# Climate Change Policies & Measures in Japan

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# Japan's Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The average GHG emissions from 2008 to 2011 including forest carbon sink and credits from Kyoto mechanism are less than the 1990 level by 9.2%.
It is likely that Japan achieves its 6% reduction target of the 1st period under the Kyoto Protocol.



Source: Japan's National Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Fiscal Year 2011 < Executive Summary>

# **CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions by Sector**

✓ Emissions from the industrial sector, the largest source of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in Japan, decreased by 13.1% compared to 1990.

 $\checkmark$  CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from transportation sector peaked out around 2001, and has been decreasing recent years.



#### Non-energy CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions

#### $\checkmark$ Non-energy related CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions has been decreasing from 1990.

- $CO_2$  from non-energy sources: mainly due to a reduction of cement production.
- CH<sub>4</sub>: mainly due to a reduction of volume of waste to be landfilled.
- N<sub>2</sub>O: mainly due to the installation of N<sub>2</sub>O decomposition units in adipic acid production plants.



## F gas emission Trend

✓ Emissions of F gases greatly decreased by 2005, but has slightly increased since then.
The emissions in 2011 is down 51.2% from 1995 level.

✓ Only HFCs emissions has increased since 1995. PFCs and SF<sub>6</sub> emissions have greatly decreased from 1995, by 78.9% and 90.3%, respectively.



# **Outline of Japan's Climate Change Policies**



# Kyoto Protocol Target Achievement Plan (FY2008-2012)

✓ The KP Target Achievement Plan (decided by the Cabinet in March 2008) sets out detailed emission targets by GHGs and sectors, removals and use of KP credits.

	Protocol	Target Emissions in FY2010*		
	Base Year	Emissions	<b>Base-year total emissions ratio</b>	
Energy-originated CO <sub>2</sub>	1,059	1,076 – 1,089	<u>+1.3% - +2.3%</u>	
Industrial sector	482	424 – 428	-4.6%4.3%	
Commercial and other sector	164	208 – 210	+3.4% - +3.6%	
Residential sector	127	138 – 141	+0.9% - +1.1%	
Transport sector	217	240 - 243	+1.8% - +2.0%	
Energy industries sector	68	66	-0.1%	
Non-energy-originated CO <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>4</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O	151	132	<u>-1.5%</u>	
Non-energy-originated CO <sub>2</sub>	85	85	0.0%	
CH <sub>4</sub>	33	23	-0.9%	
N <sub>2</sub> O	33	25	-0.6%	
Three fluorinated gases	51	31	<u>-1.6%</u>	
HFC	20	22	0.1%	
PFC	14	5	-0.7%	
SF <sub>6</sub>	17	4	-1.0%	
Greenhouse Gas Emissions	1,261	1,239 – 1,252	<u>-1.8% – -0.8%</u>	
CO2 removal by sinks			-3.8%	
Kyoto Mechanisms			-1.6%	

Target of Reduction and Removal of GHGs

\* The Law for Promotion of Countermeasures to Global Warming was adopted in 1998, revised 4 times in 2002, 2005, 2006 and 2008.

\*\* Estimation of emission shows emissions where countermeasures' effect is maximum and where it is minimum.. While the maximum case should be pursued, the estimation is set to clear the Kyoto Protocol target even in the minimum case. 7

# **Carbon Tax**

Tax rate corresponding to the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions for all fossil fuels (JPY 289/t-CO<sub>2</sub>)
Enforced from Oct. 2012 and will increase the tax rate over 3 and a half years by Apr. 2016
All the tax revenue will be allocated for curbing energy-oriented CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



## Thermal efficiency improvements in thermal power plants

- ✓ Efficiency of thermal power plants in Japan has gradually improved: 44% in 2009, which is the world top-class.
- This was driven by introduction e.g. LNG combined-cycle electric power generation, an improvement of combustion temperature of gas turbine and high efficiency of boiler-turbines.



## **Deployment of Renewable Energy**

- ✓ The use of RE has been enhanced by the commencement of Feed-in Tariffs(FIT) in July 2012, and the installed-capacity for 7 months from July 2012 to the end of January 2013 increased up to approximately 7,300 MW.
- ✓ 7,470MW of Wind and Solar PV was installed by 2011, and approximately the same amount has been approved within less than a year after the introduction of FIT.



※ Cumulative approved capacity is different from installed capacity". It shows capacity of RE power plants approved by the minister of METI which may not always be installed and operated.

# Feed-in Tariffs (FIT) for renewable energy



Source: "Feed-in Tariff Scheme for Renewable Energy" (METI, October 2011)

(1 yen  $\approx$  1 euro cent)

# CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions in the Industry sector

✓ The CO₂ emissions from the industry sector in 2011 has decreased significantly by 13.1% compared to 1990.

✓ The emissions per unit of GDP has been decreasing significantly: 20.1% reduction from 2001.

Trend in CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions and CO<sub>2</sub>/GDP in the Industry sector (after distributing electricity and heat)



## GHG Emissions Accounting, Reporting and Disclosure Program

✓ Large scale emitters are obligated to count and report their GHG emissions, and the government collects the data and publishes them.



※ Emitters may submit relevant	※ If a specified emitter considers that its competitive interests could be	%Penalty is provided for
information such as the reason of increases or declines in its emissions.	harmed by a public announcement of its emissions data, then the emitter may request the protection of its rights and interests.	reporting-obligation violation or false report.

# **Guidelines for GHG Emission Control**

✓ Based on the Law on Promotion of Global Warming Countermeasures, the government developed the guidelines for industry, service, waste management sectors respectively which business operators of each sector would follow.

