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Activities of Promotion Council of the Low Carbon Cities in FY2010

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 would challenge the ambitious target of GHG emissions reduction and encourages them to achieve the target in cooperation among the ministries(The number of EMC is 13 so far.).

Besides, Promotion Council for the Low Carbon Cities (PCLCC) is now promoting the low-carbon city or area development by developing 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 general meeting of PCLCC was held today and the matters below were approved.

I The International Conference

PCLCC will hold the international conference in Kyoto city as a part of its activities of sending information worldwide and the promoting international cooperation, on the condition that the city council will approve the budgeted proposal.

Title: International Conference on Promoting the Low-Carbon Cities 2010
(tentative title)

Date: 11th Feb. 2010, National holiday

Place: Kyoto International Conference Center in Kyoto city

II The examination of special tasks in Working Groups

The two Working Groups, which were established in PCLCC last fiscal year, will be renewed, and a as a new one, "Best Practices Expansion WG," and the member will continue the discussion and examination of special tasks.

①WG for Promotion of Low Carbon Policies in Cities or Regions (continuous)

Renewed as the platform in which the members examine the issues concerning to low-carbon city development. The main activities will be the solution of common issue, the confirmation of the effect of various advanced actions

through feasibility studies and the expansion of them, the examination of effective application by combining various technique or policies, and so on.

②Green Economy WG (continuous)

Renewed as the platform in which the members 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.

③Best Practices Expansion WG (New)

Newly established with the purpose of expand the superior practices (“Best Practices”) which can be applied in other cities, using this WG as the platform in which the member will share the lessons or issues detected through the execution of them

III Selection of the Best Practices among actions for low-carbon cities

The operation principle of the selection of Best Practices was approved, in order to help the development and expansion of the actions for low-carbon society by widely sending information about superior actions derived from WG activities.

- subjects of selection
 - actions in WG casebooks and the proposal from the member of WGs.
- important element of selection
 - social revolution effect, GHG reduction effect, leading project, cooperation among areas
- the type of award
 - 1) Best Practice Award (BPA) : the actions with actual result of social revolution effect or GHG reduction effect
 - 2) Good Planning Award (GPA) : the actions which have not been implemented yet but the effect can be expected
- after the selection
 - Give the presentation in the international conference in FY2010 in Kyoto

* Promotion Council of the Low Carbon Cities(PCLCC)

‘Promotion Council of the Low Carbon Cities’ was organized in 14th 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 184 members, as of 28th May. 2010, such as;

sub-national governments(132)

Agencies(public interest corporations, etc.)

central government ministries

* For farther information: <http://ecomodelproject.go.jp/en/>