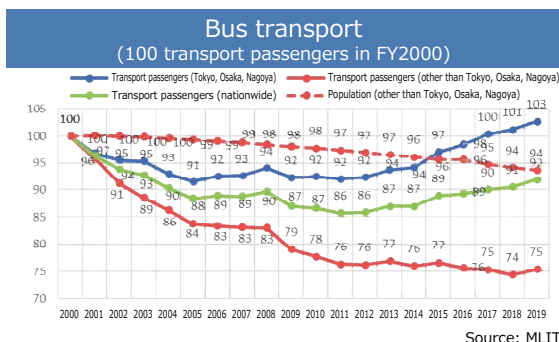
In addition to the long-term decline in demand due to population decline and other factors, the situation surrounding regional public Transport has become more challenging because of the impact of the novel coronavirus infection.

Meanwhile, the number of elderly people giving up their driver's licenses remains at a high level, and it is becoming increasingly important to ensure that they have a means of Transport that support them.

In light of these difficult conditions, and in response to discussions at the Regional Public Transport Subcommittee of the Transport System Subcommittee of the Council for Transport Policy, the supplemental budget for FY2022 and the initial budget for FY2023 significantly strengthened budgetary support, including a budget to support “co-creation” efforts, the addition of core projects to the “Comprehensive Grant for Social Infrastructure Development” as a new initiative, and the inclusion of “Area Integrated Agreement Operation Projects. In addition, a bill to partially revise the Act on Vitalization and Rehabilitation of Local Public Transport Systems was submitted to the 211th Ordinary Diet Session in 2023. These measures will promote cooperation and collaboration among local public bodies, public transport operators, and other relevant parties in each region, and realize the redesign of the regional public transport network to make it more convenient, sustainable, and productive.

● Current status of and issues with local public transport

- The number of **transport passengers at fixed route bus companies** is in a large declining trend but **this decrease is particularly stark in rural areas.**
- **Roughly 70% of bus operators nationwide** have **income deficits in their general fixed route bus business.** In addition, **more than 70% of local rail operators have a deficit in their current account balance.**
- **The lack of professional drivers is worsening year on year** with the post-to-application ratio twice that of the total job average.
- **The number of elderly persons surrendering their driver's licenses** has sharply increased in recent years.



It is assumed that the local public transport environment will become even more difficult in the future with the rapid population decline.

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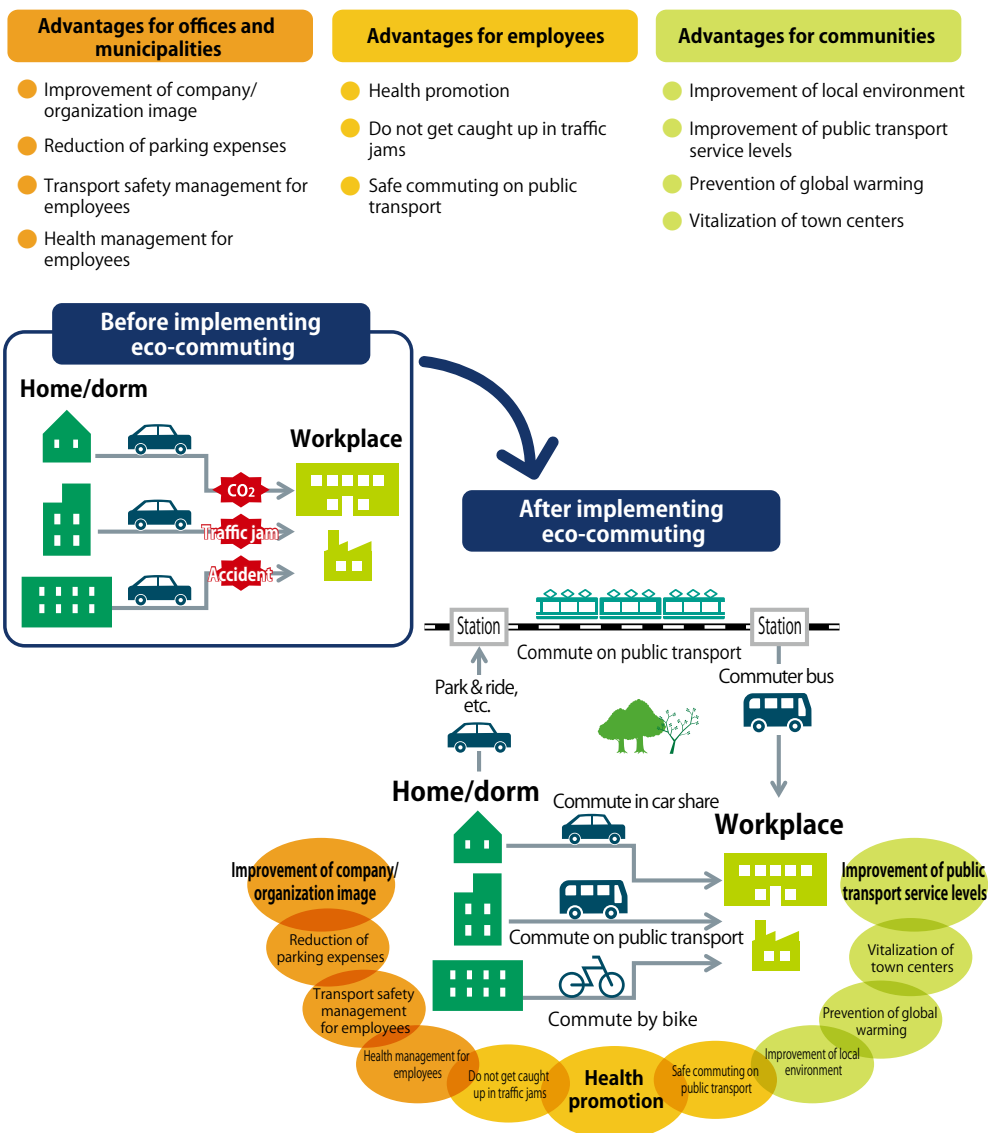
Promotion of eco-commuting

There is a growing demand for a shift in means of transport, from the use of private cars to low carbon dioxide emission measure, by promoting the use of public transport. In order to promote highly effective measures which match both user side efforts and transport operator side efforts, a Conference on Promotion of Public Transport was held in March 2005, involving transport operators, members of the business sector, and members of the government.

In November 2007 the “Eco-commuting Promotion Action Program through the Mobility Management Project” was adopted to promote conversion from the use of private cars to public transport, bicycles and on foot for commuting.

Furthermore, from June 2009, thereby promoting eco-commuting, the “Excellent Eco-Commuting Business Site Certification System” was launched to certify businesses which voluntarily and actively promoted eco-commuting. As of the end of December 2022, 814 business sites have been registered.

Advantages of increasing eco-commuting for communities and companies

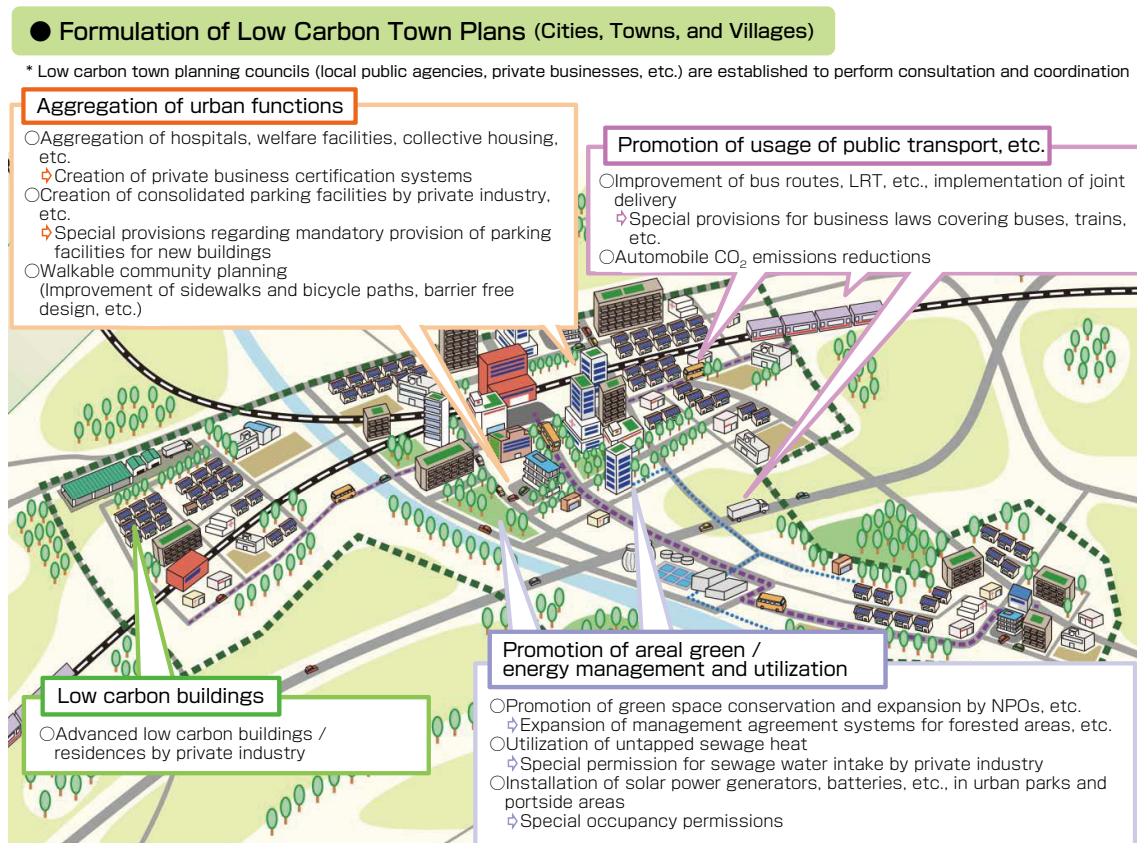


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Low Carbon City Promotion Act

It is important to build up a collection of success cases of rationalization of energy usage and urban and transport carbon emissions reduction, to promote the greater adoption and to vitalize the housing market and local economies, by encouraging private investment in urbanization areas, etc. based on changes in energy supply and demand triggered by the Great East Japan Earthquake and increasing energy and global warming awareness among citizens.

The Low Carbon City Promotion Act was passed by the Diet in September 2012 and enacted in 2012 December of the same year. As of December 2022, 26 cities have created low carbon town plans. These plans are listed on the MLIT website.



Source: MLIT (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

⑥ Promotion of Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST)

In order to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by the passenger transport sector, it is important to implement measures to reduce the excessive dependence on private vehicles, which account for the majority of the sector's emissions, and promote the use of public transport, etc. It is essential, when doing so, to employ measures which reflect the local area's features, and for measures to be driven by the community with the collaboration of related parties.

In order to achieve this, the MLIT has implemented an "EST Model Project", selecting areas which are implementing leading efforts at achieving "Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST)", and related ministries and agencies collaborate to provide support in the areas such as promoting the use of public transport, implementing measures to smooth automobile traffic flow, promoting the use of low-emission vehicles, and promoting awareness raising.

Over the three year period projects. Related from FY2004 to 2006, 27 areas were selected as EST Model Project areas, and each area has implemented three year model projects related ministries and agencies are coordinating with each other, providing support and making information regarding the results of these projects available in order to expand EST to a nationwide scale. As part of these efforts, the MLIT website provides an EST Database with the results of these model projects, sharing information about how to effectively implement EST activities.

● MLIT website "EST Database"

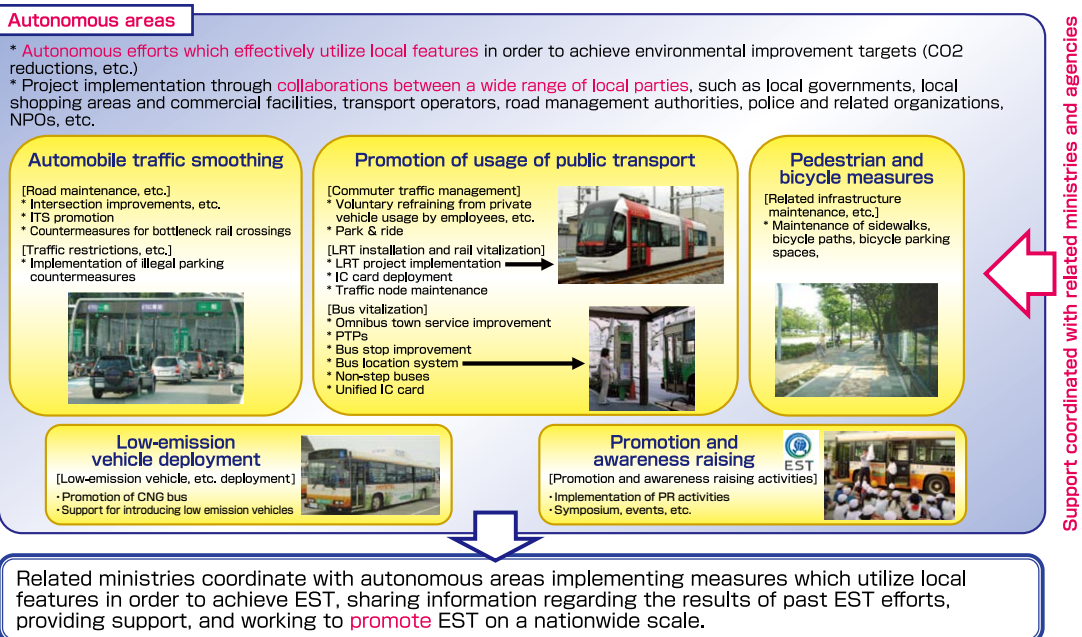


Source: MLIT website

● Promotion of Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST)

Achieving Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST)

* From FY2004 to 2006, 27 areas were selected as EST model areas due to their leading efforts at achieving EST, such as promoting the use of public transport and implementing measures to smooth automobile traffic flow. Related ministries and agencies have collaborated to provide these model regions with concentrated support.
 * In the future the leading efforts of these 27 EST model regions will be applied on a nationwide scale in order to promote EST.



Source: MLIT "White Paper on Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism in Japan" (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

■ Regional EST Forum in Asia

The motorization that has accompanied economic development and urbanization in Asia has produced severe social issues such as air pollution. The "Regional EST Forum in Asia" has been held by the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) and the MOEJ with the aim of achieving Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) in the Asian region. Currently, there are roughly 300 members, both from Japan and other Asian countries, including high level government officials in charge of environmental and transport agencies, local governments, environmental and transport experts, and Asian and European international support organizations, ADB and NGOs, etc.

The first Forum was held in August 2005 in Nagoya and attended by a total of 13 Asian countries. Its objective was to promote EST, then being advanced by the OECD, throughout Asia. To achieve this, it adopted the "Aichi Declaration," which set out the fundamental philosophy of EST in Asia, the importance of transport for solving the problems faced by socially vulnerably people and the poor, based on the MDGs that served as the basis of SDGs, and formulated a strategic plan and action plan for each country, led by the UNCRD.

The Forum has been held continuously in Asian countries roughly once a year since then, and the number of participating countries and attendees has grown. In 2010, the Bangkok Declaration for 2020, which laid out the targets for the years leading up to 2020, was adopted, promoting EST-related measures in each country.

On the global level, in 2015, the United Nations Headquarters adopted the "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development," which set forth 17 international targets, called SDGs. In the same year, the Paris Agreement on climate change was adopted with the consent of all countries. It aims to create sustainable, rich societies in which no one is left behind, while at the same time demanding major changes in societies, which until now have been predicated on the use of fossil fuels. Against this backdrop, at the 10th Forum held in Vientiane, Laos, in 2017, the member states adopted the "Vientiane Declaration" which applied the SDG approach to EST.

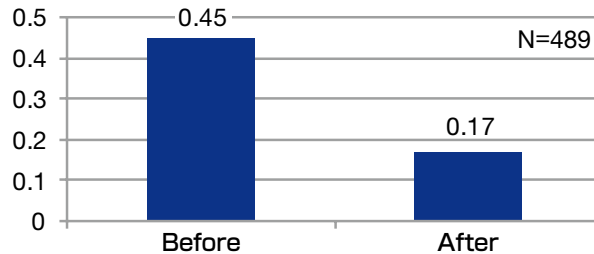
With regard to the recent EST Forum, the 13th Forum was held with the main theme of "Changing the course of Asia's transport sector through transformational change" and discussed situations after the "Bangkok Declaration 2020". Due to the impact of COVID-19, the Forum was held online for the first time with approximately 300 participants as in the past years. In October 2021, the 14th Forum was held online at "Aichi Sky Expo (Aichi International Exhibition Center)". In this Forum, "Aichi 2030 Declaration" was adopted, setting out EST goals by 2030 in line with international trends including the SDGs and the Paris Agreement to accelerate the decarbonization movement in Asia.

Effectiveness of car sharing in reducing environmental impact

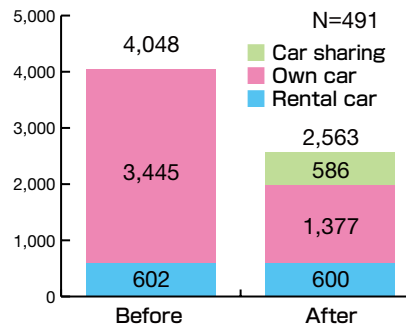
Car sharing, which allows people to use cars only when needed without owning them, has been popular worldwide, and in Japan, the number of car-sharing users exceeds 2.6 million (according to an Eco-Mo Foundation survey conducted in March 2022).

In FY2012 the Eco-Mo Foundation performed an evaluation of the effectiveness of car sharing at reducing environmental impact. A survey of car sharers was carried out with the cooperation of five major car sharing operators. The survey found a decrease of over 60% in the number of cars owned per household after joining a car sharing scheme, a decrease of just under 40% in average annual miles driven, and an average annual reduction in automobile CO₂ emissions of 0.34t (45%). A report containing detailed survey results and measures for popularizing car sharing in the future can be found on the Eco-Mo Foundation website.