(1)Measures that contribute to GHG control in business activities (Industry, service, waste management sectors) (2)Measures that contribute to GHG control by provision of products used by consumers

# ★Activities for the proper and effective implementation

- •Management of the emission amounts, facilities installation and operation status
- Collection and organization of the information
- Implementation of PDCA

#### ★Measures for emission control, etc

• Present measures regarding how to select and use facilities,

Ex) Updating to energy efficient boilers / Improvement of thermal efficiency / Maintenance of heat source facilities etc.

#### ★General measures

•Manufacture of high energy efficient products

• Provision of the information through the use of "visualization" such as carbon footprint system, etc.

#### ★Concrete measures

• Present the measures to be taken for the manufacture of apparatus Ex) Lighting, heating and cooling equipment etc.

# **Voluntary Action Plan of Japan Business Federation**

- ✓ Nippon Keidanren (Japan Business Federation) took the lead in formulating Voluntary Action Plan on the Environment, and established the target of controlling CO₂ emissions in FY2010 below FY1990 levels. In addition to this Voluntary Action Plan, individual businesses in sectors including commercial and other and transport, both affiliated and unaffiliated with Nippon Keidanren, have set up GHG emissions reduction.
- ✓ These voluntary action plans cover approximately 80% of the emissions from the industrial and energy conversion sectors, and around 50% of those from all sectors.
- The voluntary Action Plan is placed as an important component of Kyoto Protocol Target Achievement Plan and the progress is reviewed deliberately every year. This is an unique example of collaboration between the government and private sectors as the effectiveness of voluntary action is enhanced by being authorized by government.



Source: Results of the Fiscal 2012 Follow-up to the Voluntary Action Plan on the Environment (Summary) —Section on Global Warming Measures— < Performance in Fiscal 2011 > (Keidanren)

# CO<sub>2</sub> emission of the transportation sector

- ✓ CO₂ Emissions from transportation sector has already peaked out, and has had a decreasing trend in recent years.
- ✓ CO₂ Emissions from passenger transport had been increasing since 1990, but has had a decreasing trend since its peak in 2001. The improvement of vehicle fuel efficiency greatly contributes to this.
- $\checkmark$  CO<sub>2</sub> Emission from freight transport has had a decreasing trend since its peak in 1996.

Trend in CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions and CO<sub>2</sub>/traffic



Source: Japan's National Greenhouse Gas Inventory (2012), Handbook of Energy & Economic Statistics in Japan (EDMC), Statistical Report on Motor Vehicle Transport (MLIT)

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## Measures in the transportation sector

- ✓ The "Top-runner" Fuel efficiency standards based on the most fuel efficient vehicle in keeping with future prospects of the technology development.
- ✓ Green automobile tax, eco-car tax reduction, eco-car subsidy: For the purchase of a fuel efficient vehicle and vehicles with low emissions, a tax reduction and a subsidy for the purchase is granted. It contributed to the expansion of clean energy vehicles.



Source: Japan's National Greenhouse Gas Inventory (2012), Handbook of Energy & Economic Statistics in Japan (EDMC), Statistical Report on Motor Vehicle Transport (MLIT), webpage of Japan Automobile Manufactures Association, webpage of Automobile Inspection & Registration Information 17 Association

## **Energy consumption of the residential and commercial sectors**

- ✓ Increase of the number of households (31.6% increase from 1990) causes of the increase of the energy consumption in residential sector. However, the energy consumption per the household of 2011 is decreased compared to that of 1990.
- ✓ Increase of the business floor expanse (42.7% increase from 1990) causes the increase of the energy consumption in commercial sector. However, the energy consumption per the business floor expanse of 2011 is decreased compared to that of 1990.



Trend in Energy consumption, Household and

Trend in Energy consumption, Business floor expanse and Energy consumption/Business floor expanse of the commercial sector

2003

2004

2002

2001

2005 2006 2008

2007

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2011

Source: Japan's National Greenhouse Gas Inventory (2012), Population Census (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications), Handbook of Energy & g Economic Statistics in Japan (EDMC)

# Measures in residential and commercial sectors

- ✓ The Top Runner criteria introduced into consumer electronics: Energy consumption efficiency of air conditioning, refrigerator, TV, etc. have improved.
- Electricity demand control: To respond to the energy crisis after the East Japan Great Earthquake, Japan as a whole tackled to control electricity demand last summer in 2011. As a result, electricity demand was significantly reduced compared with previous years (16% reduction from 2010 on average).

Improvement of energy efficiency					
Equipment	Improvement rate of average energy efficiency				
magnetic disk	85.7%(2001→2007)				
electronic calculator	80.8%(2001→2007)				
air conditionerX	67.8%(1997→2004)				
	$16.3\%(2005 \rightarrow 2010)$				
refrigerator	55.2%(1998→2004) 43.0%(2005→2010)				
lightX	35.7%(1997→2005)				
television	29.6%(2004→2008)				
freezer	29.6%(1998→2004)				
	24.9%(2005→2010)				
toilet seat	14.6%(2000→2006)				
$\times$ criteria based on pe	rformance per energy				

not X criteria based on Consumption

Improvement of average energy efficiency (sales based)

Reduction of electricity demand in East Japan in Jul-Sep. 2011 (in the area where supplied by the Tokyo Electric Power Co.Ltd)



Source: Catalog of energy saving performance of consumer electronics(2012)(METI)

#### Revision of the Law for countermeasures to CFCs, HCFCs and HFCs

