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## Activities of Promotion Council of the Low Carbon Cities in FY2009 (International Conference, etc.)

Promotion Council of the Low Carbon Cities

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On the purpose of showing concretely and comprehensibly the figure of the Low Carbon Society which is to be realized, the Japanese Government has been selected "Eco-Model Cities (EMCs)," which challenge the ambitious target of GHG emissions reduction and will encourage them to achieve the target in cooperation among the ministries (The number of EMC is 13 so far.).

Besides, Promotion Council of the Low Carbon Cities (PCLCC) was organized in December 2008, which consists of sub-national governments, ministries, etc., with the purpose of developing of the superior approaches of EMCs among whole Japan and of disseminating information abroad, in cooperate with the foreign cities which are also taking action for the Low Carbon Society. The present chairperson is Mr. Kenji Kitahashi, the Mayor of Kitakyusyu city.

The general meeting of PCLCC was held today and the matters below were approved.

### I The International Conference of EMC

PCLCC will hold the international conference with the participation of the sub-national governments including EMCs, ministries, and Japanese and international experts.

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2009, Monday

Place: Pacifico Yokohama in Yokohama city

### II The examination of special tasks in Working Groups

The two Working Groups below were established in PCLCC, in which special tasks will be discussed and examined.

- WG for Promotion of Low Carbon Policies in Cities or Regions
- Green Economy WG

### III Awards and Prizes

PCLCC will consider the principle of awards and prizes for the superior actions through the activities in WGs.

## The Activities of PCLCC in FY2009

The general meeting of PCLCC were held on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009.  
In the meeting, the activities below were approved.

### 1. The international conference of Eco Model City

- Date : 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2009, Monday (Time Schedule has not decided yet)
- Place : Pacifico Yokohama in Yokohama city
- Organizer : Promotion Council of the Low Carbon Cities
- Agenda : Keynote Speech
  - The Introduction to the work of EMCs and the overseas Eco-Cities
  - The discussion and examination of the tasks for the expansion and familiarizing of the activities for Low Carbon City
- Participants : (Approx. 1,000 people)
  - participatants in PCLCC including EMCs or other sub-national governments, governmental agencies, ministries
  - the Japanese and international experts, etc. including overseas Eco-Cities
  - foreign embassies in Japan, foreign press
  - economic actors, persons dealing with environment, citizens, etc.
- ※ The exchange party will be held after the conference.

### 2. The examination of special tasks in Working Groups

The two Working Groups are established under PCLCC. The activities or schedules will be discussed in each WGs.

- i) WG for Promotion of Low Carbon Policies in Cities or Regions
  - Coping with the tasks of the cities which challenge toward the Low Carbon Cities, discuss and examine the solution of common tasks, confirm the effectiveness of the leading actions through tentative execution and disseminate them, and develop the actions effectively and efficiently through the collaboration of various technologies and policies.
    - coordinator : Kitakyusyu city
    - expected themes :
      - the realization of low carbon model district or region
      - the examination of the measures of assessment of environmental efficiency

## ii) Green Economy WG

Discuss and examine the establishment of regional revitalization model by involving various actors or new business models and the measures to expand them. Besides, the cooperation among the regions, which is expected to emerge new economic activities, will also be discussed.

- coordinator : Yokohama city
- expected themes :
  - the development of the policies for the emergence of Green Economy
  - the establishment of regional cooperation model for low carbon society

### 3. Awards and Prizes

In order to familiarize people with the superior activities through the WGs and contribute to creation of the low carbon society, subcommittee of PCLCC will consider the principle of the award and prizes.

#### ※ Eco-Model City (EMC)

In order to transform our whole country into a low carbon society, as a Government, we have selected as 'Eco-Model Cities' those Cities that take up the challenge of pioneering approaches with high targets, such as a significant reduction in greenhouse gases, and we give them concentrated assistance towards realization. 13 Cities have been selected as EMC so far.

#### ※ Promotion Council of the Low Carbon Cities (PCLCC)

'Promotion Council of the Low Carbon Cities' was organized in 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2008, with the purpose of developing of the superior approaches of EMCs among whole Japan and of disseminating information abroad, in cooperate with the foreign cities which are also taking action for the Low Carbon Society.

consists of 147 members, such as;

sub-national governments

Agencies(public interest corporations, etc.)

central government ministries

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