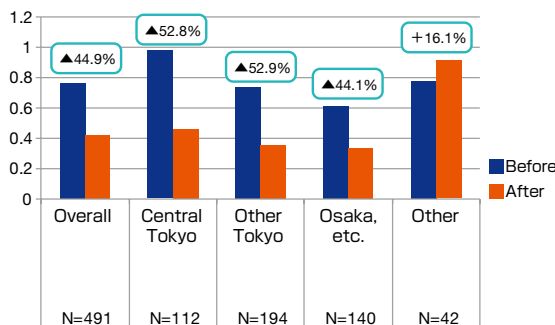
● Change in average number of automobiles owned per household



● Changes in annual total distance driven (km/year/household)



● Change in annual CO₂ emissions from automobile use (t-CO₂/year/household)



Note 1) Central Tokyo: Chiyoda ward, Minato ward, Chuo ward, Shibuya ward, Shinjuku ward, Bunkyo ward, Toshima ward

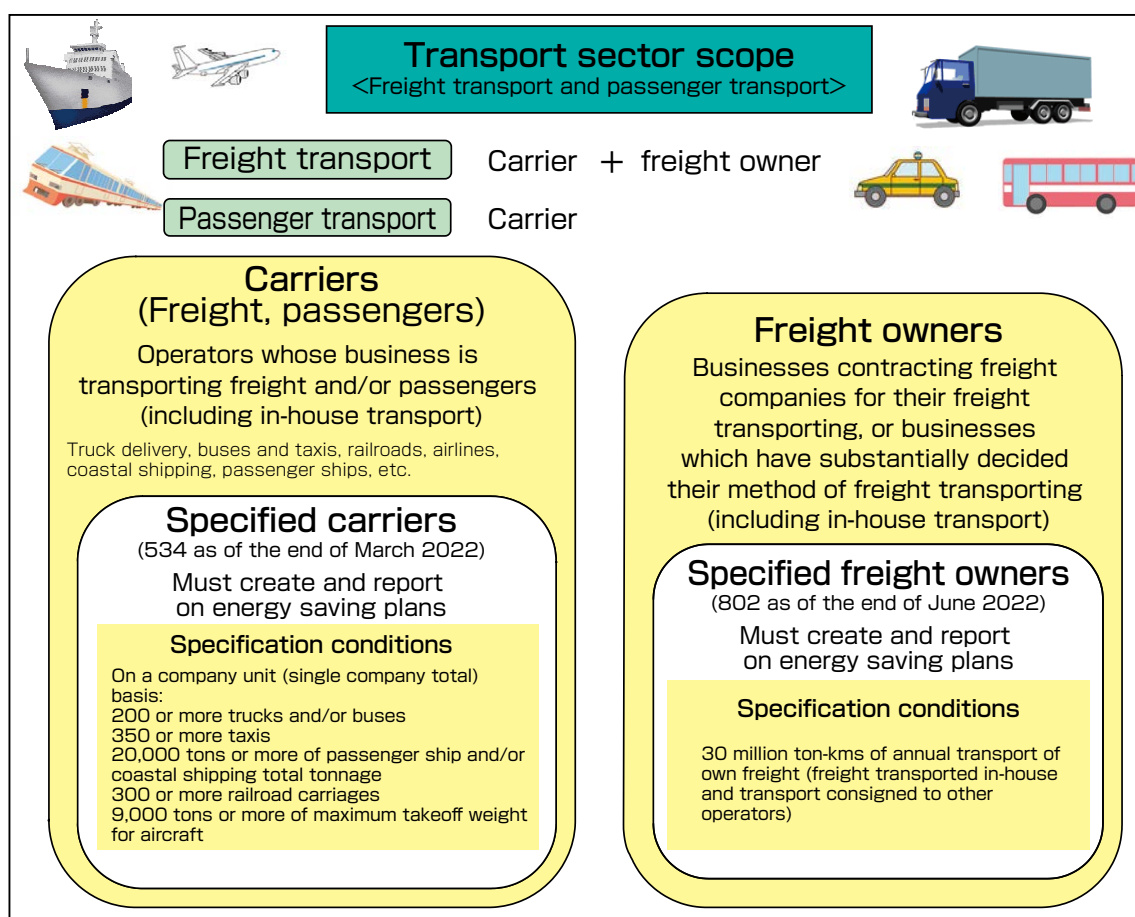
Note 2) Osaka, etc: Osaka Prefecture, Hyogo Prefecture, Kyoto Prefecture, Aichi Prefecture, Kanagawa Prefecture

(2) Energy Saving Act-based measures

The steady implementation of energy saving measures is an important challenge in tackling global warming.

The Act on the Rational Use of Energy (the Energy Saving Act) seeks to rationalize the use of energy based on “Operator’s decision criteria” defined by the national government. In particular, businesses whose energy consumption exceeds a certain amount (specified businesses) are required to report their actual energy consumption (periodic report), prepare a medium- to long-term (3 to 5 years) plan for rationalization of energy consumption (medium- to long-term plan) and submit it to the government every fiscal year.

In addition to these efforts, the revised Energy Saving Act, which was passed in May 2022, newly requires businesses to switch to non-fossil energy sources in order to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 in response to the growing environmental awareness in recent years. The name of the law was revised to “Act on Rationalizing Energy Use and Conversion to Non-Fossil Energy” from “Act on Rationalizing Energy Use” in line with the content. Under the revised Energy Saving Act, businesses are required to set targets for the conversion to non-fossil energy and take respective measures based on the “criteria for businesses converting to non-fossil energy” newly established by the government, while continuing to rationalize overall energy use as before. Specified carriers and specified shippers are required to report to the government their mid- to long-term plans and actual results regarding the conversion to non-fossil energy as well as the aforementioned plans (rationalization of energy use).



Specified carriers designation status (total of 534 companies as of the end of March 2022)

	Freight				Passengers				Aviation	Total
	Railway	Commercial trucks	Private trucks	Shipping	Railway	Buses	Taxis	Shipping		
No. of carriers	1	275	76	29	26	93	21	11	2	534

[Overview of determination criteria for carriers with respect to energy usage rationalization, etc.]

The following items are specified.

- (1) From a medium- and long-term perspective, each carrier should set as a target an annual average reduction of 1% or more in energy consumption rates or electricity demand equalization evaluation rates.
- (2) Carriers should formulate policies indicating their energy saving efforts, and appoint energy saving measure administrators and establish promotion systems for energy saving measures.
- (3) Carriers should strive to perform the following.

	Items to be addressed (energy conservation criteria)
Common	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Enhance collaboration with freight owners and other carriers
Rail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Introduce energy saving trains · Expand the size of universal containers and introduce freight trains capable of carrying large containers · Secure a transport capacity which accurately matches transport demand by adjusting the number of trains operated, etc. · Perform appropriate train inspections and maintenance
Automobiles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Introduce low-emission vehicles and high fuel efficiency tires · Promote eco-driving through driver education and the use of digital drive records and eco-driving management systems · Promote increases in truck and trailer sizes in accordance with freight volume · Perform cooperative delivery and improve loading rates through securing return cargo, etc.
Ships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Introduce high fuel efficiency ships and low friction ship-bottom paint · Use on-land power supply systems · Promote increases in ship sizes in accordance with freight volume · Perform joint delivery to improve loading rates
Airplanes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Introduce airplanes with superior energy usage efficiency · Rationalize ground operation energy usage · Promote appropriate equipment selection in accordance with freight volume · Coordinate aircraft operation, such as by reducing ferry flight distances

【Freight owner's decision criteria】

From a medium- and long-term perspective, freight owners will aim for an annual average reduction of 1% in energy consumption rates or electricity demand equalization evaluation rates by implementing measures such as those below:

- Appointing energy saving measure officers
- Providing in-house training
- Selecting environmentally-friendly cargo carriers (carriers who have obtained ISO14001 or green management certifications)
- Promoting modal shifts
- Shifting from the use of private trucks to commercial trucks
- Performing joint delivery with other companies
- Reducing redeliveries

etc.

III. Measures in Response to Major Environmental Problems of the Transport Sector

●Criteria for transport operators for non-fossil energy conversion

Targets related to the conversion to non-fossil energy for transport

transport Business	Approximate Quantitative Targets	Guideline for Qualitative Targets
small truck (8 tons or less)	Replace 5% of the fleet with non-fossil energy vehicles by FY2030	Increase in the share of non-fossil energy in the use of electricity for vehicles
Large truck (Over 8 tons)	None (Considering setting quantitative guidelines by FY2030)	Introduce non-fossil energy vehicles by FY2030 (including the establishment of an operational structure)
Bus	Replace 5% of fleet with non-fossil energy vehicles by FY2030	Increase in the share of non-fossil energy in the use of electricity for vehicles
Cab	Replace 8% of the fleet with non-fossil energy vehicles by FY2030	Increase in the share of non-fossil energy in the use of electricity for vehicles
Railroad	Convert 59% of electricity consumption to non-fossil energy in FY2030 (for electric vehicles)	Introduction of electric, FC, or non-fossil energy vehicles (including establishment of an operation system) by FY2030 (for internal combustion vehicles)
Ship	None (Considering setting quantitative guidelines by FY2030)	Introduction of hydrogen FC, battery, and LNG carriers from the late 2020s onward (including establishment of operational systems, etc.)
Aircraft	The percentage of SAF use in fuel use in FY2030 shall be 10%*. * Total of international and domestic flights	Proactive introduction of aircraft equipped with new aircraft environmental technology

Measures to be taken to achieve the goal of non-fossil energy conversion

transport Business	Measures to be taken
Automobile (trucks, buses, cabs)	(1) Introduction of non-fossil energy vehicles (EVs, FCVs, PHEVs, non-fossil fuel vehicles) (2) Use of non-fossil fuels instead of fossil fuels (3) Introduction of charging and other infrastructure integrated with (1) (4) Cooperation, investigation and study with related parties (government agencies, manufacturers, shippers, etc.) toward (1) or (2). (5) Select a high non-fossil energy rate for electricity used in EVs and PHEVs.
Railroad	(1) Conversion of externally procured electricity to non-fossil fuel, acquisition of non-fossil fuel certificates, etc. (2) Installation of photovoltaic power generation equipment, etc. (3) Introduction of electric or fuel cell vehicles (4) Use of non-fossil fuels in place of fossil fuels (5) Cooperation, investigation and study with related parties (government agencies, manufacturers, etc.) toward (3) or (4).
Ship	(1) Introduction of ships that use non-fossil energy such as hydrogen FC ships (2) Introduction of LNG carriers for future use of synthetic fuels, etc. (3) Use of non-fossil fuels (4) Cooperation with related parties (government agencies, manufacturers, shippers, etc.), surveys and studies for (1) to (3) (5) Utilization of onshore power supply system at anchor
Aviation	(1) Proactive use and expansion of SAF (2) Introduction of equipment equipped with new environmental technology (3) Cooperation with related parties (government agencies, manufacturers, shippers, etc.) toward (1) or (2) (4) GPU (ground power unit) is given priority
Common to all modes	(1) Efforts to switch to non-fossil energy in cooperation and collaboration with shippers, users, or other businesses

【Shipper's Criteria】

transport machinery and equipment	Approximate Quantitative Targets	Guideline for Qualitative Targets and Measures to be Taken
small truck (8 tons or less)	5% of vehicles used for transport both for private use and dedicated use by shippers will be replaced with non-fossil energy vehicles in FY2030.	○Conducting technical development and demonstration tests of vehicles and other equipment that use non-fossil fuels in cooperation with transport companies and manufacturers of vehicles and other equipment.
Large truck (Over 8 tons)		○Conducting technical development and demonstration experiments of non-fossil fuels in cooperation with manufacturers and others related to non-fossil fuels
Railroad		○Establishment of operational rules for the introduction plan and delivery plan for vehicles, etc. that use non-fossil energy and for refueling and recharging infrastructure in cooperation with other shippers, quasi-shippers, freight forwarders, etc.
Ship		○Conversion to non-fossil energy through the development and supply of non-fossil energy production facilities in cooperation with energy suppliers, etc.
Aircraft		

(3) International maritime and air transport sector countermeasures

■ Introduction of international maritime transport CO₂ regulations

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) is discussing uniform worldwide measures for reducing carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from international maritime transport, which are not included in the scope of individual countries' activities based on the Kyoto Protocol or the Paris Agreement. In April 2018, the IMO adopted the "IMO GHG Reduction Strategy", the first commitment in the world to zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in a single sector as soon as possible during this century, and discussions are currently underway to develop an international framework for GHG reduction.

At the IMO meeting in June 2021, they decided to adopt a treaty on a new CO₂ emission regulation for the world's large ocean-going vessels, the "Energy Efficiency Existing Ship Index (EEXI) and Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII) Rating System," based on a joint proposal led by Japan to encourage existing ships not subject to CO₂ emission regulations to improve fuel efficiency and operations. This regulation will come into effect in 2023.

The "GHG Reduction Strategy" is to be revised in the spring of 2023, and discussions are underway internationally for the revision. At the IMO meeting in November 2021, Japan, along with other countries including the United States and the United Kingdom, jointly proposed a new goal of "Net Zero GHG emissions by 2050 (carbon neutrality by 2050)" for the revision of this strategy.

In order to achieve the global GHG reduction targets, Japan, which has excellent energy-saving technology, will take the lead in formulating an international framework in order to reduce GHG in the IMO to improve international competition in the international maritime industry.

■ International air transport sector greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures

In 2022, the 41st General Conference of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) adopted carbon neutrality by 2050 as a global long-term reduction target for greenhouse gas emissions in the international aviation sector. "Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation" (CORSIA), which offsets CO₂ emissions in excess of the baseline through a market mechanism by utilizing sustainable aviation fuels (SAF), improving operational methods, and introducing new aircraft technologies, was also reviewed in the General Conference. A resolution was adopted that included a baseline change to 85% of 2019 emissions, which is expected to increase emission reduction obligations beyond 2024.

From 2021, voluntary participating states will begin implementing reductions in greenhouse gas emissions based on the scheme. From 2027 onwards, participation will be mandatory for all countries except those with emissions levels below a defined threshold.

● Decarbonization Initiatives in the Aviation Sector

International Aviation: Global Reduction Targets (ICAO)

At the ICAO General Assembly (2010, 2013), the following global reduction targets for CO₂ emissions from international aviation were decided and specific measures were discussed

Global Reduction Targets

1. 2% improvement in fuel efficiency annually 2. No increase in total emissions after 2020 (CNG2020: Carbon Neutral Growth 2020)

CORSIA (Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation)

Means of Achieving the Goals

- ① Introduction of new technology
- ② Improvement of the operation method
- ③ Utilization SAF
- ④ Market mechanisms

- ✓ Offset the increase in CO₂ emissions from the baseline even if reductions are made through (1) to (3) by (4) using market mechanisms (carbon credits)
- ✓ Japan has voluntarily participated since 2021. **System up to 2035.**

Conceptual diagram of the estimation of CO₂ emissions from international aviation and emission reduction targets

History of Long-Term Goal Formulation at ICAO

- ✓ Establishment of a task group (LTAG-TG) at ICAO to study long-term goals for the international aviation sector.
- ✓ Japan was appointed as the chairperson to lead the discussions on the formulation of the long-term goals.
- ✓ Adopted the long-term goal "carbon neutrality by 2050" at the ICAO General Assembly in 2022.

[Chairperson of LTAG-TG]
Gen Yoshimura
Director of the Airworthiness Standards and International Affairs Office, Civil Aviation Bureau,
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure,
Transport and Tourism.

Domestic Aviation: Global Warming Action Plan (Paris Agreement)

(Developed May 2016, revised October 2021)

Revised this year to target a 16% improvement in emissions intensity in FY2030, up from 8% improvement in 2013 (no increase in emissions from 2013 levels) ※FY2013 1.3977 (kg-CO₂/ton-kilo)→ FY2030 1.1693 (kg-CO₂/ton-kilo)

Source: MLIT (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

Emissions trading system measures

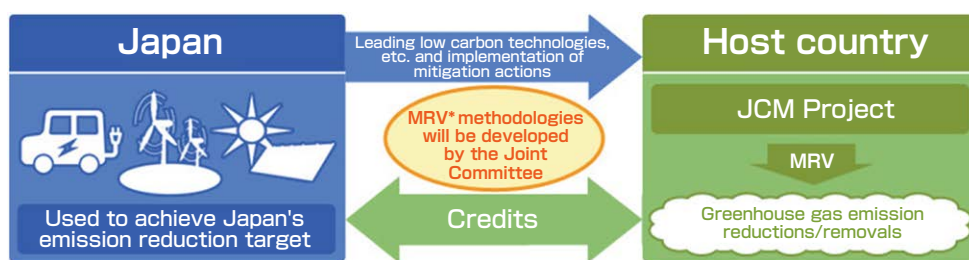
The Japanese government has proposed a Joint Credit Mechanism (JCM) for international emissions trading. With the end of the adjustment period for the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol (by 2015), countries not participating in the second commitment period cannot internationally transfer or acquire Kyoto Mechanism credits.

Japan is operating and promoting the J-Credit Scheme for domestic emissions trading.

Joint Credit Mechanism (JCM)

Japan has proposed the Joint Credit Mechanism (JCM) as a system for flexibly and rapidly transferring technologies and implementing countermeasures in accordance with conditions in developing countries in order to contribute to global emissions reductions and absorption. This mechanism quantitatively evaluates Japan’s contributions to greenhouse gas emission reductions and absorption through usage and implementation of greenhouse gas reduction technologies, products, systems, services, infrastructure, and the like. This is used to help Japan achieve its emission reduction targets.

With the collaboration of host countries, the design of the mechanism will be further accelerated in the future, the mechanism will be put into effect soon, specific, concrete projects will be implemented, and the mechanism will provide transparency in order to contribute to UN discussions.



* MRV (Mesurment Reporting Verification)

Source: New Mechanisms Information Platform (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

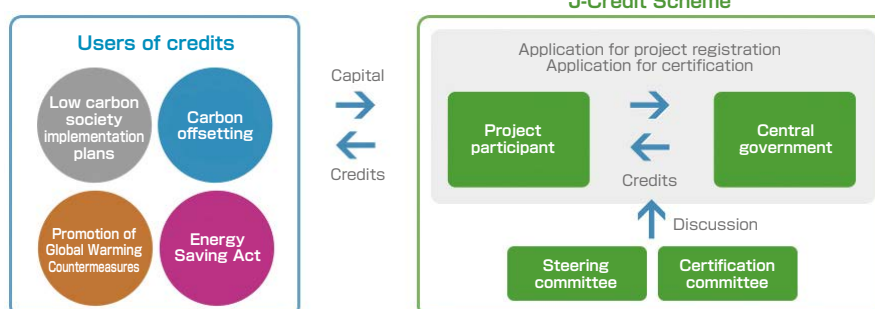
J-Credit Scheme

The J-Credit Scheme is system in which reductions and absorption of greenhouse gasses such as CO₂ through measures such as the deployment of energy-saving devices and forest management are certified by the national government as “credits”.

This system is an extension and merging of the domestic credit system and offset credit system (J-VER), and is operated by the national government.

The credits produced by this system can be used for various purposes, such as achieving “Commitment to a Low Carbon Society” and for use as carbon offsets.

Outline of the J-Credit Scheme



Source: J-Credit Scheme website (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

2 Promotion of emissions gas measures for trucks and busses (diesel vehicles), etc.

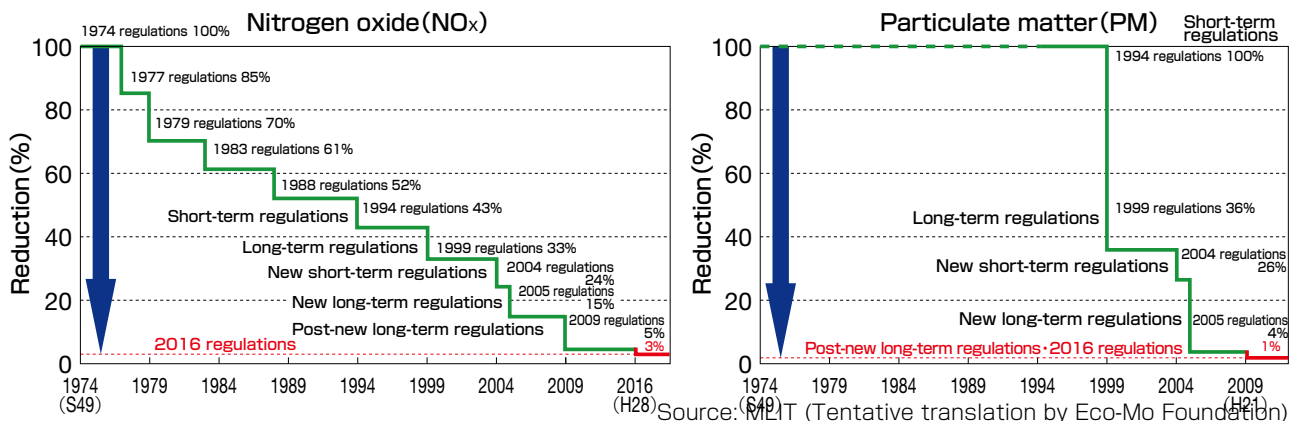
The problem of vehicle exhaust gas became a serious social problem with the rapid urbanization which began in the mid-1960s and the increase in vehicle traffic. For emissions gas measures for diesel vehicles it is especially important to reduce the amount of emissions of nitrogen oxide (NOx), which is a cause of respiratory disorders and causes photochemical smog and acid rain, and particulate matter (PM), which is a carcinogen. In order to do this, the government strengthened exhaust gas regulations by enacting vehicle composition regulations and repeatedly revising road vehicle safety standards. Furthermore, in 1992 the Automobile NOx Reduction Law (now the Automobile NOx/PM Law) was enacted to reduce NOx and PM emissions.

