

## The result of questionnaire concerning Green Purchasing in local government.

The Ministry of the Environment conducted a survey of local government in all parts of country about Green Purchasing (purchasing items on priority that are low environmental load) with some problems and the tackling situation for basic data from October, 2006 to January, 2007. And there is the result on our website.

As this result, although Green Purchasing for whole agencies is becoming widespread in whole local government, its progress is delayed in towns and village, so that further promotion plans are needed for works of small autonomy.

### 1. Purpose of survey

Green Purchasing that purchased items that have low environmental load with precedence is progressing in dissemination in large-scale local governments in prefectures and ordinance cities, according to enforcement of "Law Concerning the Promotion of Eco-Friendly Goods and Services by the State and Other entities"(Law on Promoting Green Purchasing).

Local governments are large consumers in the area and are requested to further widespread Green Purchasing in the future. In this survey, the status of the implementation of Green purchasing in local governments was investigated and aims to become basic data in case of future promotion measures consideration of Green Purchasing.

### 2. Investigation of survey

- (1), Targets : Local governments 1,887 in all parts of country (as of October 1, 2006)  
(47 prefectures, 14 ordinance-designated cities, 788 cities, 1,038 towns, villages)  
Environment Department, Bureau or Procurement Department, Bureau
- (2), Date : October, 2006 ~ January, 2007
- (3), Method : Posting to each local government and Collection by mailing  
(including partly E-mail and Fax)

### 3. Result of survey

#### (1), Status of Response

	Posting Number	Collection Number	Collection Rate
Prefectures, Ordinance-Designated Cities	61	61	100.0
Cities	788	554	70.3
Towns, Villages	1,038	609	58.7

Total	1,887	1,224	64.9
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\*Sending survey slip is based on local government organization as of October 1, 2006, so that advertence is needed due to occurrence of municipal merger since then.

(2), Mainly Response

- Response that “Over half of workers understand the value of Green Purchasing” is occupied 54.1%. Especially, Green Purchasing is becoming permeated into individual worker in prefectures and ordinance-designated cities however, it is difficult to permeate enough into workers into towns and villages.
- Best reference of product catalogs and leaflets are occupied over 70%. Basic Policy under Law on Promoting Green Purchasing tends to increase users.
- While paper, stationary, and office automation machines are becoming more established systematically in the whole, there are categories which have difficulty of making efforts enough in prefectures and ordinance-designated cities.
- Local governments that have already established Procurement Policy are occupied 31.8% and it was increased 4% more than last year. However, all prefectures and ordinance-designated cities have already established it, 27.4% of cities and 62.4% of towns and villages still have no plan to establish it.
- Despite the response “price unknown”, the answer of “less or equal” has exceed “rather high or high” about the price of Eco-Friendly goods of all categories excluding vehicles.
- Official cars generally used by headmen become low-emission cars and it is occupied 38.2%. It is becoming common to switch into low-emission cars in spite of dimensions.

4. Summary of the result

Please refer to an attached sheet.

5. Home Page Adress

The result of the survey concerning Green Purchasing is reported on website of The Ministry of the Environment.

<http://www.env.go.jp/policy/hozen/green/g-law/shiryou.html>