

Environmental Education at the Landfill site in Tokyo's 23 wards

1. The advancement of environmental education

To promote recycling and to reduce waste, the understanding and cooperation of citizens is crucial. Thus, at the Tokyo Landfill Site Management Office, which operates and manages landfills, we offer opportunities to learn about the environment through facility tours, etc. This is done to increase environmental awareness among the general public, students, and businesses for solving the problems in waste disposal as we work towards creating a recycling-oriented society.

In FY 2009, exhibition facilities, including the Environmental Learning Hall, were set up within the Tokyo Landfill Site Management Office. With this, children who visit for tours can learn about a wide variety of environmental problems not limited to only waste disposal, but also including global warming and other issues. In addition to the exhibits at the facility, there is also a large screen on which various videos are shown to raise interest in a way that is easy to understand.

As the only landfill within the 23 wards of Tokyo, there are many requests every year for tours and interviews. In particular, there are many groups of fourth grade elementary students who come on field trips for their social studies classes. With over 60,000 yearly visitors, the high level of interest in landfills is clearly shown.



2. Summary of environmental education facilities

1 Waste products / Landfill disposal

- Main exhibit
 - Garbage generated in one week
 - Flow of garbage
 - Pillar of noncombustible waste
 - Leachate processing

- Explanatory video
 - Flow of garbage

2 Energy / Global warming

- Main exhibit
 - Where things come from
 - Apparatus explaining power consumption
 - Tokyo calculator
 - Solar/wind power generation equipment

- Explanatory video
 - CO2 and our lives
 - Renewable energy around the landfill

3 Nature in Tokyo / Water circulation

- Main exhibit
 - Sea forest
 - Tokyo topography

- Explanatory video
 - Connection between living things
 - Circling water
 - Warming of the globe

3. Number of visitors

In FY 2010, there were 1,972 tours of the landfill for a total of 68,326 people visiting.

Visitors	No. of tours	No. of people
General public	264	5,379
Elementary/middle school	1,556	60,829
High school/university students	6	83
Government office/assembly	33	493
Overseas visitors	22	491
Companies	47	832
Press	44	219