

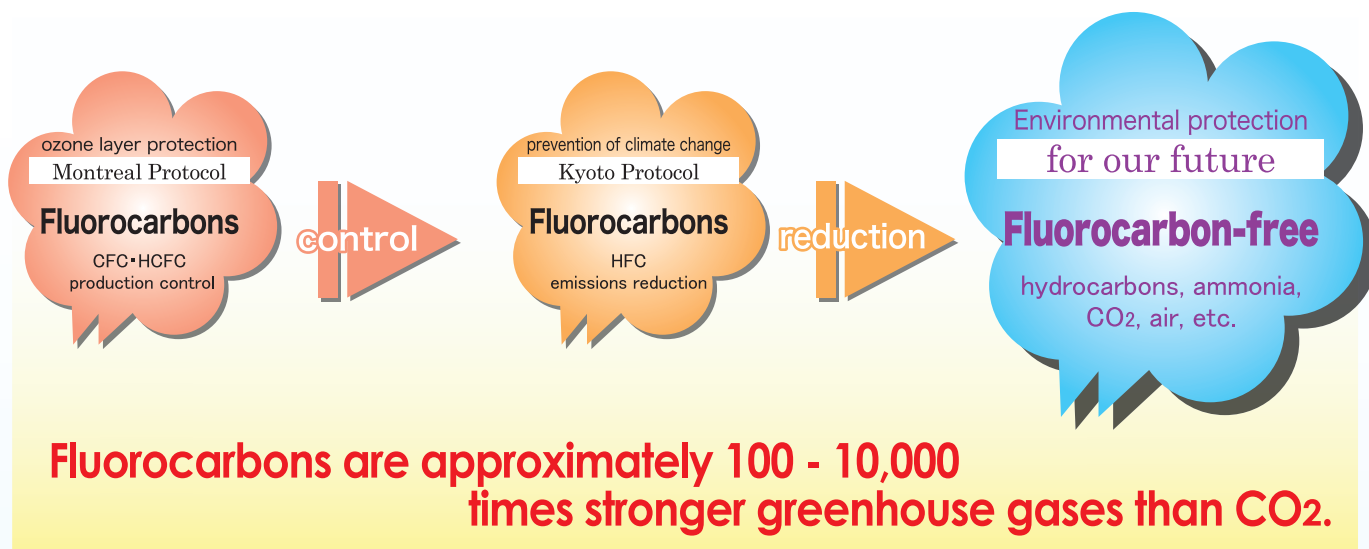
# Global Developments in Action on Fluorocarbons

The world is moving forward to prevent climate change and protect the ozone layer

When ozone layer depletion was recognized as a global environmental problem caused by fluorocarbons, the "Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer" was adopted, under which production of CFCs has been completely phased out in developed countries including Japan. Global actions are also being taken for the phase-out of production of HCFCs, which were introduced as the alternatives to CFCs.

In addition, HFCs, the alternative to CFCs and HCFCs, are controlled under the "Kyoto Protocol" because they have a significant impact on climate change though they don't have any impact on ozone depletion.

In order to protect the ozone layer and prevent climate change, various measures are taken in Japan, including recovery and destruction of a fluorocarbons in equipment such as refrigerators and air-conditioners, and promotion of the use of alternative products.



## Choose Fluorocarbon-Free Products

Our choices will change the future

Since fluorocarbons are a cause of climate change and ozone depletion, alternative technologies and products that do not use fluorocarbons are being developed. In Japan, to promote these products, government agencies are obliged to use fluorocarbon-free products in accordance with the "Law Concerning the Promotion of Procurement of Eco-Friendly Goods and Services by the State and Other Entities (Law on Promoting Green Purchasing)" and the government provides subsidies to encourage companies to adopt fluorocarbon-free products.

Fluorocarbon-free products are being developed and marketed in many areas. In this pamphlet, we will introduce **Fluorocarbon-Free Refrigerators**. Please carefully consider whether you can choose a fluorocarbon-free product for the sake of the environment.



Label for Fluorocarbon-Free Products



## Take a step towards combating climate change by choosing fluorocarbon-free products.