(1) Promotion of emissions gas measures for diesel vehicles

① Restrictions on manufacturers

In 2016 with the introduction of measures such as cold engine exhaust gas testing, the scope of exhaust gas regulations came to include vehicles with actual NOx emissions of about 1/3 of those included in previous regulations. As a result of the regulations, the vehicles will successively be replaced by clean diesel vehicles with dramatically improved exhaust gas performance.

● Vehicle exhaust gas restrictions (diesel-powered heavy vehicles)



②Restrictions on users

In urban areas where Automobile NOx/PM air quality standards had not met, nitrogen oxide countermeasure areas and particulate matter countermeasure areas were defined and restrictions were placed on vehicle users with the aim of achieving air quality standards in the areas by roughly 2010. Specifically, for areas specified in the regulations, users are prohibited from registering vehicles which do not meet specific exhaust standards (model prohibition) and mandate the submission of exhaust gas regulation plans by specified operators. Tokyo Metropolis, Saitama Prefecture, Chiba Prefecture, Kanagawa Prefecture, Hyogo Prefecture, and Osaka Prefecture have also defined ordinances restricting the inflow of non-compliance vehicles from other regions, for further reducing nitrogen oxide and particulate matter emissions.

In order to differentiate between vehicles which do and do not meet these standards, complied vehicles are issued with stickers, preventing the inflow of illegal vehicles. Despite the implementation of restrictions affecting users in areas implementing these measures, non-compliance vehicles from other areas pass through intersections with heavy traffic, resulting in areas not meeting air quality standards. In response to this situation, the Automobile NOx/PM Law was partially revised in 2008 to apply to users outside regulation-specified areas as well.

Furthermore, in March 2011 the Automobile NOx/PM Law enforcement and ministerial orders were revised and regulations for users with the aim of achieving air quality standards targets in urban areas by 2020 were set out.

	Automobile NOx/PM Law	Tokyo, Saitama, Chiba, and Kanagawa Prefectures	Hyogo Prefecture Ordinance	Osaka Prefecture Ordinance
Category	National law	Ordinance	Ordinance	Ordinance
Regulated material	Nitrogen oxide (NOx), particulate matter (PM)	Particulate matter (PM)	Nitrogen oxide (NOx), particulate matter (PM)	Nitrogen oxide (NOx), particulate matter (PM)
Contents of regulation	Prohibits registration of vehicles which do not conform with exhaust standards (vehicles do not pass ongoing vehicle inspections)	Prohibits driving of vehicles which do not conform with exhaust standards	Prohibits driving of vehicles which do not conform with exhaust standards	Prohibits driving of vehicles which do not conform with exhaust standards
Vehicles affected	Vehicles whose use is based in specified measure implementation areas	Diesel vehicles driving in the area covered by the ordinance	Diesel vehicles driving in the area covered by the ordinance	Vehicles which arrive at or depart from the restricted area (does not apply to vehicles passing through the area)
Vehicle models affected	Diesel passenger vehicles, trucks, buses, special purpose vehicles (not including light motor, special vehicles, and passenger vehicles which use gasoline or LPG as fuel)	Diesel vehicles with license plate numbers 1-, 2-, 4-, 6-, or 8- (except for passenger vehicles with 8- license plate numbers)	Vehicles with total weights of 8ton or more which cannot be registered due to their use being based in non-regulated areas specified by the Automobile NOx/PM Law (for buses, buses with capacities of 30 people or more)	All trucks, buses, and special vehicles other than passenger vehicles covered by the Automobile NOx/PM Law

(2) Appropriately maintained vehicle usage and appropriate fuel usage guidance

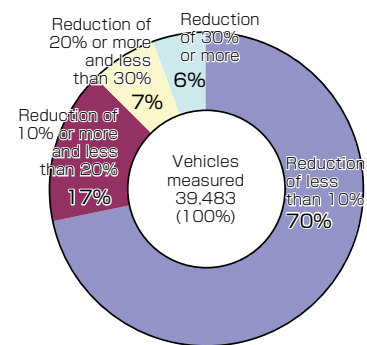
① Appropriately maintained vehicle usage

In order to reduce the environmental impact of vehicles, it is essential that they should be properly maintained and that they consistently maintain exhaust gas performance during operation. Insufficiently maintained vehicles emit greater amounts of NOx and PM than properly maintained vehicles, creating major environmental problems.

A study of reductions in emissions of black smoke after maintenance on diesel vehicles brought in for maintenance found that 30% of all the vehicles examined are found reduced the black smoke concentration 10% or more. This confirmed that inspection and maintenance significantly reduces diesel black smoke emissions.

● Reduction in black smoke emissions as the result of inspection and maintenance / Number of vehicles brought in for maintenance in October 2014 (According to a study by the Japan Automobile Service Promotion Association)

	Vehicles Measured	Percentage
Reduction of less than 10%	27,745	70%
Reduction of 10% or more and less than 20%	6,973	17%
Reduction of 20% or more and less than 30%	2,575	7%
Reduction of 30% or more	2,190	6%
Total	39,483	100%



(Breakdown of reductions in black smoke emissions as the result of inspection and maintenance)

② Appropriate fuel usage guidance

Since FY2005 the MLIT has conducted street inspections to check fuel sulfur content. When incidents of use of illegal diesel fuel with high sulfur content are discovered, warnings or orders to switch to proper fuel are issued, with the goal of eliminating the use of illegal diesel fuel.

<Illegal diesel fuel>

Illegal diesel fuel refers to diesel fuel mixed with kerosene or fuel oil, and to manufactured diesel fuel which has been produced by adding sulfuric acid, etc. to fuel oil. Industrial waste such as sulfate pitch, which is discharged during the production of illegal diesel oil, is mostly disposed of by illegal dumping, creating environmental problems nationwide. Using illegal diesel fuel in diesel vehicles also increases the amount of air pollutants PM and NOx in their exhaust.

An illegal diesel fuel which mixes diesel oil and A-type fuel oil equally

increases diesel vehicle exhaust gas PM levels by 14 to 17% and NOx levels by 7 to 8% in their exhaust gas.

● Illegally dumped sulfate pitch which has leaked out of its containers



3 Creation of a recycling-oriented society

(1) Creation of recyclable resource distribution systems

① Formation of a recyclable resource distribution system using sea transport

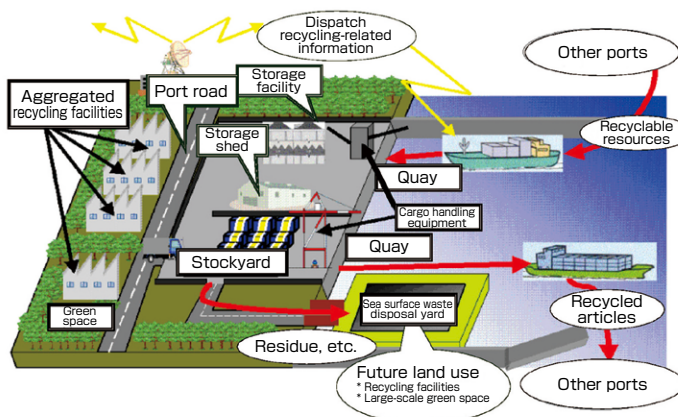
In order to create a recyclable resource cycle as part of the creation of a recycling-oriented society, 22 ports nationwide have been designated as Recycle Ports (integrated venous logistics ports), centers of wide-area circulation of recyclable resources. The MLIT provides the support necessary to improve port facilities such as shipment transfer, storage facilities, and other recyclable resource handling support facilities.

● Outline of the Recycle Port Policy

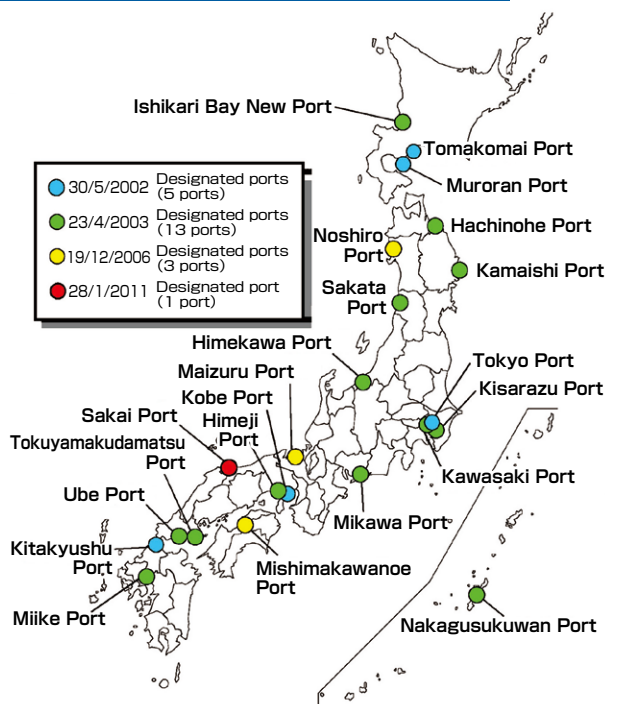
Recycle Port Policy

- Securing port facilities such as quays
- Providing support for the maintenance of shipment transfer and storage facilities, etc. (subsidized with subsidy rate of 1/3)
- Improvement of operations related to recyclable resource handling
- Promotion of coordination between the government and private sector (use of the Recycle Ports Promotion Council, etc.)

Recycle Port Image



Designated Recycle Ports (22 ports)



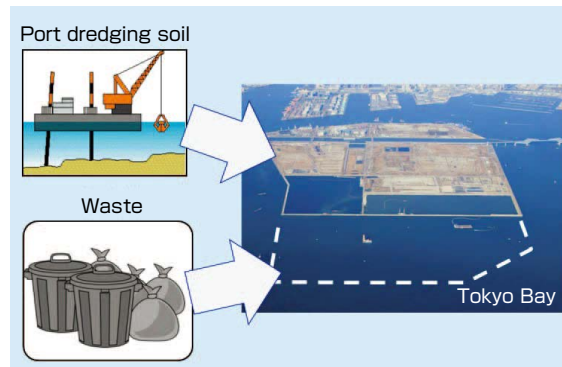
[Expected benefits] Support for the creation of a recycling-oriented society, reduction of environmental impact, reduction of recycling costs, and vitalization of coastal area industry

Source: MLIT (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

② Systematic securing of sea surface waste disposal yards

In order to dispose of dredge soil from port improvement works and waste which is difficult to handle at the inland final disposal site, a systematic development of sea surface disposal yards is underway. In particular, at Osaka Bay, a wide-area disposal yards based on the Osaka Bay Phoenix Plan is being developed which enables the disposal of waste generated from the Osaka Bay area. In addition, construction-generated soil from the Tokyo Metropolitan Area is transported by sea based on the Super Phoenix Plan and is used on a wide scale as landfill material in ports and harbors nationwide.

● Promotion of planned improvement of sea surface waste disposal yards



Source: MLIT (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

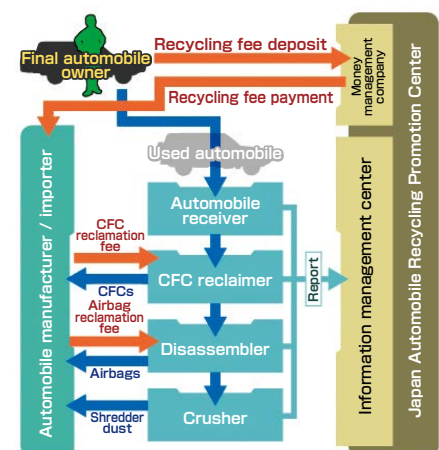
(2) Creation of vehicle recycling system

Every year between 4 and 5 million used vehicles are disposed of. Landfill space is running out, making it urgent to further increase the recycling rate, which is current roughly 80%. As of 2004, over 195,000 automobiles were improperly stored on roads, etc. each year. And over 20,000 automobiles were illegally dumped. These have a negative impact on living environments and the disposal involves tremendous social costs, making it urgent to implement countermeasures.

In response to this situation, the “Act on Recycling, etc. of End-of-Life Vehicles” was enacted in January 2005. This law mandated appropriate divisions of duties between the parties involved in end-of-life vehicle disposal, focusing on automobile manufacturers. At the same time revisions were made to the Road Transport Vehicles Act mandating that vehicle registration be deleted only after confirming that vehicles were disassembled as specified in the Act on Recycling, etc. of End-of-Life Vehicles, and a motor vehicle tonnage tax reimbursement system was instituted for end-of-life vehicles. The aims of these efforts were the promotion of appropriate processing of end-of-life vehicles and the prevention of illegal dumping.

As a result, a significant reduction has been achieved nationwide by the end of FY2021 in the numbers of improperly stored vehicles (4,529 vehicles; 97.7% decrease compared FY2004) and illegally abandoned vehicles (752 vehicles; 96.7% decrease compared to FY2004).

● Act on Recycling, etc. of End-of-Life Vehicles system



Source: MLIT (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

(3) Ship recycling

Ship dismantling (ship recycling)*¹ is carried out primarily in developing countries such as India and Bangladesh, and the problems of occupational accidents and environmental pollution in this work are beginning to be acknowledged. In order to solve these problems on an international level, Japan, as a leading country of maritime trade and shipbuilding capabilities, led work on discussing within the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and drafting a treaty, and the “Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009” (also known as the “Ship Recycling Convention”) has been adopted.

Early enactment of the Ship Recycling Convention not only ensures the safety of ship recycling facility workers and protects the environment but it is also important for the continuous development of the global maritime industry through smooth removal of old vessels from the market.

In March 2019, Japan became a signatory and has been working towards the early enactment of the convention in other countries. In particular, Japan has been promoting support to improve ship recycling facilities through ODA in India, which is a major dismantling country that is indispensable to the enactment of the convention, and this led to India becoming a signatory in November 2019. The enactment requirements of the convention include: (1) signing by at least 15 countries; (2) the combined merchant fleets of the signed countries is at least 40%; and (3) the signed countries’ combined maximum annual ship recycling volume in the past 10 years is at least 3% of signed countries’ merchant shipping volume. The status of fulfillment as of the end of January 2023 is (1) 19 countries, (2) 29.3%, and (3) 2.4%*² respectively.

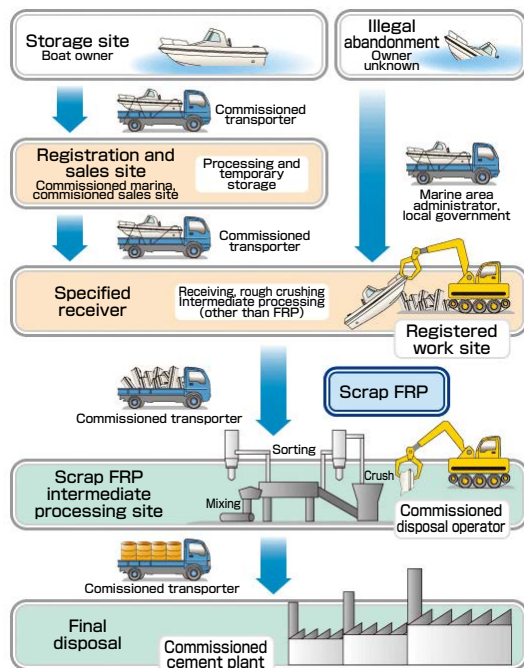
Cooperation will continue to be pursued for the earliest possible ratification of the Convention by the major countries that have not yet to do so, such as Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, since pleasure boat hulls are made of FRP (Fiber Reinforced Plastic), to ensure proper recycling of used FRP vessels, the Japan Marine Industry Association (JMIA) has been promoting awareness of the “FRP Ship Recycling System” operated by the JMIA through information and opinion exchange meetings the District Transport Bureau, the Regional Development Bureau, and prefectural governments, which are held in each regional block.

*1 Ships which have reached the end of their lifespans are disassembled and the majority of the ships’ materials are used for steel.

*2 Calculated assuming that 40% of global merchant shipping tonnage in 2018 to be merchant shipping tonnage of signatory countries.

●FRP boat recycling system



Source: Japan Marine Industry Association FRP Boat Recycling Center (Tentative translation by Eco-MoFoundation)

4 Measures by local governments, companies, citizens' organizations, etc.

(1) Measures by local governments

Local governments are working on global warming countermeasures in the transport and traffic sectors according to their regional characteristics. Here we introduce the efforts of Fukui Prefecture, Himeji City (530,000 inhabitants), and Oyama City (160,000 inhabitants).

■ Fukui Prefecture - Creating a society that doesn't depend excessively on cars

Fukui Prefecture has one of the most automobile-dependent society in Japan. As this excessive dependence is implicated in the problems of increasing global warming and the decline of public transport, the "New Century Fukui Lifestyle Transport Vision", which was established in FY2002, advocates for the creation of a society where automobiles and public transport coexist, and efforts to revitalize public transport are being carried out. Currently, based on the prefectural governor's manifesto, mobility management (the optimal usage of transport means), which includes track-sharing by different railway companies, the extension of station-front lines and a "Car-Saving Strategy", is being progressed and policies for lowering the strain on the environment and expanding usage of public transport are being strengthened. These initiatives have also been adopted into the "Fukui Prefecture Environment Fundamental Plan" that was revised in 2013.

As a part of these initiatives, in 2011 the "Fukui Prefecture Citizen Meeting on Promoting the Creation of a Society that Doesn't Depend Excessively on Cars" was established, consisting of academics, experts, transport companies and representatives of the prefecture, cities and towns. Based on an action plan formulated in FY2011, they are undertaking a variety of work for preventing the increase of greenhouse gas particle emissions and the decline of public transport institutions through the appropriate usage of automobiles and public transport.

● Track-sharing by different railway companies



Source: Fukui Prefecture

■ Himeji City

-Urban Development Based on Public Transport (Railway and Buses)-

In Himeji City, “Himeji City Integrated Transport Plan Based on Public Transport” was formulated in August, 2008, and relevant departments are promoting the various policies. By promoting the foregoing plan, the goal is to increase the users of public transport which are on a downward trend and to maximize the effect from 3 perspectives, namely “economy,” “safety and security”, and “environment,” such as by alleviating traffic congestion in the city center and CO₂ reduction in the transport sector. According to this plan, the policies are being developed based on the following 3 policy pillars, i.e. “improvement in the user-friendliness of public transport,” “improvement in the usage environment” and “promotion of participation and cooperation”

Improvements in transport hubs and passenger terminals in areas surrounding the station including the development of new stations are being implemented, as well as operation of community buses in remote islands. Particularly around JR Himeji Station, development of a public square in front of the station is underway with a dramatic increase in environmental space and passage of general vehicles are regulated in transit malls. In addition, a share cycle system has been introduced, as a secondly means to promote public transport.

A bus location system has been introduced for fixed-route buses and improvements are being made in cooperation with transport operators such as IC tickets for railways and fixed-route buses, etc.

With emphasis on the promotion of public transport usage and triggered by West Japan Railway Company’s transport improvement project and trial increase in the number of services, JR Kishinsen has begun a “3-million passengers challenge campaign” with towns along the route and business operators, exerting continuous effort to achieve increase of passengers while utilizing local resources. Moreover, each fiscal year, public transport classwork are being held by transport operators with elementary school children as the target to prepare the next generation with regard to this endeavor.

● Himeji Station North Public Square and Transit Mall (World Heritage Site and National Treasure Himeji Castle shown in the front)



Source: Himeji City

■ Oyama City -A project on promoting the use of community buses-

The number of bus users in Oyama City, which used to be 13.33 million/year (FY1970) at its peak, dropped to 152,000/year (FY2007), and private bus companies withdrew from the business. Since then, Oyama City has been operating the city's only community bus service, the "O-Bus".

The city launched a project on promoting the use of "O-bus" in FY2018, and since then, it has undertaken a variety of initiatives to promote the use of this service. Below are three distinctive initiatives in this project.

