Special Measures for Metropolitan Air Quality Improvement

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Current Air Quality Status in Seoul Metropolitan Area

- Steady increase in PM$_{10}$ concentration due to rising vehicle emissions and dust & sandstorms (DSS) transporting from China
- SO$_2$ and CO concentrations mark below the Air Quality Standards
- Steady increase in NO$_2$ and O$_3$ also caused by vehicle emissions
Current Air Quality Condition in the Metropolitan Area

Air Pollution Level Compared to Other Major Cities of the World

“The Worst Level among OECD Countries”
- 1.7~3.5 times higher in PM
- 1.7 times higher in NO₂

Air Quality Status in the MTA and Other Areas

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<th>Category</th>
<th>NO₂ (ppm)</th>
<th>Number of O₃ Warning</th>
<th>PM₀.₅( / )</th>
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<td>Metropolitan Area (Seoul)</td>
<td>31(37)</td>
<td>24(5) times</td>
<td>67(71)</td>
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<td>Other Areas</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>5 times</td>
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Serious Health Problems

- Increasing number of deaths caused by PM pollution
  - 2000: 1,940 persons  2020: 4,000 persons
- Cerebral Infarction caused by air pollution may have aggravated the death rate by 6%
- The early death rate caused by air pollution records 3 times higher than the rate caused by traffic accidents
II. Major Causes of Air Pollution

Soaring Emission Sources in a Small Land Area

- Population Density (468 persons/km²) records the 3rd in the world and the 1st among OECD countries
  - USA: 29 persons/km², France: 107 persons/km², Japan: 335 persons/km²
- 2~10 times higher air pollutants emission per unit area than the average amount of OECD countries

Rapidly Increasing Number of Cars

- **93 times** increase from the 1970's level
  - '70 yr: 0.13M  '80 yr: 0.53M  '90 yr: 3.40M  '00 yr: 12.05M
- Increasing emissions by urban mobile sources
  - '85 yr: 25%  '00 yr: 80% (Ratio of Air Pollution Sources)
II. Major Causes of Air Pollution

### Rapid Increase in Energy Consumption

- **9 times** increase from the 1970's level

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Energy Consumption (million ton)</th>
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<td>'80</td>
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- Energy Consumption Rate  vs. Economic Growth Rate

### Low Usage of Public Transportation

- During rush hours, public transportation usage rate in metropolitan appears to be lower than that of other major cities globally

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<th>City</th>
<th>Subway Usage Rate</th>
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<td>Seoul</td>
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<td>Tokyo</td>
<td>92%</td>
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<td>London</td>
<td>75%</td>
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<td>Paris</td>
<td>68%</td>
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### Special Measures for Metropolitan Air Quality Management (*Blue Sky 21*)

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1. Special Act on Seoul Metropolitan Air Quality Improvement

**Purpose**

“To develop an institutional framework for the effective Implementation of special measures for air quality improvement in Seoul and its vicinities”

**Legislation Process**

- Required Over 100 consultation meetings
- Task Force Team: consisting of government bodies (MOE, MOCIE, MOCT, MPB, MOFE and OPC), industries, experts and civil groups

**Entry into Effect**

- The Special Act takes effect starting in January 2005
- Total Air Pollution Load Management System (Cap & Trade Program) for the industry sector takes effects from July 2007

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1. Special Act on Seoul Metropolitan Air Quality Improvement

**Summary of the Special Act**

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<th>Improvement Target</th>
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<th>2014</th>
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<td>US$ 78 million (2003)</td>
<td>US$ 5.4 billion (for 10 yrs.)</td>
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A 10-year Framework Plan for Air Quality Improvement

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<th>Length of Implementation</th>
<th>10 Years (includes 5- year Implementation Plan by Local Gov.)</th>
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<td>Subjected Areas</td>
<td>Seoul Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD)</td>
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<td>Subjected Air Pollutant</td>
<td>PM 10, NOx, SOx, VOCs</td>
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TARGET:

[Graph showing PM and NO2 levels from 2001 to 2014]

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SMAQMD

[Map showing the Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (AQMD)]
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Total Air Pollution Load Management System

- Estimation of the Environmental Carrying Capacity for SMAQMD
- Allocation of the allowable emission loads to the Local Governments on the basis of the carrying capacity
- Local Governments to overlook emission sources (facilities, mobile and etc) and comply with the emission cap
  - Cap and Trade Program for point sources
  - Supply of LEVs
  - Control measures for mobile pollution sources
  - VOCs reduction in paints

Control Measures for Newly Manufactured Vehicles

- Measures for LEVs (Low Emission Vehicles) Supply
  - Automakers selling more than 3,000 vehicles/yr in Seoul MTA are required to supply LEVs beyond a fixed rate
  - Economic Incentives given to manufacturers and buyers of LEVs

- Mandatory LEVs Purchasing
  - Government bodies and Public institutions that have at least 10 vehicles in the metropolitan area required to purchase a certain portion of newly purchased vehicles with LEVs
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Control Measures for On-Road Vehicles

- Special Control Measures for Diesel Vehicle Emission
  - Those who fail to comply with the emission standards required to install diesel particulate filter (DPF) or diesel oxidation catalyst (DOC), or to retrofit with “cleaner engines”.
  - Diesel Vehicle exhaust emissions account for 100% of PM and 75% of NOx Discharged by cars in Seoul MTA

