3Rs & Waste Management in Tokyo

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1. 3Rs and Waste Management in Tokyo

National Legislation

Basic Act for the Sound Material-cycle Society

Effective Resource Utilization Act Waste Management Act

Containers & Packaging Recycling Act Home Appliance Recycling Act Construction & Demolition Waste Recycling Act Food Waste Recycling Act End-of-Life Vehicle Recycling Act Small WEEEs Recycling Act

Waste Management Act

Roles of National and Local Governments

National Government

- Establish **basic policies**
- Formulate waste disposal standards
- Provide support to prefectures/municipalities, etc.

Prefectures

- Establish waste management plan
- Provide control/guidance for appropriate disposal of industrial waste
- License industrial waste disposal companies and approve construction of waste management facilities
- Provide support to municipalities etc.

Municipalities

- Establish municipal waste management plan
- Treat municipal waste according to the plan
- License municipal waste disposal companies etc.

Two-Tier Local Autonomous System

Before the Decentralization Reform in 2000

"Assigned Functions"

After the Decentralization Reform in 2000

"Entrusted Functions"



Intervention by the National Government not based on law is prohibited.

MSW Management in 23-city area



Metropolitan Financial Mechanism



Quantity of MSW in 23-city Area

Thousand Tonnes



MSW Flow in 23-City Area



Source Separation by Residents





in Apartment





Environmental Education



Incineration Plants in 23-city Area

Shibuya Incineration Plant



Minato Incineration Plant



Technologies

Fluidized Bed



Mass-burn Unit





Composition of Combustible Waste



21 Incineration Plants in 23-city Area



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Landfill in Port of Tokyo



Landfill in Port of Tokyo

Photo: Bureau of Environment, TMG



Structure of Landfill



Opposition against Incinerator Outbreak of Flies (1965) 1950's





War on Garbage 1970's



Peak of Waste Generation (1989)



Containers and Packaging Recycling Act

Purpose: Definition on the roles of consumer, municipality and businesses for Waste prevention and Recycling of C&P waste from household



Home Appliance Recycling Act

 Purpose: Definition on the roles of consumer, municipality and businesses for Waste prevention and Recycling of household waste



Construction & Demolition Waste Recycling Act

- Purpose: To promote sorting and recycling of C&D waste
- Contents : Demolition, segregation and recycling conducted by the prime contractor
 - Procedure of the contract between the owner and the prime contractor etc.



Food Waste Recycling Act

 Purpose: Waste prevention and Reduction of volume on food waste by food businesses to reduce final disposal volume Promotion of Composting and producing animal feed by food waste for food resources circulation



(partly retouched)

Food Waste Recycling Act

	Amount of generation (k tons:FY2016)	Rate of recycling etc.(%) FY2016	Target rate of recycling etc.(%) by FY2019
Total of Food industries	19,700	85	-
Manufactures/ Processors	16,170	95	95
Wholesales	270	65	70
Retailers	1,270	49	55
Food service industries	1,990	23	50

Food waste -Processing residue -unsold -Cooking scraps, uneaten



Small WEEEs Recycling act From April 2013

• Purpose : To promote recycling of precious metals used in small electronic devices (but its scheme is not mandatory)



2. TOKYO 2020 Sustainability Plan and SDG-12

Tokyo 2020 Sustainability Plan ver.2

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✓ISO 20121
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✓EIA

How to achieve "Zero Wasting" ?

Input & Output Approach



A Blueprint for Circular Economy

Priority on the Input-side



- Procure less
- Waste not!
- Procure products that consumes fewer resources
- Rental and lease
- Buy-back contract
- Second-hand products

Procure products which are:

- Reusable;
- Recyclable;
- For long-term usage.

Priority on the Output-side



Ten Objectives for Zero Wasting

- 1. Avoid food loss
- 2. Reduce packaging
- 3. Reuse products
- 4. Use recycled materials
- 5. Produce medals from recycled metals/e-waste
- 6. Reuse/recycle operational waste
- 7. Recycle food waste
- 8. Reuse/recycle construction waste
- 9. Use the recyclable materials
- 10. Reduce GHG emissions and waste to landfill

Tokyo 2020 Mobiles to Medals Project in Paris

2018.10.31~11.7 : With the cooperation of the City of Paris, collection boxes are planned to be installed around Paris to promote this project.



* Outline of the project: The Organizing Committee will **manufacture approximately 5,000 gold, silver and bronze medals** for the Olympic and Paralympic Games from consumer electronics such as used mobile phones.



3. Plastic Waste and Marine litter

Litter in Tokyo Washes into Pacific Ocean Ending Up as Marine Litter

Litter on the streets in town is blown by wind and/or rain into rivers or waterways, then carried into the ocean, floating as marine litter.

Why Not Start Reducing Marine Litter?







beach litter



Situation at Arakawa River







Cited from Arakawa Clean-aid Forum

Export volume of plastic waste from Japan



China's import ban, plastic waste from Japan goes to Southeast Asia.

Establishment of "Team Mottainai"

In August 2018, TMG created a Team Mottainai in partnership with businesses, NGOs and other organizations.

This team aims to raise people's awareness of "mottainai" and to encourage people to change their behavior to contribute to the **saving of food**, **materials**, and energy.

The Japanese word "mottainai" has the sense that something is too precious to waste and also expresses respect for the Earth's resources.



Team Mottainai kick-off event

U20 Summit May 21st, 2019

Governor of Tokyo declared that it will seek to achieve the 1.5 degree goal and by 2050, become a **'Zero Emission Tokyo'** that contributes to the world's net-zero carbon emissions.

As part of it, TMG will work to reduce and recycle plastic waste from households and large-scale office buildings, with the aim of reducing plastic waste incineration by 40% by 2030.



Environmental Education







Special Class at elementary school by Governor Koike ⁴⁰

Creating New Business Models

TMG selected 2 cutting-edge projects after public offering.

1. Loop Project (Reusable containers)

(By LOOP Global Holdings LLC, TerraCycle Japan) It is planned to be launched in Tokyo in May, 2020.



Enjoy

We Pick Up

We Refill

2. Recycling of Used Paper Cups

(By ITOCHU Pulp & Paper Corporation) From 21st October to 20th November, trial is underway at seven shops in Tokyo.

Our Target

- In addition to the national target, reducing single-use plastics by 25% by 2030, etc.,
- TMG aims to reduce the amount of plastic waste incinerated by 40% by 2030 in Tokyo.



TMG's Plastic Reduction Policy

◆ To achieve Zero Emission Tokyo by 2050, it is necessary to reduce emissions associated with plastics to net zero.

◆ We must strengthen even further our commitments to reduce single-use plastics at TMG, where many resources are consumed, in order to act as a model for Tokyo citizens and business operators.

Basic principles

- Reduce the use of single-use; promote the use of own bags, bottles, etc
- When the use of plastics is unavoidable, consider using the following:
 (1) recycled plastics (2) sustainably sourced biomass plastics
- When plastic waste is generated, separate them properly and recycle them in the following manners :

(1) mechanical recycling (2) chemical recycling

Ban the use of pet bottles and plastic straws at conferences held at TMG office as well as promote the use of recycled plastics at events and in our business operations.
 The immediate goal is not to use the single-use plastic cups at the official events from 2020.



Thank you for your attention !