The first was publication of "Bloom!", a lifestyle tabloid that proposes a life with buses. It was distributed three times to a total of 53,000 households in the city. They also included information on places that can be accessed by bus and articles describing how to live more comfortably by using buses for men and women of all ages. As a consequence, the impression of people that "it is lame to take buses" changed, and the number of opportunities for them to use buses increased.

The second, a new paper pass for commuters, "O-Bus Noroca," was launched in October 2009. This commuter pass features a user-friendly name ("noro" means both "let's take a bus" and "running slow") and design in addition to a discount of 70% off the original price with unlimited-area ride by making it available for all lines.

In October 2020, a mobile pass for commuters "Smartphone de Noroca" was launched, allowing customers to purchase and ride "O-Bus noroca" via a smartphone application LINE. Most recently, in February 2021, they started a LINE coupon service. Furthermore, they have conducted an experimental study on taxi vouchers that the clients can use by presenting "O-Bus Noroca" and provided a service that the clients can receive discounts at commercial centers.

Third, they have put efforts into developing new routes, using larger buses, and increasing the number of services; Watarase line was newly introduced in March 2019, and in April 2020, Harvest Walk line was added and the number of services increased for the New Shimin Hospital line. In addition, a larger bus started running for Hanegawa line. In October, 2021, the number of services for Takadake line increased.

As a consequence of the above efforts, the system currently operates buses on 14 routes, covering 5 suburban-demand bus areas. The number of users increased from 367,000, approximately, in 2008 to 737,000 in FY2020, and it is expected to exceed 800,000 in FY2021.



The lifestyle tabloid "Bloom!" distributed to a total of 53,000 households in the city.



70% off the original price with unlimited-area ride
A commuter pass for buses "O-Bus Noroca"



From the minimum service to the convenient service
Proactive introduction of new routes and increased operations

(2) Measures by companies in the transport sector

① Aviation companies

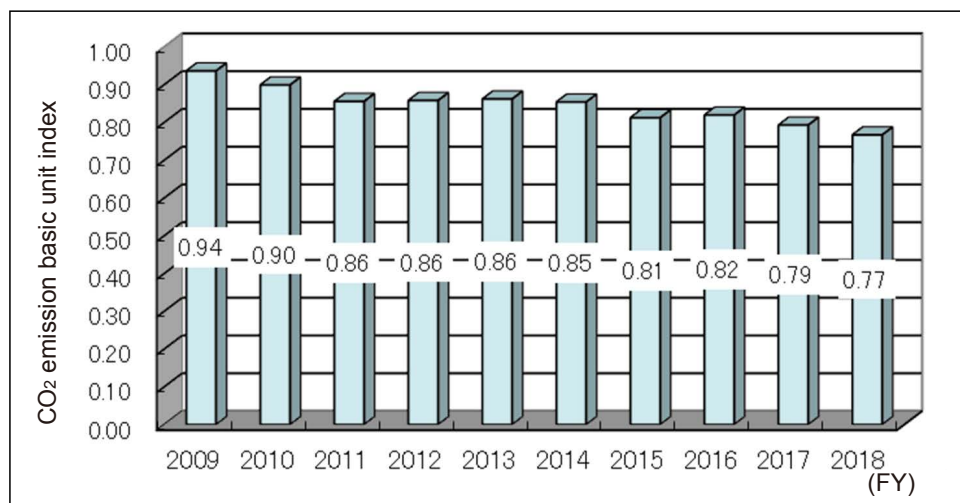
The Scheduled Airlines Association of Japan, a Japanese association of air transport operators, has implemented environmental measures. Major measures are the following.

○Global warming prevention targets:

Target: Reduce energy consumption base units in FY2020 by 21% in comparison to FY2005

CO₂ emission basic units: 0.00095t-CO₂/RTK (revenue ton-kilometers)

Achievement: Reduce energy consumption base units in FY2018 by 23% in comparison to FY2005



Source: The Scheduled Airlines Association of Japan (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

Contents of major measures:

- Introduce new high fuel efficiency airplanes
- Using area navigation etc, a high-precision navigation method, to reduce flight distances and times
- Reduce weight of loaded articles (reduce weights of cargo containers and in-flight meal facilities, optimize amounts of fuel and drinking water)
- Recover engine performance and improve fuel efficiency by cleaning engines
- Working with related parties to identify issues involved in introducing alternative fuels and considering measures for resolving these issues

○Support for the creation of a recycling-oriented society

Target: Lower industrial waste final disposal rate to 2.4% or below for FY2020

Achievement: Industrial waste final disposal rate in FY2018 was 5.1%

Contents of measures: Promote garbage collection by type, promote reuse and recycling, and select waste processing companies with resource recycling technologies, etc.

○Environmental awareness raising activities

- Participation in forestation activities around airports nationwide, participation in coral planting in Okinawa, and development of eco-tours related to the above activities.
- Hold environment seminars by pilots to raise the environmental awareness of children, who represent the future.

② Railway companies

The Japan Private Railway Association, which is a group of railway operators has been involved in the “Carbon Neutral Action Plan” formulated by the Japan Business Federation to realize a carbon neutral society in the future, and the following efforts are being made mainly to achieve FY2030 target.

Target: 46% reduction in CO₂ emissions related to operational electricity for all major businesses in FY2030 compared to FY2013

Contents of major measures:

○Introduction of energy saving railcars

Energy-saving railcars are being introduced by equipping them with VVVF inverter control and regenerative brakes for more efficient use of electric power and by reducing the weight of the car body.

●Rates of introduction of energy saving railcars by 16 major private rail companies (as of March 31, 2022)

	Control method	Number of cars owned	
			Number of reduced weight cars
Cars with regenerative brakes	VVVF control	12,666 cars*	11,426 cars
	Chopper control	1,673 cars*	697 cars
	Resistance control, other	548 cars*	185 cars
Cars without regenerative brakes	Resistance control, other	1,977 cars	200 cars*
Total number of cars owned		16,864 cars (A)	12,508 cars
Number of energy saving railcars (trains with regenerative brakes or reduced weight cars)		15,087 cars (B) (total of *)	
Share of energy saving railcars		89.5% (B/A)	

Note 1: As a general rule only commercially used cars are included (funicular lines and new transport lines are not included)

Note 2: Reduced weight cars are cars made with stainless steel or aluminum.

Source: The Japan Private Railway Association (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

○Effective use of renewable energy

We operate trains with less CO₂ emission by using electricity from renewable energies that utilize Non-Fossil Fuel Certificate, etc., as well as regenerative electric power generated as an excess when the brake is used.

○Optimization of vehicle operations

Measures are being taken to optimize train schedules and train operations through energy-saving operations by reducing train acceleration times, and by decentralizing demand.

③ Truck, bus, and taxi companies

Each industry associations have formulated voluntary action plans as environmental measures, striving to popularize green management certification and promote eco-driving, etc.

Japan Trucking Association

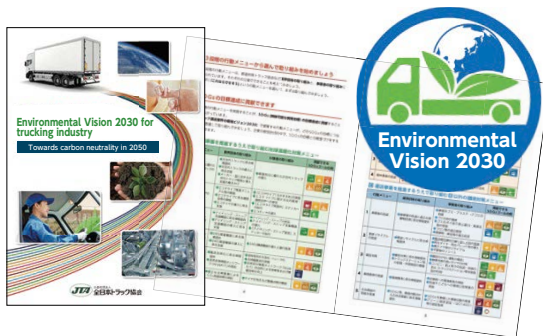
The Japan Trucking Association participates in the Japan Business Federation’s “Carbon Neutral Action Plan (formerly the Low Carbon Society Action Plan)”. They have set a goal of reducing commercial trucks’ CO₂ emissions per ton-kilometer transport in FY2030 by 31% compared to FY2005 in terms of CO₂ emissions per unit of transport, and the entire industry is working on various measures to achieve this goal.

【Contents of major measures】

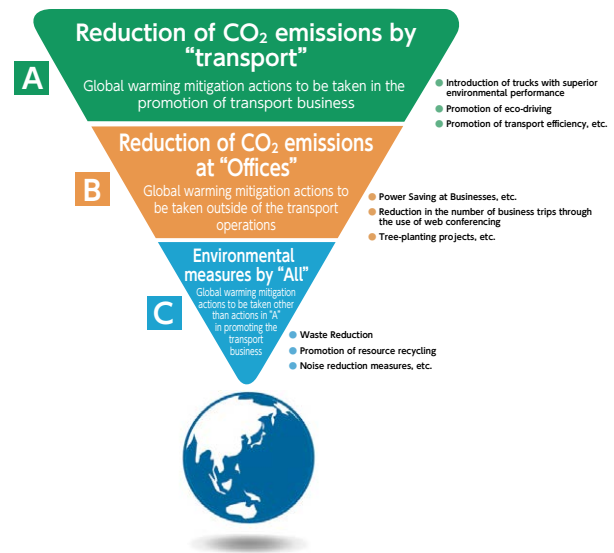
- ◆ Developing a new action plan for the trucking industry as a whole
 - The importance and urgency of measures to combat global warming are increasing due to the frequent occurrence of disasters around the world that are believed to be caused by climate change, and the trucking industry is required to be more proactive in its efforts to combat global warming. Thus, the “Environmental Vision 2030 for the Trucking Industry - Toward Carbon Neutrality in 2050” was formulated in March 2022 as an action plan to be undertaken by the Japan Trucking Association, prefectural trucking associations, and businesses as a whole. Efforts are progressing.

Environmental Vision 2030 for the Trucking Industry” formulated in March 2022.

Brochure and Symbols



A “three-step actions” to be undertaken by carriers



Main goal and three sub-goals

- Main Target**
Reduce CO₂ emission intensity of the trucking industry as a whole by 31% in 2030 compared to FY2005 levels
- Sub-targets**
- (1) For vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of 8 tons or less, the number of electric vehicles in the fleet in 2030 shall be 10%.
 - (2) Aim for each business to understand the total CO₂ emissions or CO₂ emissions intensity of its own fleet
 - (3) Establish an “Action Month” to be shared by all Japan Trucking Associations and all Prefectural Trucking Associations.

- ◆ Spread of trucks with great environmental performance and equipment that greatly improves fuel efficiency
 - To further promote the spread of environmentally friendly vehicles, such as natural gas trucks which are a promising alternative to petroleum in terms of energy security, hybrid trucks with excellent fuel efficiency, and electric trucks that do not emit CO₂ when they run, a portion of the price difference between the regular vehicle and these vehicles is subsidized.
 - Provide subsidies for air heaters and truck battery driven coolers which can be used when engines are stopped during truck driver breaks, when waiting for cargo to be loaded, etc.
 - Make environment-compatible trucks and energy-saving equipment eligible for modernization fund financing and subsidize high rates of interest compared to ordinary investment.

Eligibility for various subsidies



Electric truck



Small hybrid truck



Large LNG truck



On-board battery-operated cooler

Environmentally-friendly vehicles



Small CNG truck

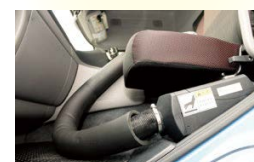


Small hybrid truck



Large CNG truck

Idling-stop support apparatus



Air heater

- ◆ Support for improvement of awareness about environmental measures and energy-saving
 - Distribute manuals to promote eco-driving and provide support for operator and driver initiatives.
 - Participate in “the Eco-Drive Activity Contest” held by the Eco-Mo Foundation and promote the acquisition of Green Management certification.
- ◆ Project to create “Truck Woods”
 - With the aim of preventing global warming through cultivating trees, the association has been promoting its project to create “Truck Woods” since FY2003. Around one hectare of national forest field has been set aside as “Truck Woods” and the association planted trees in Nakagawaguchi Green Space, Port of Nagoya in Nagoya City in FY2022 in a project to contribute society in which the association is involved in various activities in cooperation with local volunteers to protect the forests.
 - In addition, the association is promoting projects to create independent “Truck Woods” in prefectural trucking associations and to spread this initiative nationwide.

《FY2022 Project to create “Truck Woods” (Nakagawaguchi Green Space, Port of Nagoya)》



■ Business Initiatives: Kikuchi Unyu Co.

Fostering safety and environmental awareness through “continuity” and “repetition”

The company, which handles charter transport of a diverse range of cargo, including construction materials, food products, and heavy machinery, provides efficient transport services, including the addition of services that make use of the interval between the completion of a delivery and the next delivery. The company is committed to social contribution activities out of a sense of responsibility that “we are allowed to do business on public roads,” and it emphasizes environmental and safety initiatives by operating a full range of training programs, such as safety courses and maintenance instruction, to foster employee awareness.

○Responding to social momentum by acquiring certification

Our company’s philosophy is “Safety takes precedence over all other enterprises,” and we promote corporate operations in which safety is the highest priority. Our company has a corporate culture of “proactively taking on good challenges,” and has taken forward-looking safety measures, such as the early adoption of advanced safety equipment in its trucks. In the area of the environment, our company decided to strengthen its environmental measures in response to the growing social awareness of environmental issues, and started “Green Management Certification” activities. In 2004, the head office and Tokyo Sales Office obtained the certification. At the same time, the introduction of digital tachographs began, and in 2005, when the installation of digital tachographs in all vehicles was completed, the number of certified offices was expanded. Now, all our offices have obtained the Green Management Certification.



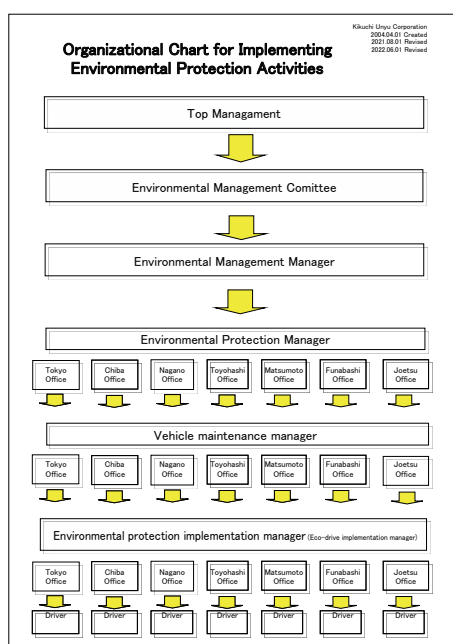
A truck owned by Kikuchi Unyu

○Nine principles for promoting eco-driving

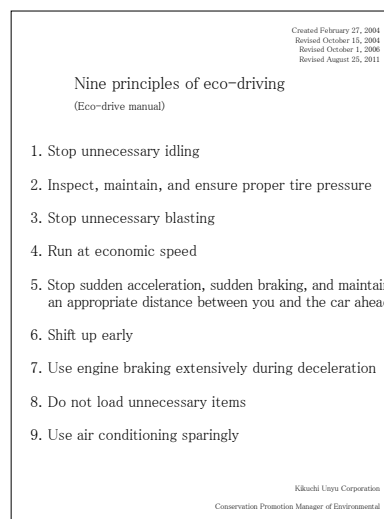
Our environmental activities are led by the “Environmental Management Committee.” The environmental manager oversees the entire operation, and the head of each business office is responsible for environmental protection, so as to systematically manage the activities throughout the entire company.

One of the main environmental activities is “promotion of eco-driving.” Our company has established the “Nine principles of eco-driving,” which stipulate nine rules for eco-driving, such as “stop unnecessary idling,” “perform inspections and maintenance to ensure proper tire pressure.” We encourage our drivers to follow these rules as the “basics” of the company’s environmental activities. These “Nine principles of eco-driving” are required to be posted in all offices and are thoroughly enforced on all drivers. In particular, daily inspections are essential not only to avoid vehicle breakdowns, but also to improve fuel efficiency. Therefore, the company works closely with the group companies in charge of

maintenance to ensure that maintenance is performed as soon as possible. In addition, the servicing company identifies points of concern for each vehicle at each periodic inspection in order to ensure proper operation of the vehicles and to reduce maintenance costs.



Systematic promotion of “Green Management



Thoroughly adhere to the “Nine Principles of Eco-driving

○More than 90% of the products meet the strict standards

Digital tachographs have contributed greatly to the establishment of eco-driving. The system was introduced to encourage safe and economical driving. At first, driving techniques varied from driver to driver, and some drivers did not receive high marks. However, since our company had invested in this program, it had to make sure that the device would produce solid results. Thus, it was decided that the supervisor analyzed each driver's digital tachometer evaluation and decided to give personal coaching to those drivers who did not meet certain standards and had received low ratings. After the training, progress is monitored closely, and the content of the training and progress is always reported to the head office. By steadily implementing these initiatives, the level of driver performance improved dramatically. This initiative has become a pillar of the company's environmental and safety measures that continues to this day, and more than 90% of our drivers at all offices now score 90 points or higher ("A" rank). At the Funabashi Office, all of its drivers achieved the A-rank throughout the year – a remarkable achievement. Although our driving standards are set stricter than those of other companies, many of our drivers still achieve good scores, and we feel that our drivers have grown and eco-driving has become firmly established. We hope to increase the percentage of A-ranked drivers to 100% at all business sites in the future. In order to reward drivers for their efforts, our company give awards to excellent drivers who perform well on the digital tachometer and have no accidents or problems, increasing their motivation.



Scene of safety training

In addition, a "safety convention" is held twice a year at each business site. At each of these safety conventions, instructors use materials they have prepared themselves to teach proper driving methods, laws and regulations, and other topics in order to improve knowledge.

The convention also offers maintenance courses. Plant managers of maintenance companies and automobile dealers are invited as lecturers to teach drivers the importance of daily inspections and the impact of poor maintenance on the environment and society. In recent years, this event has not been held due to the Corona virus pandemic, but as soon as the situation improves, the company plans to bring it back.

○Iteration of education is essential

The "Green Management Certification" activities have yielded significant results in the form of "cost reductions through improved fuel efficiency" and "improved driver skills." The improvement in fuel efficiency was particularly significant thanks to the use of digital tachographs. In the year following the introduction of digital tachographs in all vehicles (2006), the fuel efficiency was improved by 8% over the previous year, and at some business sites the improvement exceeded 10%. Maintenance costs were also reduced by 10%. Not all of the initiatives introduced here went smoothly from the beginning. Not all drivers were interested in the activities, and there were some difficulties, but through perseverance and continuity, the awareness that eco-driving and thorough vehicle inspections are a "matter of course" took root among the drivers. In safety and environmental activities, the company believes that it is important to share the awareness of "doing things as a matter of course." Although the fuel efficiency reached a high level around 2013, and the rate of improvement has become smaller, the company still set a goal of 1% improvement every year. To achieve this goal, it is important not to create drivers who cannot do what is "normal," and repetition of education is essential.



Improved fuel efficiency through the use of digital tachographs

○Government and businesses work together to protect the global environment

Since the end of last year, our company has begun to reduce the use of paper by converting documents to PDF format. We are also making efforts to reduce industrial waste, encouraging employees to reduce waste as much as possible, and making them aware of the need for thorough waste sorting. Our company will continue to make steady progress in these activities, with the long-term goal of developing each employee into a person who takes environmental issues seriously.



Ensure sorting of garbage

We believe that greenhouse gas emissions in the transport industry are decreasing due to the efforts of each company, and that further efforts are needed to achieve emission reduction targets. Meanwhile, there are many companies in this industry that are struggling to manage their businesses due to soaring fuel prices and other cost increases, and there is a limit to what can be achieved through the efforts of the companies alone. In light of this situation, we hope that the government and other organizations will consider further subsidies for the fuel costs and the introduction of low-emission vehicles. The company believes that it is ideal and important for the government and businesses to work together to address the global environmental issues.



Wakao, Manager
Kikuchi Unyu

Company Overview

Address: 5-25-6 Toneri, Adachi-ku, Tokyo / CEO: Tadashi Kikuchi / Established in January 1965 / Capital: 50 Million Yen / Fleet: 300 Vehicles / Staff number: 400 / Registration to Green Management Certification: December 2004 (Head Office, Tokyo Office). In addition, Chiba Branch, Nagano Branch, Matsumoto Office, Toyohashi Office, Funabashi Office, and Joetu Office are registered.