- Vehicle Inspection System
  - Extended subjects of vehicle inspection program
  - Large vehicles (wt. ≥ 5.5 ton): a load test

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<th>2004</th>
<th>2006</th>
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<td>yrs.</td>
<td>12 yrs.</td>
<td>7 yrs.</td>
<td>4 yrs.</td>
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Cap and Trade Program for Industry Sector

- Introducing the Cap and Trade Program
  - Subjected Pollutants: NOx, SOx, TSP
  - Type 1 Industry: Starting in Jul. 2007, Type 2 Industry: Starting in Jul. 2009
    - Implementation timeline was decided upon the emission discharge amount in each industrial site

- Method of Emission Monitoring
  - Smoke Stack Telemetry Monitoring System (TMS)

- Introduction of Cap and Trade Program to minimize emissions reduction cost
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2. Control Measures for On-Road Mobile Sources

CNG Bus Supply Program

- Mandatory Purchasing of CNG Buses
- Expanded Supply of CNG Buses in Major Cities

< The Target of CNG Bus Supply >

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<th>Total</th>
<th>~ 2004</th>
<th>2005</th>
<th>2007</th>
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<td>CNG Bus</td>
<td>20,000</td>
<td>7,400</td>
<td>12,600</td>
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<td>Fuel Station</td>
<td>400</td>
<td>183</td>
<td>217</td>
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- Dissemination of CNG Vehicles
  - Garbage trucks (80), Gas company vehicles (100), Commuting buses for environmentally friendly companies

Control Measures for On-Road Mobile Sources

CNG Bus Supply Program

- Wider Installation of CNG Fueling Station
  - Loosening restrictions for the installation of CNG fueling stations
  - Installation of fueling equipment suitable for a small garage

- Increasing Awareness on the safety of CNG
  - Public Information activities through various media
  - Academic conference and exhibitions on CNG bus
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Control Measures for On-Road Mobile Sources

Low Emissions of Manufacturing Vehicles

- Strengthening the emission standard on diesel vehicles in accordance with the EU standard

- Diesel Vehicles Control (by vehicle type)
  - Replacement of metropolitan buses to CNG buses
  - Engine replacements for medium & small-size vehicles
  - Passenger cars: Standards will be developed with considerations on air pollution status, fuel prices and others

Restriction on Vehicle Engine Idling in Terminal, Garage, Parking lot, etc

Promotion of Detailed Inspection System across the Capital Region

  - Failure rate: 12% (existing method) 35% (new inspection system)

Stronger Enforcement of Emission Testing

  - Expanded number of vehicles subjected to the emission testing
  - More stringent inspection on vehicles with high failure rate
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Control Measures for On-Road Mobile Sources

Fuel Restrictions

- Strengthening Standard on Fuel Quality
  - Petrol: S Contents $\leq 30$ ppm
  - Benzene $1.5 \leq 0.8\%$
  - Light Oil: S Contents $430 \leq 30$ppm
  - New standards on Polycyclic Aromatic (8%)

- Promotion of Bio-Diesel Supply
  - Technology verification and establishment of quality standards
  - Creating a market for Bio-Diesel, and consideration of economic incentives

3. Air Pollution Control in Industrial Sectors

Strengthening Emissions Standard

- Differentiated enforcement of emissions standard according to the local air quality conditions

Emission Charge System

- $SO_x$, $PM_{10}$: Those who discharge less than 30% of the allowed amount are exempted from the General Charge, and additional charges are imposed on those who exceed the standard

- $NH_3$, $HF$, $HCl$, Odor, etc (10 pollutants): Emission Charges are imposed on those who exceed the standard

- Consideration of a New Emission Charge System
  - Decrease in the number of pollutants subjected to emission charge
  - Integrated charge system that solely considers the amount of emission discharge, instead of enforcing both general and additional charges
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Air Pollution Control in Industrial Sectors

Environmental Management Guideline by Sector

- The Guideline will introduce: Special features of facilities, Pollution Reduction Equipments, Equipment Management Methods, etc.

VOCs Reduction

- Making efforts to develop standards on VOCs Contents targeting paint and ink products
- Signing of the Agreement on Voluntary VOCs Reduction

4. Other Control Measures

Control Plans for Severely Polluted Areas

- Special Control Area
  - Includes Industry Complexes; Stringent VOCs Control
    ** Ulsan, Onsan, Mipo and Yeocheon

- Air Pollution Control Area
  - Areas where air pollution level exceeds the environmental carrying capacity as well as the areas that require special attention
    - Capital Region (Seoul, Incheon and Gyeonggi), Busan, Daegu, Gwangyang)
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4. Other Control Measures

Expanded Use of Low-Sulfur and Clean Fuels

- **Promotion of Low Sulfur Fuel**
  - Mandatory use of ultra-low sulfur fuel (S contents \( \leq 0.3\% \)) from July ’01
    - 7 cities: Seoul, Busan, Daegu, Incheon, Ulsan, Suwon, Ansan
  - Daejeon, Gwangju and others (71 cities/district): S Contents \( \leq 0.5\% \)
  - Other Area: S Contents \( \leq 1.0\% \)

- **Air Pollution Control Area: Restriction on the use of solid fuels**
  - Apartments and power plants in the capital region are required to adopt clean fuels like LNG

Thank You!

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