■Nihon Bus Association

- Bus business “Low Carbon Society Implementation Action Plan” -

Target:

- Cut CO₂ emission intensity in FY2030 by 6% in comparison to FY2015.
- Promote shift from use of private cars to buses.

Specific activity contents:

- CO₂ emission rates reduction measures
 - Nationwide promotion of eco-driving

Member companies are striving to ensure drivers thoroughly engage in eco-driving, such as by stopping their engines when idle, and avoiding quick acceleration and quick braking. During Eco-Driving Promotion Month, of which the Nihon Bus Association is a leading advocate, the association takes even more intensive measures, such as carrying out checks of eco-driving implementation.

For buses, make efforts to proactively introduce equipment such as idling-stop vehicles and digital operation recorders that are effective in reducing CO₂ emissions.

- Promotion of introduction of high fuel efficiency buses

Toward Carbon Neutral 2050, utilize subsidy programs provided by the national government, local governments, and the Nihon Bus Association to actively promote the introduction of electric vehicles (EV buses, FCV buses, hybrid buses) and fuel-efficient vehicles, etc.

- Enforcement of detailed inspections and maintenance which help maintain fuel efficiency performance

- Measures for promoting shifting from use of private cars to buses

- Bus usage promotion

The association is implementing the following measures in order to improve omnibus convenience and promote bus usage.

- ◇Popularization of non-step buses and pleasant, comfortable buses

- ◇Promotion of installation and improvement of shared card systems and IC card systems
- ◇Popularization of information systems such as bus location systems
- ◇Active participation in regional measures such as Park & Bus Ride and omnibus town systems
- ◇Promote introduction of community buses
- Driving environment improvement
 - ◇Issuing of requests to related organizations whenever possible regarding the creation of bus-only lanes and bus-priority lanes, bus-prioritizing traffic signals, the removal of illegally parked vehicles on streets used by buses, etc.

■ Japan Federation of Hire-Taxi Association

- Hire-taxi industry's a Low Carbon Society Implementation Action Plan (voluntary action plan) -

Target level:

- FY2020 target (total volume of emissions target)
 - Reduce CO₂ emissions by 20% in comparison to FY2010.
- FY2030 target (total volume of emissions target)
 - Reduce CO₂ emissions by 25% in comparison to FY2010.

Basis used to establish targets:

- FY2020 target
 - 30% of taxis will consist of HVs, EVs, or other environmentally friendly vehicles. CO₂ emissions will be reduced by reducing fuel consumption through demand and supply optimization.
- FY2030 target
 - 40% of taxis will consist of HVs, EVs, or other environmentally friendly vehicles. CO₂ emissions will be reduced by reducing fuel consumption through demand and supply optimization.

Specific plans:

- Global warming countermeasures
 - In order to achieve hire-taxi industry target levels, the following countermeasures will be promoted and the federation will coordinate and collaborate with national and local governments as necessary.
- Switchover to environmentally friendly taxi vehicles
 - ◇By FY2020 30%,by FY2030 40% of taxis will consist of HVs, EVs, or other environmentally friendly vehicles, and the association will encourage automobile manufacturers to speedily launch HV vehicles which use LP gas.
- Optimization of the number of taxi vehicles
 - ◇Based on the “Act on Special Measures Concerning the Rectification and Vitalization of the General Passenger Vehicle Transport Business in Specific Areas” , revised in November 2013, the Association is promoting the elimination and suspension of vehicles in order to eliminate excess supply.
- Taxi usage promotion
 - ◇Promotion of universal driver training and cultivating high quality drivers.
 - ◇Improve of user convenience and promotion of taxi usage by improving taxi stands and promotion of the deployment of advanced technologies such as smartphone-based technologies.
 - ◇Expansion of shared taxi use and reduction of the amount of private car usage.
- Enrichment of and PR for sightseeing taxis
 - ◇Enrichment and engagement of PR for sightseeing taxis in order to reduce the usage of private cars on freeways and at destinations, cut exhaust gas emissions, mitigate traffic congestion and parking space shortages, and reduce the number of traffic accidents.
 - ◇Multilingual audio translation system and foreign language sheets which can be used by pointing at

phrases are being prepared and supplied in order to enable taxi drivers to accommodate foreign travellers.

- Improvement of operation efficiency
 - ◇Promotion of the use of GPS-AVM-based taxi assignment systems and advanced technologies such as smartphone-based technologies in order to improve operation efficiency and reduce exhaust gas emissions.
 - ◇Requests to related organizations to establish and improve taxi pools in order to reduce the amount of unoccupied taxi operation.
- Eco-driving
 - ◇Ensuring thorough stopping of engines when vehicles are stopped, prevention of excess vehicle cooling and heating, and prevention of quick acceleration and braking.
 - ◇Engines are to be stopped when drivers are taking rests, naps, and washing vehicles.
 - ◇Green management is being promoted through measures such as expanding the number of operators with green management certification.
 - ◇Promotion of the stopping of engines when vehicles are stopped and the deployment of EMS (digital tachographs) in order to support eco-driving.
- Office and business site measures
 - ◇Air conditioner thermostats in offices and business site are set to 28 degrees or higher during the summer and 20 degrees or lower during the winter.
 - ◇Training regarding environmental measures and fuel efficiency improvements are provided to mechanics and drivers through maintenance managers and driving managers.
- Improvement of environmental issue related implementation systems
 - ◇Environmental measure related policies such as carbon offset policies are considered by committees such as technical and environmental committees.
- PR regarding global warming countermeasures
 - ◇Encouraged use of websites, posters, stickers applied to taxis, and other means to publicize the taxi industry's efforts to reduce CO₂ emissions and increase awareness among the general public regarding the prevention of global warming.
- Creation of a recycling-oriented economic society

Disposable economic society will be reevaluated from the position of effective resource utilization, and hire-taxi operators will do their utmost to achieve the following, in order to systematically reduce waste production, and to recycle resources.

 - ELVs (End-of-Life Vehicles) will be processed appropriately in accordance with the Act on Recycling, etc. of End-of-Life Vehicles.
 - End-of-life tires, etc. will be appropriately processed as industrial waste.
 - Recycling will be promoted through measures such as the proactive purchasing of recycled products.

④ Warehouse companies

The Japan Association of Refrigerated Warehouses is continuing its efforts to reduce “CO₂ emissions and energy usage” through measures such as: ① Promote the introduction of energy-saving equipment that does not use CFCs by actively utilizing the project for promoting the de-CFC and decarbonization of refrigeration equipment that supports the cold chain (one-third of the project cost subsidy, etc.) ② carrying out “Energy usage fact-finding studies” and “Coolant studies” to collect basic data related to CO₂ emissions reductions ③ Hold “Training Course for Experts in Handling Refrigerants and CFCs” to develop human resources with knowledge for proper management of CFCs, and ④ promoting the acquisition of Green Management certifications (subsidizing part of the cost of acquiring new Green Management certifications).

(3) Measures by citizens' organizations

The expansion of lifestyles which are dependent on the use of private cars has resulted in chronic traffic congestion and the waning of public transport. In order to create a shift from the use of private cars to public transport, Car-free Day are taking place.

Every year cities around the world take part in Mobility Week & Car-free Day (September 16 to September 22), initiatives in which residents refrain from using their own personal vehicles in central city areas and consider the issues of traffic and its effects on the environment, and urban life and how to best use vehicles. This transport policy and event, which started in Europe, have now become a global environmental and transport event with about 3,000 cities around the world, linked by a common objective and working at the same time. In 2022, the event was held in seven locations in Japan (Zushi City; Kanazawa City; Fukui City; Toyohashi City; Hino-machi, Shiga; Osaka City; and Fukuyama City).

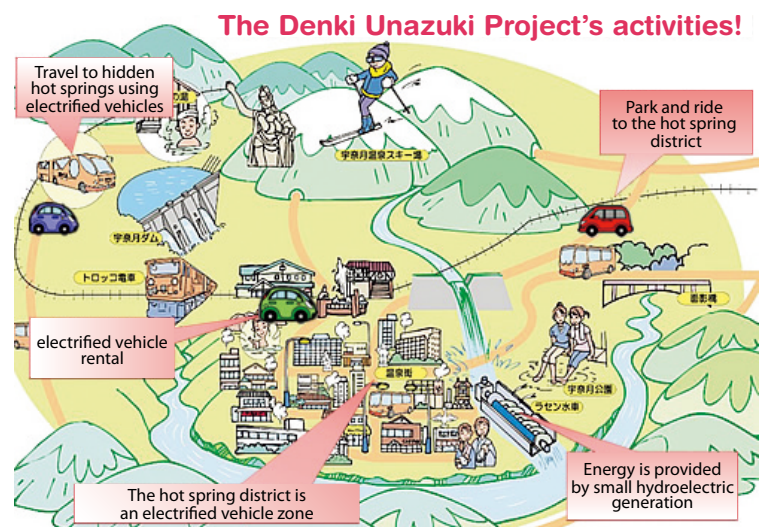
* Citizen group-sponsored; Those unmarked are local government-sponsored. Secretariat : (GIA) Car Free Day Japan

In addition, the “Kumamoto Prefecture All Citizen Stop Warming Movement Meeting” is a prefectural citizen’s movement started in August 2008 for reviewing lifestyles and corporate activities so that each citizen can completely eliminate the waste of energy and the efforts to reduce greenhouse gases can be progressed further. Based on the fact that automobiles are the main means of transport in areas outside the central zone of Kumamoto Prefecture, the concept of eco-driving was put in the spotlight.

Specifically, eco-driving diagnoses via safe driving eco-driving support systems that use GPS receivers are being actively promoted in collaboration with Kumamoto Prefecture. These are devices for managing drivers, rather than just cars, and diagnoses are possible even if the vehicle driven is different - if it is for example a company car or a private vehicle. Offices purchase the devices and lend them out to participants to conduct eco-driving diagnosis relays with all citizens.

The Denki Unazuki Project Planning Committee (in Toyama Prefecture) was established in July 2009, and with the cooperation of community residents, it has carried out activities aimed at creating a natural energy public transport system that exists in harmony with the rich natural environment though measures such as small hydroelectric generation, with the aim of achieving local consumption of locally produced energy. In July 2013 the unincorporated association became the (GIA) Denki Unazuki Project.

At the Unazuki Hot Spring, it introduced a public transport project using renewable energy such as small hydroelectric generation and Green Slow Mobility (eCOM-8 low-speed eight wheel electric community vehicles, known as “EMU”). The Corporation is working to attract tourists to Unazuki Hot Spring, which has flourished as an advanced eco-hot spring resort as the result of this power development, and to promote autonomous community development from the perspective of local consumption of locally produced energy.



Source: Denki Unazuki Project website (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

Nationwide Bus Map Summit (Bus map creation initiative by citizens)

The Nationwide Bus Map Summit is held once a year by the Nationwide Bus Map Summit Planning Committee, which is composed of citizens' organizations and other bus map creating organizations. Approximately 100 people from across Japan participate.

Last year, the 19th event was held in Matsue. In the weekly Zoom meetings, GTFS data conversion of bus information, automatic map drawing, and traffic information signage plans are also discussed.

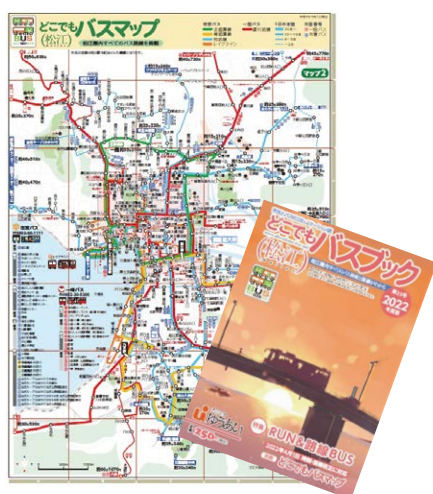
●List of citizen's organizations in the Nationwide Bus Map Summit Planning Committee

Region	Name	Bus Map, etc.
Sapporo	Yourun NPO Inc.	Sapporo Super Convenient Bus Map Hakodate Super Cool Bus Map Iwamizawa Super Rice Bus Map
Hirosaki	H · O · T Managers	"Hotto" informational magazine
Sendai	Community Development Policy Forum	100 Yen Pakku Map
Tokyo (Metropolitan Area)	YUKAI 3-chome RACUMobi	Bus Service Map
Niigata	Niigata Environment and Transport Research Society	Niigata City Transport Map
Fukui	ROBA (Fukui Tram and Machizukuri Association NPO Inc.)	Fukui Norinori Map BUS-DENSYA-NET FUKUI
3 Tokai Prefectures (Aichi, Gifu, Mie)	Public Transport Machizukuri Promotion Network	Rosenzu.com Gifu City Bus Map, etc.
Matsue	Project UI NPO Inc.	Docodemo Bus Net Docodemo Bus Book Docodemo Bus Map Sugoroku
Okayama	Rail transport system Amenity Community Design Association (RACDA) NPO Inc.	Bokke Convenient Bus Map Bisan Seto Access Map
Hiroshima	Hiroshima BRT Research Society	Bus Supermap
Okinawa	Bus Map Okinawa	Bus Map Okinawa

Source: The Nationwide Bus Map Summit website (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

●Bus maps example

Docodemo Bus Book



Fukui Norinori Map



Source: NPO Project YUAI, ROBA (NPO Fukui Streetcar and Town Development Association)

(4) Measures by the Eco-Mo Foundation

① Implementation of the transport business Green Management (low environmental impact business management) Certification System

The Green Management Certification System, which objectively certifies the efforts of companies to make environmental improvements, strives to encourage companies to engage in environmental efforts, and contributes to reductions in the environmental impact of industry by fostering understanding and cooperation of certified companies, among society, or users. The system, with the Eco-Mo Foundation as its certifying body, certifies and register transport operators whose environmental activities meet or exceed levels defined in the Green Management Promotion Manual*. The system was launched for the truck industry in October 2003, for the bus and taxi industry in April 2004, and for the passenger ship, coastal shipping, port transport, and warehouse companies in July 2005. By the end of 2022, the number of certified and registered operators reached 3,193 at 6,246 business sites. The Eco-Mo Foundation announces these operators as “environmentally friendly transport operators” on its website, and also makes a monthly press release on the new registrations to newspapers. In addition, the number of vehicles owned by certified and registered operators of trucks, buses and cabs accounts for 10.3% to 14.0% of the total number of vehicles owned by operators nationwide in Japan.

※ The Green Management Promotion Manual contains specific measures for individual environmental conservation items, based on the concepts of ISO14031 (an international standard for environmental performance evaluation). They make it easy to establish targets and carry out evaluations, which in turn make it easy to implement environmental management on an ongoing basis.

● Number of vehicles owned

	Certified Companies as of December 31, 2022	Vehicles owned by all companies	Percentage Owned by Certified Companies	Notes
Trucks	136,900	1,323,716 (Note 1)	10.3%	(Note 1): The number of vehicles owned as of the end of March 2021. Source: “The number of vehicles owned based on data from the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism’s Motor Vehicle Bureau” (published by the Automobile Inspection and Registration Information Association). Figures include the number of trucks for business use (excluding trailers) and special purpose vehicles for business use, and do not include the number of registered light freight vehicles.
Buses	12,867	110,183 (Note 2)	11.7%	(Note 2): The number of vehicles owned as of the end of March 2021. Source: “The number of vehicles owned based on data from the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism’s Motor Vehicle Bureau” (published by the Automobile Inspection and Registration Information Association).
Taxis	26,781	191,656 (Note 3)	14.0%	(Note 3): The number of corporate cabs plus the number of vehicles specialized in welfare transport as of the end of March 2021. Source: “Taxi Today in Japan 2022” (published by the Japan Federation of Hire-Taxi Associations).

■ Evaluations of Green Management Certification

The results of various green management efforts have been tested and verified, and this certification system has come to be evaluated highly, even being included as an element in government measures.

○ Freight owner considerations required by notices based on the Energy Saving Act

One of the energy saving measures required of freight owners under the Energy Saving Act (enacted in December 2018) is the selection of environmentally-friendly freight carriers (carriers who have obtained ISO14001 or green management certifications).

○ Addition of transport and delivery, chartered buses, and taxis to the procurement items specified in the Act on Promoting Green Purchasing

The FY2007 basic policy on the Act on Promoting Green Purchasing (Act on Promotion of Procurement of Eco-Friendly Goods and Services by the State and Other Entities) was approved by the Cabinet on February 2, 2007. It added **【transport and delivery】*** to the list of specified procurement items. The FY2008 basic policy was approved by the Cabinet on February 5, 2008, and added **【chartered buses and taxis】** to the list. The decision criteria are the “neutral evaluation by a third party” of measures such as “implementing measures for promoting eco-driving” . In general, this corresponds with green management certified companies.

* Transport and delivery operations within green procurement scope: Domestic correspondence, parcel delivery, parcel post, mail express

○ Expressly written in the “Guidelines for the Selection and Use of Chartered Buses in Order to Ensure Transport Safety”

【Published: June 29, 2012】

The MLIT has formulated and issued guidelines which clearly explain the key points involved when travel companies, local governments, educational institutions, etc. select and use chartered bus operators.

These guidelines clearly specify “green management certification” as one of the “evaluation items and evaluation elements involved in comprehensive evaluation” indicated in the guidelines’ “key points regarding the selection of chartered bus operators” and “key points regarding bidding, etc., for chartered bus procurement”.

○ Expressly written in the “Community Bus Deployment Guidelines” as specified in the notice regarding the revision of the Road Transport Act

【Notice: MLIT Notice 633, April 10, 2013 “Concerning the Approach of the MLIT to Local Public Transport Councils”】

The notice clearly states that the perspective of “environmentally consciousness” is to be included by cities, towns, or villages, etc. when selecting community bus operators, and specifies “acquisition of Eco-Mo Foundation Green Management Certification or ISO14001 certification” as a means of evaluating this environmental consciousness.

○ Relaxation requirements for Superior Hybrid Vehicles and CNG Vehicles deployment subsidy systems

In order to promote the greater use of low-emission vehicles, the MLIT provides systems for partial subsidization of the difference in prices between low-emission vehicles and standard vehicles. Subsidy requirements such as fleet size limitations are relaxed for truck transport operators who have received the Green Management Certification.

○ Certification acquisition subsidy systems

Local governments:

8 organizations (Chuo-ku, Tokyo; Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo; Sumida-ku, Tokyo; Katsushika-ku, Tokyo; Yokohama City, Kanagawa Prefecture; Shiojiri City, Nagano Prefecture)

Industry groups

Japan Association of Refrigerated Warehouses, 36 prefectural Trucking Associations (Hokkaido, Aomori Prefecture, Iwate Prefecture, Akita Prefecture, Fukushima Prefecture, Ibaraki Prefecture, Tochigi Prefecture, Gunma Prefecture, Saitama Prefecture, Chiba Prefecture, Tokyo Metropolis, Kanagawa Prefecture, Niigata Prefecture, Yamanashi Prefecture, Nagano Prefecture, Fukui Prefecture, Gifu Prefecture, Shizuoka Prefecture, Aichi Prefecture, Mie Prefecture, Shiga Prefecture, Osaka Prefecture, Hyogo Prefecture, Nara Prefecture, Wakayama Prefecture, Tottori Prefecture, Okayama Prefecture, Hiroshima Prefecture, Tokushima Prefecture, Kagawa Prefecture, Kochi Prefecture, Fukuoka Prefecture, Nagasaki Prefecture, Kumamoto Prefecture, Oita Prefecture, Miyazaki Prefecture, Kagoshima Prefecture)

② Implementation of the Excellent Eco-Commuting Business Site Certification System

The Excellent Eco-Commuting Business Site Certification System has been implemented since June 2009 to certify business sites which actively promote eco-commuting, widely sharing information on their efforts in order to promote greater adoption of eco-commuting.

The “Conference on Promotion of Public Transport”, consisting of various transport operator organizations, economic organizations, related government bureaus, and other organizations, acts as its certification body. MLIT’s Policy Bureau Regional Transport Division and the Eco-Mo Foundation jointly operate the certification system as the secretariat. By the end of December 2022, 814 business sites have been certified and registered.

Certified establishments that have made particularly outstanding efforts may be recommended for the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award. In FY 2022, Toyama City Hall received the “Minister’s Commendation for Excellent Transportation-Related Environmental Preservation Business Award in 2022”.

- “Toho Katsu” - an application for which public transport use is also eligible for points.



- Free advertisement on local buses posted as a benefit to a registered office.



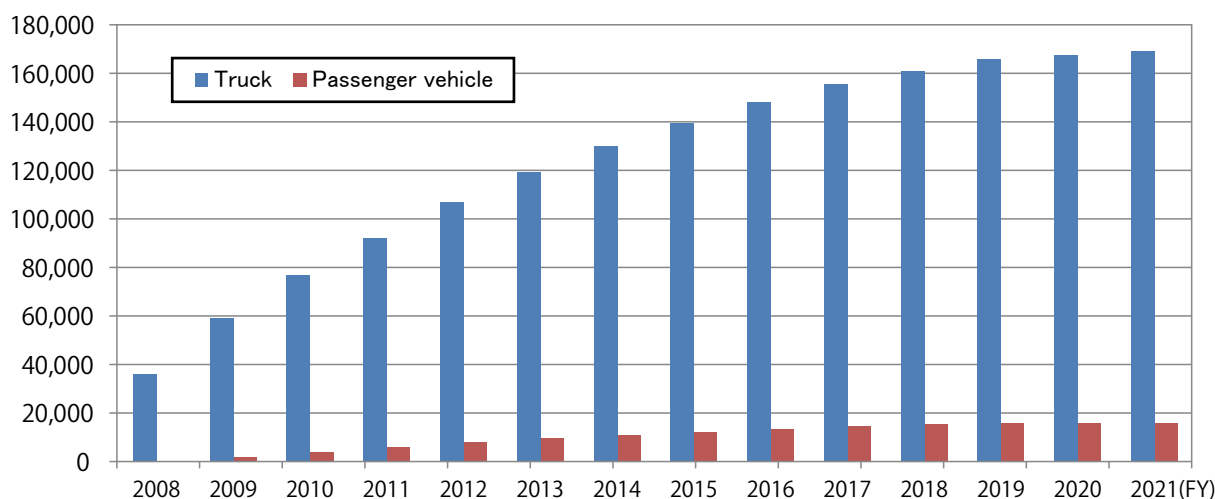
③ Promotion of eco-driving

The Eco-Mo Foundation acts as the secretariat of the Eco-Drive Promotion Implementation Council (consisting of 16 transport related organizations) as well as conducting activities in order to promote the spread of diverse eco-driving independently.

Since April 2007 it has offered truck eco-driving training certification, and then passenger vehicle eco-driving training certification from September 2008, and presents attendants who have successfully completed training at certified organizations with completion certificates.

Since FY2011, the “Eco-Driving Activity Contest” has been held under the auspices of the Eco-Drive Promotion Liaison Committee (National Police Agency, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, and Ministry of the Environment) and the Eco-Driving Promotion Council, with the “Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award” (business category) and the “Minister of the Environment Award” (general category) being given since FY2014. The award ceremony for the top winners for FY2022 was held on November 28 during the “Eco-Driving Symposium FY2022”.

● Accumulated number of completed certificates issued



● FY2022 Eco-Drive Activity Contest award ceremony



● Contest leaflet



④ Promotion of Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST)

The OECD has proposed Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) (see page 41), and organizations such as Japan's MLIT have implemented EST model projects. In order to achieve greater use of EST by local governments and transport operators, since FY2006 the Eco-Mo Foundation has worked with academic experts, related groups, EST related ministries and agencies, and other organizations to promote EST.

In FY2022, the 41st EST Emergence Seminar in Shodoshima (Shikoku) was held online in cooperation with the Regional Transport Bureau, etc., for local governments and transport operators. And the 10th 3-day human resource development workshop, which combines a workshop with observation and review sessions, was held in Matsuyama City. In addition, applications are being accepted for the 13th EST Traffic Environment Grand Prix, which recognizes outstanding local efforts in traffic environment measures. In addition, information was provided through the EST portal site (<http://www.estfukyu.jp/>) and newsletter as well as Twitter (<https://twitter.com/#!/officeEST>).

● The 41st EST Emergence Seminar in Shodoshima (Shikoku)



● The 10th Training Seminar for Promoters of Regional Traffic Environment Measures, General Tour



● The 10th Training Seminar for Promoters of Regional Traffic Environment Measures, Policy issue discussion



⑤ Promotion of mobility management education (Transport Environment Education)

In order to promote mobility management education (transport environment learning), this project supports local governments and elementary, junior high, and high schools in creating the basis for continuous implementation, preparing and distributing educational declarations and case studies that serve as guidelines, and distributing an e-mail magazine. In 2022, the project provided support to the following 15 elementary, junior high, and high schools.

● Supported schools and themes for 2022

School name	Study theme title
Shisui-machi Board of Education, Chiba	Shisui -Gaku (Hometown study), "Traffic in Shisui" for 3rd grade
Hirano Elementary School, Adachi Ward, Tokyo	Rights and Manners (Morality), Earth-friendly Transport (General)
Minami Elementary School, Ojiya, Niigata	SNG in the Taiyo grade (Sugoi! Nakayoshi! Ganbare!) extensive research
Kamitaki Elementary School, Toyama	Land use and Transport in Toyama City, People working at a supermarket
Gakuden Elementary School, Inuyama, Aichi	Mobility Innovation for Gakuden - Aiming to revitalize the town with the Komaki Line at its core
Kyoto Elementary and Junior High School affiliated with Kyoto University of Education	Rediscovering Kyoto: From Our Own Perspective - Through the Relationship between Public Transport and Urban Development
Kita Rokkodai Elementary School, Nishinomiya, Hyogo	Integrated Learning Time (tentative) Dream Town Project - Bus DGs -
Mamigaoka No. 2 Elementary School, Koryo-machi, Nara	Proposal to promote the use of the community bus "Koryo Genki Go"
Aida Elementary School, Mimasaka, Okayama	Let's actually use public Transport and learn about the characteristics of the extent of Okayama Prefecture's Transport
Togashira Junior High School, Toride, Ibaraki	Let's propose a sustainable community bus operation
Shinkayama Junior High School, Okazaki, Aichi	Our Lives and Energy Use
Doshisha Junior high, and High School	Junior High School Student Movement to Revitalize Stations and Communities - Eiden Yahatamae Station Project
Momoyama Junior High School affiliated with Kyoto University of Education	Is the introduction of the LRT, which is now a mirage, necessary for the tourist city of Kyoto...?
Hikone Higashi High School, Shiga	Ohmi Railway "Hikone Station" Project
Nagasaki Kita High School, Nagasaki	Research on Public Transport in Harmony with Local Communities, Part 3

⑥ Exhibit at EcoPro 2022

The EcoPro Exhibition is a comprehensive exhibition on environmental issues that has been held at Tokyo Big Site since 1999 to promote environmentally friendly products and services. This is one of the leading environment-related events in Japan, attracting business people, government officials, and general consumers.

Eco-Mo Foundation participated in the exhibition, presenting the current status of global warming issues and its countermeasures in the transport sector as well as introducing the Foundation's activities through a video and panel display.

(Participants in EcoPro 2022: 496 companies and organizations as presenters; approximately 61,000 visitors; the number of people who visited Eco-Mo Foundation booth: approximately 2,000)

●Eco-Mo Foundation Booth Photos



⑦ Promotion of Green Slow Mobility

The waning of public transport in provincial areas of Japan has produced a greater environmental impact as the result of growing use of personally-owned vehicles and created mobility problems for senior citizens unable to drive.

Green Slow Mobility have little environmental impact and can coexist harmoniously with pedestrians and cars due to their low maximum speed of under 20km/h. Hopes are high for the potential these vehicles have to address environmental impact and reduced senior mobility problems when used for living activities within communities and as a means of transport in tourist destinations, helping achieve an even lower carbon society.

Golf carts have been permitted to drive on public roads since 2014, and societal pilot tests have finally begun. Since FY2018, efforts have been made to increase the promotion of Green Slow Mobility through national verification experiments, vehicle purchasing subsidies, etc.

The Eco-Mo Foundation continues to conduct trial runs and verification surveys, holds training sessions, and provides operational know-how for the use of green slow-mobility in remote island regions, using the experimental vehicles owned by the Foundation.

● Trial Run and Demonstration Survey (Toshijima Island)



● Workshop (witnessing a safe driving workshop) (Mihara)



⑧ Publication of “Transport and Environment in Japan”

The Foundation has published “Transport and Environment in Japan,” which provides basic data and the latest countermeasures against the environmental problems and challenges of the transport sector (global warming, air pollution, waste, recycling, sea pollution, noise, etc.), as well as introducing the activities of local governments, businesses, citizens' groups, the Eco-Mo Foundation, and more. Since FY2015 an English version has also been published to showcase Japan's transport environment measures and countermeasures overseas. (The English version can be downloaded from the Eco-Mo Foundation website.)

● Transport and Environment in Japan 2022 English Version



English Translation Download Page
<http://www.ecomo.or.jp/english/tej.html>



IV. Measures in Response to Other Environmental Issues

1 Noise related measures

(1) Automobile noise countermeasures

A study of automobile noise environmental standard compliance status conducted in FY2020 found that of the approximately 9,219,000 homes studied, approximately 518,800 (5.6%) homes had automobile noise levels which exceeded environmental standards either during the day (6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.), at night (10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.), or both. Approximately 250,600 homes (2.7%) exceeded environmental noise standards both during the day and at night.

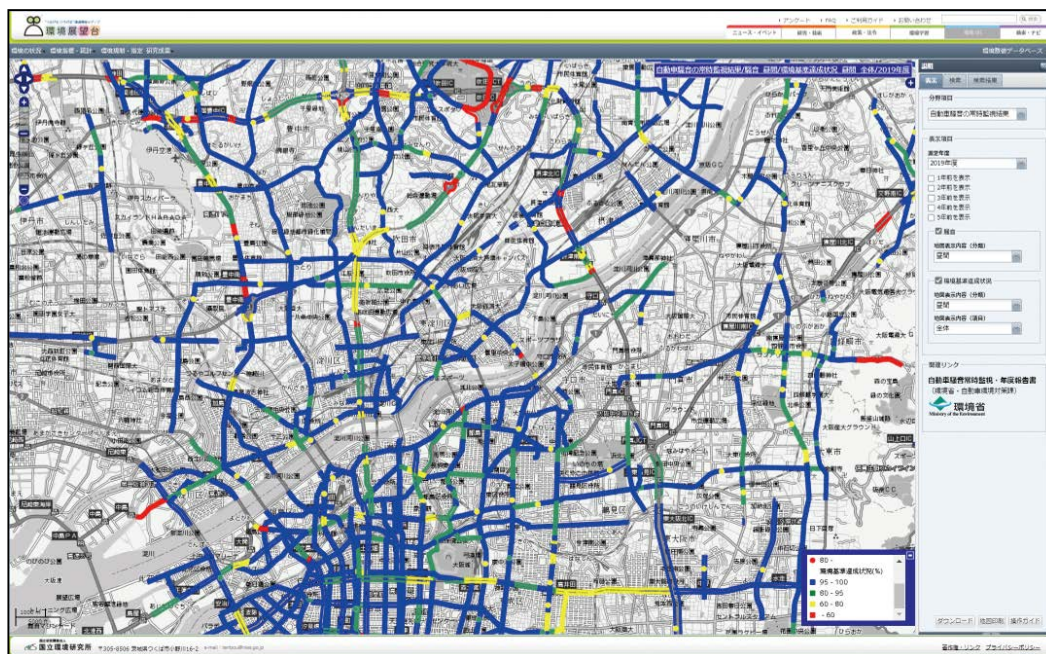
Of the approximately 3,942,500 homes in areas along major arterial roads, approximately 364,000 (9.2%) homes exceeded environmental noise standards during the day, at night, or both. Of those, approximately 173,800 (4.4%) homes exceeded environmental noise standards both during the day and at night.

Changes in the compliance of environmental noise standards must take into consideration changes in the homes investigated each year, but within the reported scope there appears to have been a gradual improvement over time.

Broken down by road type, the largest share of homes in areas exceeding environmental noise standards either during the day, at night, or both were located near urban expressways. Of the approximately 99,800 homes located in these areas, approximately 16,400 homes (16.4%) exceeded environmental noise standards. (Source: Ministry of the Environment “Automobile Transport Noise in FY2020”)

This information is provided together with corresponding maps on the Nationwide automobile Noise Map (Environmental GIS automobile Noise Survey Report) website, operated by the National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES).

● Nationwide automobile Noise Map



Source: NIES

(2) Rail noise countermeasures

Regarding noise from Shinkansen trains, based on “About the Environment Standards Associated with Shinkansen Railway Noise” that was announced by the Environment Agency in 1975, measures, such as setting up and raising soundproof walls, have been carried out in order for the environment standards to be attained.

In addition, regarding noise from conventional railways, based on the “Noise Countermeasure Guidelines Regarding the New Construction or Large-Scale Improvement of Conventional Railway Lines” that was published by the Environment Agency in 1995, measures such as the use of long rails are being carried out in order to meet these Guidelines.

(3) Aircraft noise countermeasures

Aircraft noise countermeasures in Japan can be broadly categorized into source control, improvement of the airport structure and environmental measures in areas surrounding airports. Combinations of these measures are being implemented in a balanced way according to the characteristics of each airport.

Regarding the source control, there are such measures as noise reduction

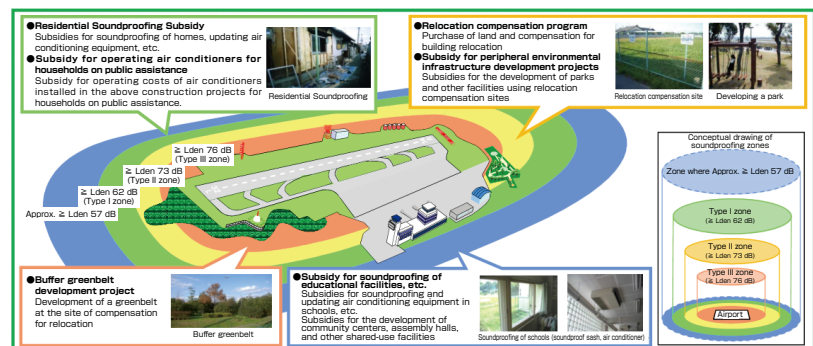
of aircrafts, improvement in the operation method and restrictions on departures and landings. As a result of advancements in noise reduction technology, the latest aircrafts can achieve an approximately 30dB noise level reduction in comparison to aircrafts 50 years ago.

As for improvement of the airport structure, efforts are being made to open offshore airports where the effects of noise are minimal, as well as to install sound-insulating walls.

With regard to environmental measures in areas surrounding airports, based on the Act on Prevention of Damage Caused by Aircraft Noise in Areas Around Airports (Act No. 110 of 1967), subsidies for noise prevention works in residences and schools are being granted and development of green belts, etc. is being carried out.

The Eco-Airport Guidelines were established in order to assist with environmental protection and creation for airports and their surrounding communities. Based on these guidelines, eco-airport design is being implemented in airports through measures such as the creation of environmental plans for airports and their surrounding areas, and through support for the installation of Ground Power Units (GPUs).

● Airport Periphery Environmental Management Project – General drawing



Source: MLIT (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

2 Sea pollution countermeasures

(1) Large scale oil spill countermeasures

One of the major factors behind the large scale oil spills in recent years is the existence of ships which do not meet the standards set forth in Marine Safety and Sea Environmental Conservation Treaties (sub-standard ships). In order to eliminate these ships, Japan is participating in international efforts such as the creation of an international ship database (EQUASIS), as well as enhancing port state control (PSC) by performing onboard inspections of foreign vessels stopping in Japanese ports confirming that they meet treaty standards.

The creation of a system, advocated for by the Japanese government, for checking that flag state governments are fulfilling their duties to monitor and supervise ships flown under their flags was approved at the 2005 IMO general meeting as a voluntary system.

Based on the efforts that followed, this system was made mandatory from January 2016.

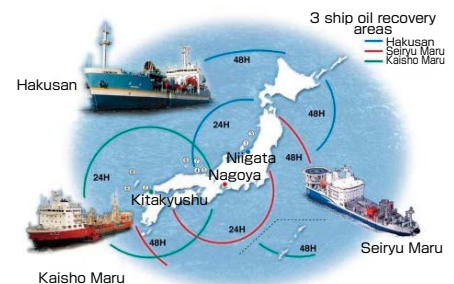
There are three large vessels for dredging and oil recovery deployed in the country, and there is a public-private oil control system established in accordance with the Law Relating to the Prevention of Marine Pollution and Maritime Disasters so that they can respond immediately in the event of an oil spill incident in the waters surrounding Japan. Furthermore, there is a system established for Japan, China, South Korea and Russia to respond in a cooperative manner to a large-scale oil spill in the waters surrounding Japan; the international cooperation and coordination is being strengthened through the “Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP) Regional Oil, Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS) Spill Contingency Plan (2008)”.

(2) Countermeasures against harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water

Various organisms such as plankton contained in ballast water (seawater loaded as a safety weight when a ship is empty) can induce harmful effects on the ecosystem and cause damages to human health and economic activities when they are transported to places where they do not belong and released in the ballast water being discharged. In order to implement a standardized regulation worldwide as a countermeasure to this problem, the Ballast Water Control and Management Convention, adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in February 2004 came into force in September 2017. Japan has concluded the Convention and has guaranteed it domestically through the Law Relating to the Prevention of Marine Pollution, etc. and Maritime Disasters.

As of October 2022, 13 hazardous water ballast treatment facilities from 10 companies have received type designation based on the latest standards (BWMS Code), and the first hazardous water ballast treatment facility “JFE BallastAce” developed by JFE Engineering Corporation, which was put into practical use after receiving type designation from the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, has been installed on board of a ship owned by Nippon Yusen Kaisha (NYK) Corporation. Since its installation on NYK’s car carrier “Emerald Leader” in August 2010, many vessels have been equipped with the hazardous water ballast treatment system.

● Coverage scope of system of 3 large dredging and oil reclamation ships



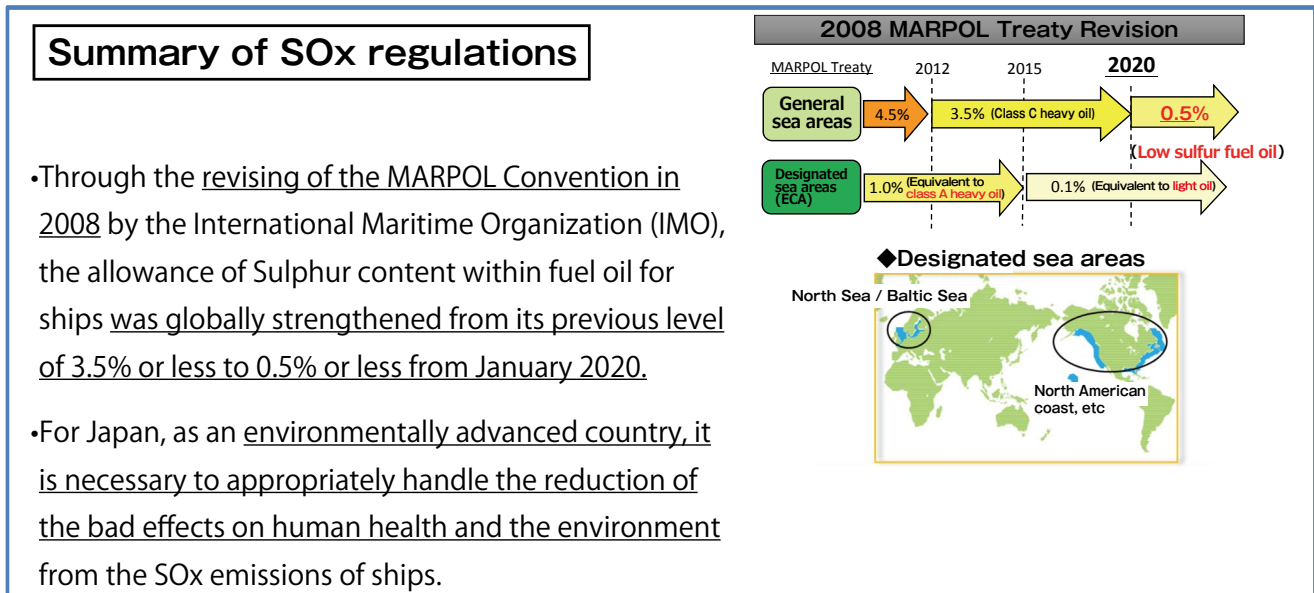
"Hakusan" can start oil recovery operation within 24 hours in the Japan Sea area, and even in the Hokkaido sea area can start operation within 2 days. Together with the "Seiryu Maru" and the "Kaisho Maru", it helps further enhance Japan's ability to respond to oil spills around Japan.

Source: MLIT (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

3 Ship exhaust gas emissions countermeasures

In order to reduce air pollution caused by Sulphur Oxides (SOx) emitted from ships, the Sulphur content in ship fuel oil is being regulated on a global scale under the MARPOL Convention. Due to revisions to the MARPOL Convention in 2008, the allowance of Sulphur content was strengthened from its previous level of 3.5% or less to 0.5% or less from January 2020.

● International regulations for reducing Sulfur Oxide (SOx) and Particulate Matter (PM) emissions



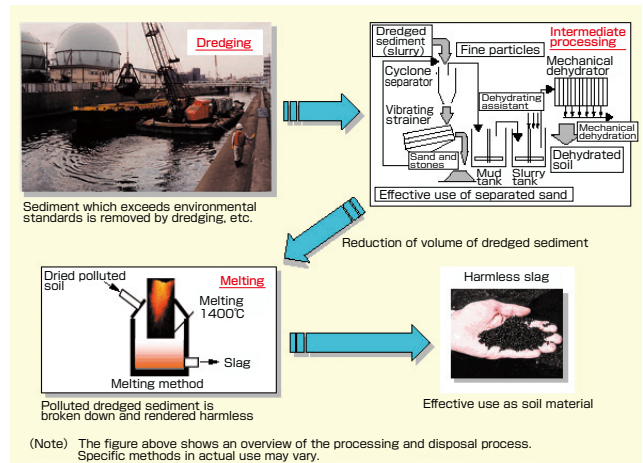
Source: MLIT (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

4 Chemical substances countermeasures

(1) Dioxin, etc. countermeasures

Dioxins are produced when garbage and other matter are burned. There are concerns about the harm these chemicals cause to the human body. The MLIT is studying dioxins and implementing countermeasures, monitoring marine pollution conditions, and carrying out other measures by establishing a “Fundamental Policy Regarding Countermeasures Against Sediment Dioxins”, technical guidelines concerning the removal of sediment in ports with dioxin levels exceeding environmental standards for sediment, and revising the “Manual of Sediment Dioxin Countermeasures for Rivers, Lakes, etc.” (the River Manual) and the “Technical Guidelines Regarding Sediment Dioxin Countermeasures for Ports” (the Port Guidelines).

●Dioxin, etc. countermeasures



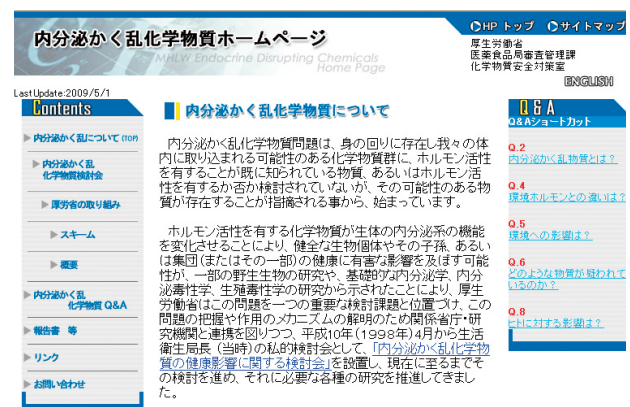
Source: MLIT (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

(2) Endocrine disruptors countermeasures

Endocrine disruptors (environmental hormones) disrupt the endocrine systems of people and wild animals, producing a number of adverse effects such as reducing sperm counts.

The need for countermeasures in response to these endocrine disruptors is growing year by year. In September 2008 the “International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems in Ships (AFS Convention)” went into effect. This global convention completely prohibits the use of ship hull antifouling paint containing tributyltin (TBT), an endocrine disruptor. The convention prohibits new application of TBT paint, and requires ship owners to completely remove all TBT paint already applied to ships, or to coat painted portions with a protective layer which prevents leaching of TBT into seawater. All foreign ships entering Japanese ports are prohibited from using TBT hull antifouling paint, so when the MLIT actively includes monitoring for TBT hull antifouling paint usage as part of its port state control (PSC) monitoring of whether arriving foreign ships are in conformance with international conventions regarding marine safety and marine environmental conservation, with the aim of eliminating foreign ships on which toxic hull paint has been used.

●Endocrine disruptor website



Source: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

(3) Asbestos countermeasures

Asbestos, used in various facilities, such as warehouses and storage sheds, present a life-threatening hazard. The buildings constructed in the 1970s and onwards, when large amounts of asbestos were imported, are reaching the ends of their lifespans and will be dismantled, so it is important to implement preemptive measures to prevent this work from causing public harm.

The MLIT is following up on the status of asbestos removal and scatter prevention measures for facilities under its jurisdiction in order to advance the removal of asbestos from existing buildings. In addition, measures for removing spray-applied asbestos insulation in existing buildings are being promoted through activities such as subsidies for residence and building safety stock formation operations and local housing subsidies.

In conjunction with revisions to the Building Standards Act the use of spray-applied asbestos insulation etc. in buildings has been prohibited, and Japan is disseminating information in the form of asbestos removal work reference estimates, documents which assist with the process of identifying building materials containing asbestos (visually identifiable building materials containing asbestos), by compiling databases of information regarding building materials containing asbestos, and preparing pamphlets regarding building asbestos countermeasures. Japan is also implementing measures for thoroughly ensuring the prevention of asbestos scattering or exposure during building dismantling.

● Asbestos countermeasure pamphlet



Source: MLIT

(4) PRTR(Pollutant Release and Transfer Register) system

There is growing interest around the world in environmental pollutants such as environmental hormones and new chemical substances produced by high-tech industry. In 1992 the UN Conference on Environment and Development (Earth Summit) indicated the need for a system for managing the discharge and movement of hazardous chemicals in order to reduce their inherent risks.

In response, in 1999 Japan formulated the “Act on Confirmation, etc. of Release Amounts of Specific Chemical Substances in the Environment and Promotion of Improvements to the Management Thereof (PRTR Law)”. This act defines a system for confirming, tabulating, and publicly releasing data on which of a wide range of hazardous chemicals have been produced, by whom they were produced, how much of the chemicals have been released into the environment, and how much of the chemicals have been taken off from company properties in the form of waste products. This system has been in effect since 2001.

Under this act, warehouse operators (limited to warehousing to store farm products or to store gas or liquid in storage tanks) and automobile maintenance operators are also required to report transfers of specified chemical substances.

● PRTR pamphlet



Source: METI and MOE

5 Ozone layer destruction prevention

The ozone layer which envelops the earth plays an important role in protecting life on the earth by absorbing harmful ultraviolet radiation. When this ozone layer is damaged, it allows a greater amount of hazardous ultraviolet radiation to pass through, increasing the incidence of skin cancer and cataracts, and impairing immunity in humans as well as affecting animal and plant ecosystems.

Fluorocarbons (CFCs and HCFCs), used as coolants in devices such as refrigerators and air conditioners, are known to damage the ozone layer. Fluorocarbons are greenhouse gasses that are hundreds to tens of thousands of times stronger than carbon dioxide, so it is important to prevent fluorocarbons used in devices (CFCs, HCFCs, and HFCs) from being discharged into the atmosphere in order to protect the ozone layer and prevent global warming.

The “Act on the Protection of the Ozone Layer Through the Control of Specified Substances and Other Measures,” passed in 1995, prohibited the manufacturing of specified fluorocarbons (CFCs), and the “Act for Recycling of Specified Kinds of Home Appliances (the Appliance Recycling Act)”, passed in 2001, mandated the reclamation of fluorocarbons from domestic refrigerators and air conditioners. In 2002 “the Act Concerning the Recovery and Destruction of Fluorocarbons (the Fluorocarbon Recovery and Destruction Act)” mandated the recovery of fluorocarbons from industrial air conditioning and refrigeration equipment and vehicle air conditioners.

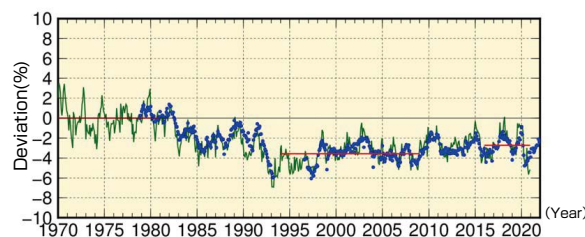
With regard to the recovery of fluorocarbons from vehicle air conditioners and subsequent destruction, due to the fact that vehicle air conditioners are constituent components of automobiles, in January 2005 they were excluded from the scope of the “Fluorocarbon Recovery and Destruction Act”, and regulated together with the disposal of vehicle bodies and engines under “the Act on Recycling, etc. of End-of-Life Vehicles”, which regulates the appropriate processing and disposal of end-of-life vehicles.

In response to a rapid increase in emissions of fluorocarbons (HFCs) with very strong greenhouse effects, particularly those used as coolants in air conditioning and refrigeration equipment, in June 2013 the Fluorocarbon Recovery and Destruction Act was revised to require that the manufacturers of fluorocarbons and devices which use fluorocarbons, and the users of industrial air conditioning and refrigeration equipment, rationalize fluorocarbon use and appropriately manage fluorocarbons. It also established mechanisms such as a fluorocarbon filling operator registration system and a recycling operator licensing system, and the name of the law was changed to the “Act on the Rational Use and Management of Fluorocarbons (Fluorocarbon Discharge Prevention Act)”.

● Changes in global amount of ozone over time

Amount of ozone worldwide

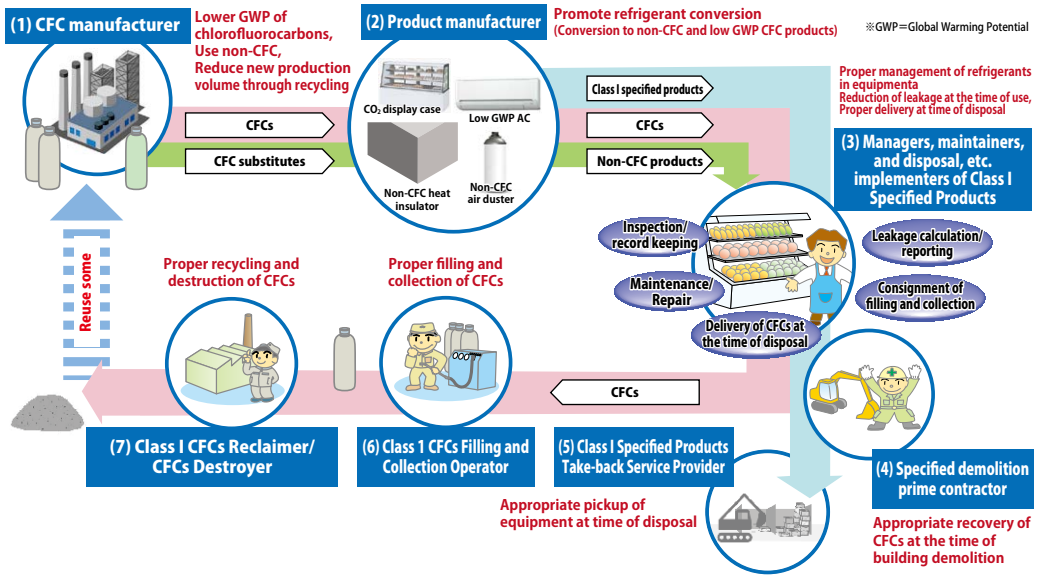
Except for low latitudes, the average amount of ozone worldwide, as measured terrestrially and from satellites, fell significantly from the 1980s to the early 1990s. Since the late 1990s it has remained constant or increased slightly, but the total amount of ozone remains low.



This graph shows the percentage of increase or decrease in the average amount of ozone worldwide compared to the average amount for the 1970 to 1980 period.* The solid green line indicates data from ground stations, the blue dot indicates the satellite observation data averaged between 70° N and 70° S latitude, and the red line shows the cumulative average of ground observation data, from which seasonal variations are removed. The terrestrial observation site data was supplied by the World Ozone and Ultraviolet Radiation Data Centre. The satellite observation data was obtained from data supplied by the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Note: The period before the prominent damage to the ozone layer

Source: JMA (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

● Overview of the Fluorocarbon Discharge Prevention Act



Source: METI and MOE (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

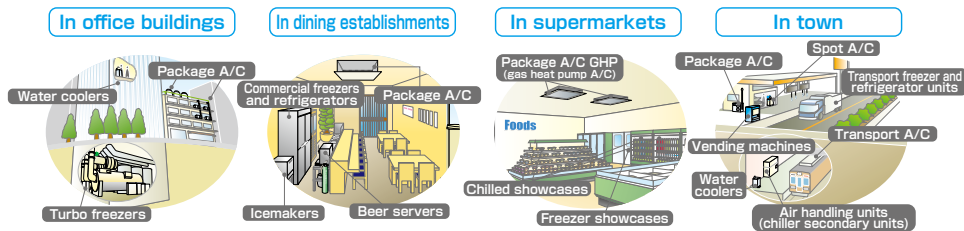
● Fluorocarbon Discharge Prevention Act pamphlet

Fluorocarbons must be reclaimed whenever performing disassembly work!

Under the Act on the Rational Use and Proper Management of Fluorocarbons (Fluorocarbon Release Prevention Act), fluorocarbons must be reclaimed when disposing of commercial air conditioners, refrigerators, or freezers which use fluorocarbons (CFC, HCFC, and HFC).

It is against the law to allow fluorocarbons to be released into the atmosphere when performing disassembly work.

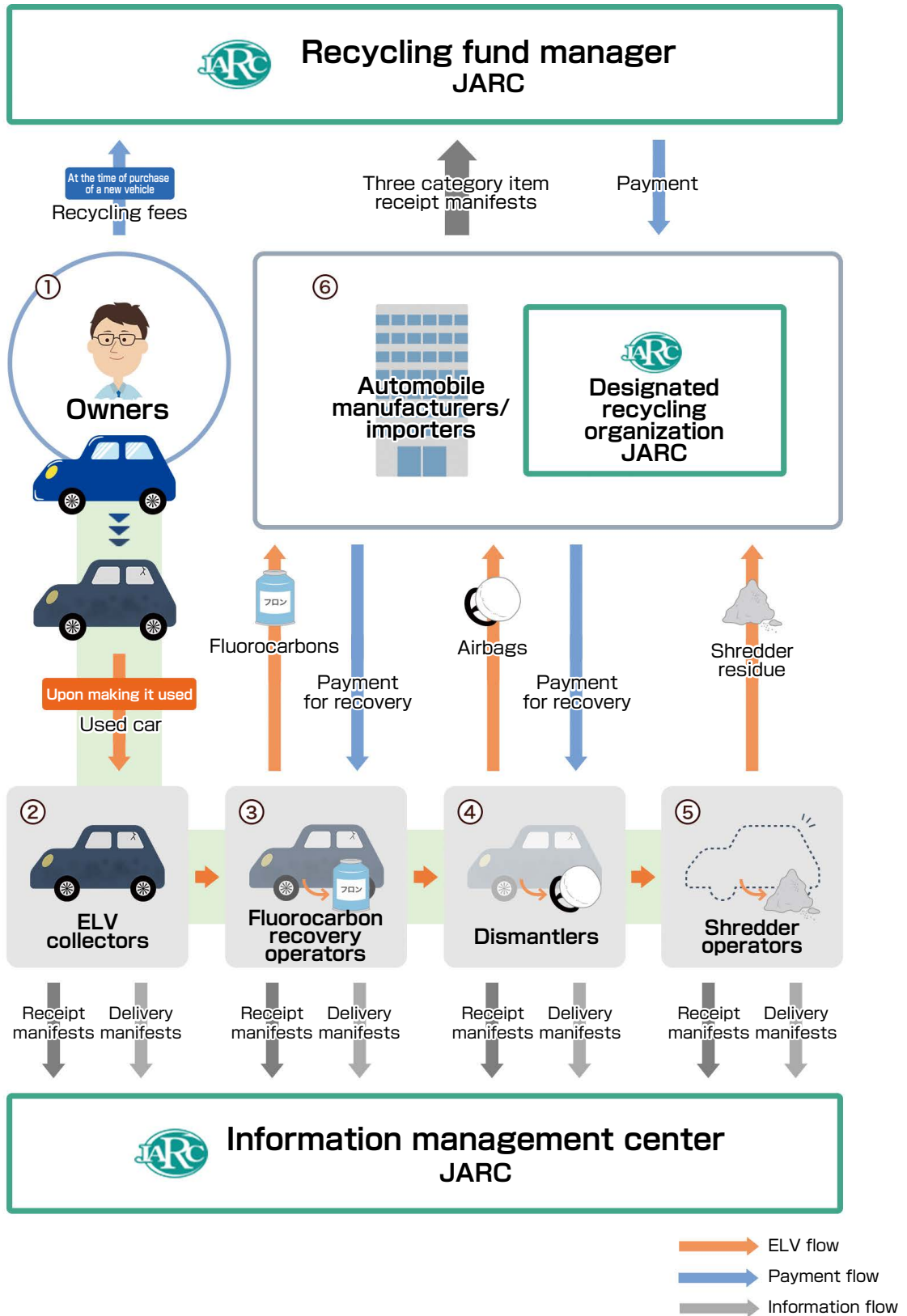
Examples of devices which use fluorocarbons (commercial refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners)



The penalty for reckless releasing of fluorocarbons is imprisonment of up to 1 year or a fine of up to 500 thousand yen.

Source: METI and MOE (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

● Overview of the Act on Recycling, etc. of End-of-Life Vehicles process



Source: Japan Automobile Recycling Promotion Center (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

6 Global environmental observation and monitoring

Implementing appropriate environmental problem countermeasures in the transport sector requires the accurate assessment of air and sea changes through steady, long-term observation and monitoring. Diverse air, sea, and other observation and monitoring are being implemented by global monitoring networks.

(1) Climate change observation and monitoring

International efforts aimed at tackling global environmental issues such as global warming are being enhanced. In addition to its previous ongoing efforts, the Japan Meteorological Agency is implementing the following measures in accordance with the “Strategic Policy Regarding Future Global Environmental Operations”, formulated and announced in 2008.

In order to assess greenhouse gas conditions, the amount of CO₂ in the atmosphere is being measured at three locations in Japan and the amount of CO₂ in the surface sea water and the air above the northwest Pacific Ocean is being measured by marine weather observation vessels. Furthermore, since FY2009 precise sunlight and infrared radiation measurements have been performed at five locations in Japan.

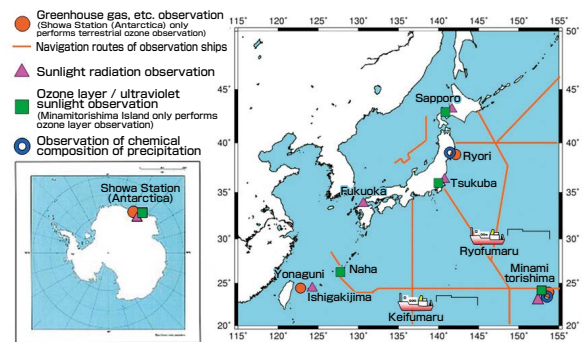
Sea level increases levels caused by global warming are also being monitored, and information is being released regarding long-term sea level changes along the coast of Japan.

In order to achieve more accurate climate change monitoring and seasonal forecasts, a “Long Term Re-Analysis Project” is being carried out in conjunction with the Central Research Institute of Electric Power Industry. This project analyzes past global atmosphere conditions using consistent methodology, and the findings of the project are being released to research organizations in Japan and abroad.

Based on the observation results, the Japan Meteorological Agency compiles the “Climate Change Monitoring Report” and releases the latest scientific information and findings on climate change.

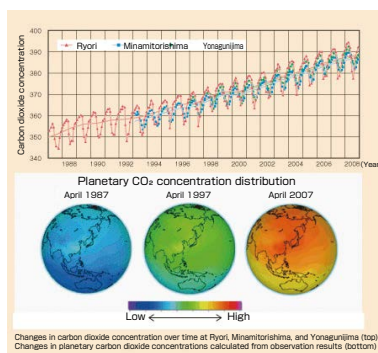
In December 2020, the Japan Meteorological Agency and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology released “Climate Change in Japan 2020,” an overview of observation results and future projections on climate change, based on the advice of the “Advisory Panel on Climate Change”.

● Atmospheric environment monitoring network



Source: JMA (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

● Changes in carbon dioxide concentrations in Japan and global concentration distribution of carbon dioxide (3 measurement points)



Source: MLIT (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

● Climate change monitoring report

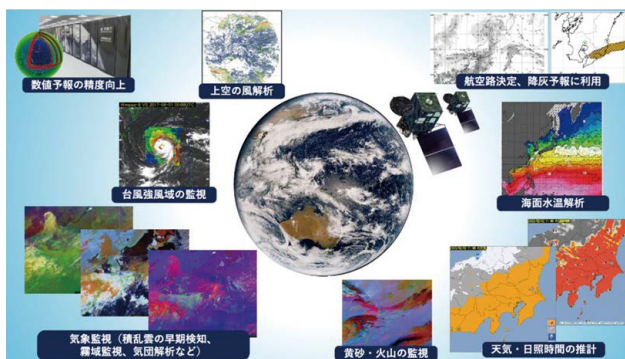


Source: JMA

(2) Himawari 8 and 9

Geostationary meteorological satellite Himawari No. 8 began observation operations on July 7, 2015, and Himawari No. 9 began standby operations on March 10, 2017. The roles of the two satellites were switched on December 13, 2022, with Himawari No. 9 performing the observation operations and Himawari No. 8 performing the standby operations. The two satellites, Himawari No. 8 and No. 9, continue to provide an uninterrupted meteorological satellite observation system for the purpose of ensuring the safety and security of the public, including monitoring and forecasting of typhoons and torrential rains, safe navigation of aircraft and ships, and monitoring of the global environment and volcanoes.

● Examples of the use of data from Himawari No. 8 and No. 9



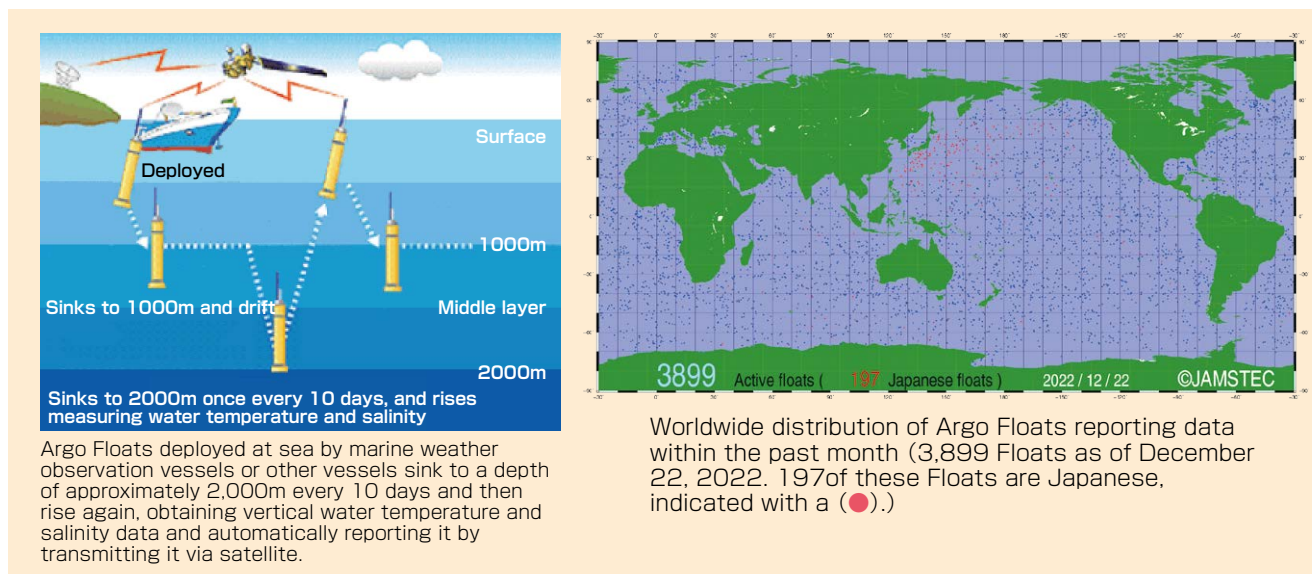
Source: JMA (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

(3) Sea observation and monitoring

The sea absorbs CO₂, a greenhouse gas, and retains heat, moderating global warming. Sea changes are intrinsically linked to typhoons and anomalous weather conditions, so accurately assessing sea conditions is an important part of responding to global environmental problems.

In order to immediately monitor and assess sea changes throughout the world the MLIT is coordinating with other related ministries and agencies, engaging in international collaboration with organizations such as the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to carry out the Argo project, deploying devices (Argo Floats) around the world to automatically observe conditions within the sea.

● Overview of Argo project monitoring and Argo Floats distribution



Source: MLIT and Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

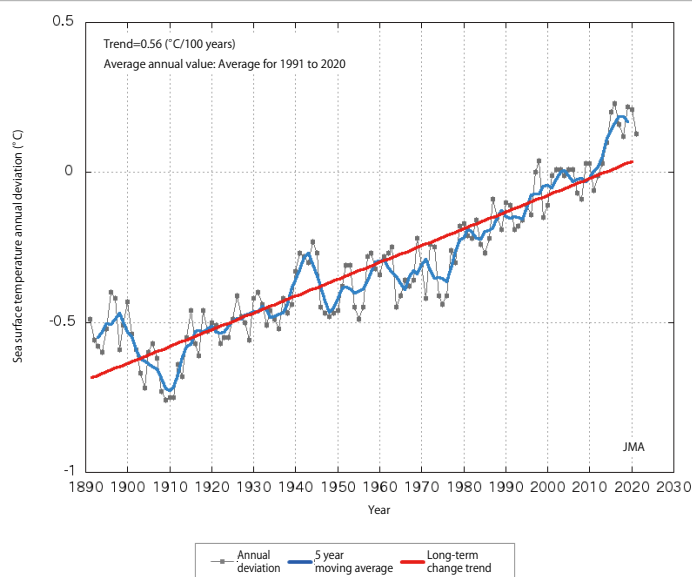
The JMA collects and analyzes data from various sources, such as observation vessels, Argo Floats, and satellites, and releases “Marine Health Diagnosis Tables”, comprehensive diagnoses and future predictions regarding sea change conditions related to the global environment.

The Japan Coast Guard’s Japan Oceanographic Data Center collects and manages sea data from Japanese oceanic research organizations, and provides it to related organizations and the general public.

●“Ocean Health Index” Long-term trends in sea surface temperature (global average)

|Diagnosis (2021)

- The annual mean sea surface temperature (global average) for 2021 was $+0.13^{\circ}\text{C}$, which was the sixth highest since the statistics began in 1891.
- The annual mean sea surface temperature (global average) changes due to a combination of oceanic and atmospheric variations over time scales of several years to several decades, global warming, and other influences. The long-term trend is an increase of 0.56°C per 100 years.



Trends in annual mean sea surface temperature (global mean) changes

Values for individual years are connected with a black line. 5 year moving average values are connected with a blue line. The long-term change trend is indicated with a red line. The average annual value is the average value for the 30 year period from 1991 to 2020.

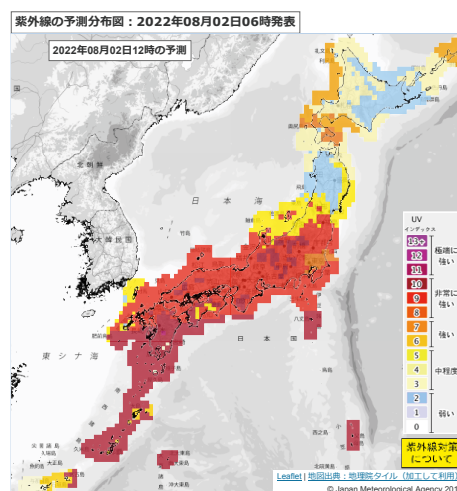
Source: JMA (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

(4) Ozone layer observation and monitoring

In order to protect the ozone layer, which absorbs harmful ultraviolet radiation from the sun, the production, use, and trading of fluorocarbons and other ozone layer destroying substances is internationally regulated by the “Montreal Protocol” and other agreements and conventions.

The JMA releases the results of ozone and ultraviolet radiation observation on a yearly basis. It also provides daily data regarding ultraviolet radiation in the form of a UV index, easy-to-understand numerical data indicating the strength of ultraviolet radiation.

●UV index (max daily values)



Source: JMA

(5) Promotion of regular observation at the Antarctic

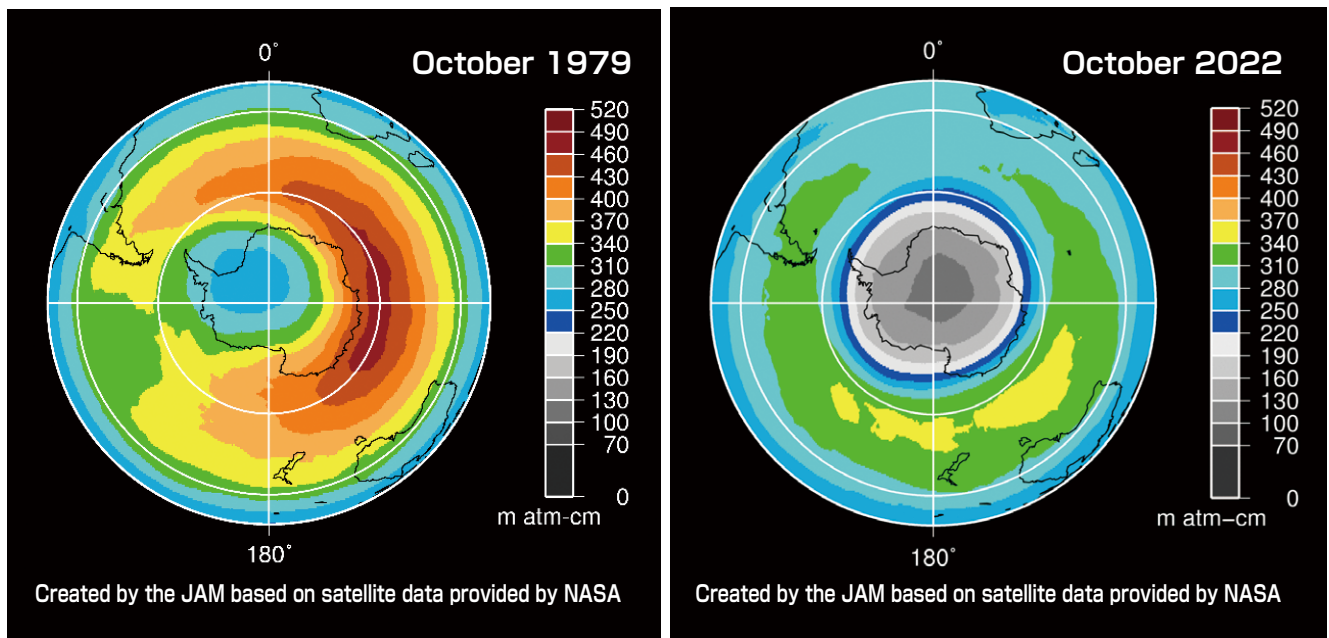
The Geospatial Information Authority creates topographical and other maps based on reference point measurements, gravity measurements, continuous GPS observation, bare rock area change measurements, and photographic measurements. The results contribute to research regarding global environmental changes in the Antarctic, etc., and international activities focusing on land measurement and geographical information.

At the Showa Base the JMA is performing continuous sunlight, radiation, and land and high altitude meteorological observation. This observation is effectively utilized in international measures, contributing to climate change research and monitoring of the south pole ozone hole.

The Japan Coast Guard carries out sea floor topological surveys. It also performs tidal observation, which contributes to monitoring of sea level changes, which are closely linked to global warming.

● Total ozone distribution map in the Antarctic (October) 1979 to 2022

Southern Hemisphere distribution of average total ozone in October for 1979 and each year prior to the appearance of the Antarctic ozone hole. The region with a concentration of 220m atm-cm or less in the ozone hole. Created by the JMA based on satellite data provided by NASA.



Source: JMA and NASA (Tentative translation by Eco-Mo Foundation)

7 Adaptation Measures for Climate Change in the Land, Infrastructure and Transport Sectors

In order to deal with the effects from climate change that accompany global warming, not only “mitigation” by restraining greenhouse gas emissions, but also “adaptation” to the already appearing effects and the long-term effects should be promoted.

In October 2021, the “Climate Change Adaptation Plan” based on the Climate Change Adaptation Law was revised in order to strengthen Japan’s overall climate change adaptation measures. Under the Plan, relevant ministries and agencies will work closely together to promote climate change adaptation measures under the following seven basic strategies.

- ① Incorporate climate change adaptation into all relevant measures
- ② Promote climate change adaptation based on scientific knowledge
- ③ Consolidate the wisdom of Japan’s research institutions and develop an information infrastructure
- ④ Promote climate change adaptation in accordance with local conditions
- ⑤ Deepen public understanding and promote climate change adaptation in accordance with business activities
- ⑥ Contribute to the improvement of adaptation capacity in developing countries
- ⑦ Ensure close coordination and cooperation systems among relevant government agencies

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), which has jurisdiction over various fields including land conservation and is responsible for creating a safe and secure national and regional land, has established the pillar “Promotion of Adaptation Measures to Realize a Climate Change Adaptive Society against Climate Crisis” in the “MLIT Environmental Action Plan (revised in October 2021)” that comprehensively summarizes environmental measures within the ministry and has been working to steadily implement various measures in areas including natural disasters, water resources and water environment, national and urban life, and enhancement and utilization of scientific findings.

● Overview of the MLIT Climate Change Adaptation Plan (Summary of policies by sector)

Potential impact of climate change on land, infrastructure and transport	
(Natural disasters)	Frequent flooding, extremely large-scale flooding, increase in landslide frequency, significant impact on harbors and coasts
(Water resources/environment)	Greater drought frequency, water quality changes
(Peoples’ lives, industrial activity, etc.)	Increased risks to transport infrastructure, large-scale rise in temperatures in urban areas, impact of storm and flood damage on distribution and tourism

Natural disasters	Water resources/environment	Daily life/urban life	Industrial/economic activity
<p>○Flood damage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use facilities to prevent disasters involving flooding and relatively frequent external forces from occurring When facilities are subject to external forces which exceed their capacity, mobilize all personnel to implement measures to minimize damage Disaster risk evaluation Disaster risk information sharing <p>1) Disaster prevention measures for external forces with relatively high disaster risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thorough facility maintenance Improvement of functionality of existing facilities Design of facilities to minimize reworking, etc. <p>2) Disaster mitigation measures for external forces which exceed facility capacities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① Facility measures involving operation, structure, maintenance procedures, etc. ② Flood mitigation measures integrated with town planning and community development ③ Evacuation, first-aid activity, business continuity, and other preparation <p>○Landslide disasters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures to address rise in landslide frequency, deep-seated landslide countermeasures Warning and evacuation for landslides with little lead time Land usage, dwelling styles, etc., that take disaster risks into consideration <p>○High tides and tidal waves, etc</p> <p>1) Harbors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sea phenomena monitoring and regular evaluation for harbors Countermeasures for external forces which exceed protection levels, etc. <p>2) Coasts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disaster risk evaluation and countermeasures for individual disaster risks Enhancement of coastal erosion countermeasures, etc. 	<p>○Water resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures for thoroughly leveraging existing facilities, using rainwater and reclaimed water, minimizing critical drought damage, etc. <p>○Water environments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring and forecasting related research, water quality improvement measures 	<p>○Transport infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Rail) Flooding countermeasures for subway stations, etc. (Harbors) Business continuity plan (harbor BCP) formulation (Airports) Hazard maps, airport snow removal system review and revision (Roads) Safety, high-reliability road network improvement, promotion of telephone pole-free design, Active use of bicycle (Distribution) Distribution BCP, improvement of disaster support-supply storage agreements, countermeasures for transport obstacles for rail cargo movement <p>○Heat islands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ground surface covering improvements (promotion of installation of rooftop gardens on private land and public spaces, etc., urban park improvement, treated sewage water usage, etc.) Reduction of artificial exhaust heat (energy savings in houses and buildings, promotion of low-emission vehicles, more use of bicycle, promotion of usage houses of sewage heat, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of Arcticea Sea route Measures for providing information to foreign travelers and countermeasures for damages by rumors
<p>Infrastructure measures</p> <p>○Promotion and awareness raising, information provision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotion and awareness raising regarding disaster prevention and climate change information Provision of geospatial information, etc. 	<p>○Observation, research, and technical development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate, sea level, and land observation and monitoring Climate change forecasting, analysis of snow and ice environment change trends, etc. Impact of growing external forces on flooding and inland water measures and countermeasures 	<p>○International contributions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global provision of Japanese disaster sector technologies and expertise Participation in international observation, monitoring, and research, etc. 	

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List of Abbreviations

BRT (Bus Rapid Transit)
CMP (Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol)
CNG (Compressed Natural Gas)
COP (Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC)
EDMC (the Energy Data and Modelling Center)
ELV (End-of-Life Vehicle)
ETC (Electronic Toll Collection System)
EU (European Union)
FY (fiscal year)
GIA (General Incorporated Association)
GIF (General Incorporated Foundation)
GIO (The Greenhouse Gas Inventory Office of Japan)
ICT (Information and Communication Technology)
INDC (Intended Nationally Determined Contribution)
IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change)
ISO (International Organization for Standardization)
ITS (Intelligent Transport Systems)
JCM (Joint Crediting Mechanism)
JMA (Japan Meteorological Agency)
LED (Light Emitting Diode)
LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas)
LPAA (Lima-Paris Action Agenda)
LRT (Light Rail Transit)
METI (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)
MLIT (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism)
MOE (Ministry of the Environment)
NASA (US National Aeronautics and Space Administration)
NIES (The National Institute for Environmental Studies)
NPA (National Police Agency)
OECD (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development)
PIIA (Public Interest Incorporated Association)
PIIF (Public Interest Incorporated Foundation)
PM (Particulate Matter)
RFA (the Railway Freight Association)
SPM (Suspended Particulate Matter)
UNCRD (United Nations Centre for Regional Development)
UNFCCC (the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change)
VVVF (Variable Voltage Variable Frequency)
WDCGG (World Data Centre for Greenhouse Gases)

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