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On December 14, 2008, the Promotion Council for Low Carbon Cities was formed, which was then reorganized into the Promotion Council for the “FutureCity” Initiative in May 2012 in order to promote the “FutureCity” Initiative, which is mandated to address aging population based on the idea of Eco-model Cities.

The purpose of the activities of the Promotion Council for the “FutureCity” Initiative is to create successful cases that resolve issues related to the environment and an extremely rapidly aging population, both of which are issues common to humankind. The initiative aims to disseminate such cases nationwide to promote the development of a sustainable economic society, and also to transmit excellent approaches to the world.

The members of the Council are the “FutureCities” and Eco-Model Cities as well as municipal and prefecture governments, relevant agencies, government agencies and private companies that address environmental issues and the extremely rapidly aging population. They share the results of their efforts and information regarding their policies and mutually raise awareness.

Number of Members: 255 (As of August 30, 2016)

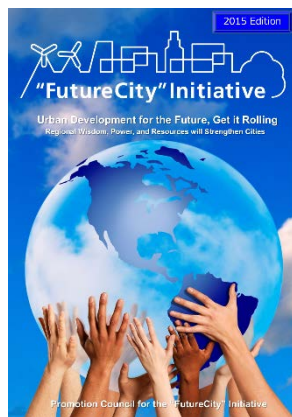
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| Municipalities | 116 |
| Prefectures | 46 |
| Relevant Ministries and Agencies | 11 |
| Relevant Government Agencies, etc. | 30 |
| Private Organizations | 52 |

[2016 Chairperson: Kenji Kitahashi, mayor of Kitakyushu City]

Activities of Promotion Council for the “FutureCity” Initiative



Japanese edition



English edition

Preparation of a Pamphlet for the “FutureCity” Initiative

This pamphlet showcases past activities regarding the promotion of the “FutureCity” Initiative and best practices of the “FutureCities,” Eco-Model Cities and the members of the Council.

This pamphlet is widely distributed through such events as the International Forum on the “FutureCity” Initiative and other exhibitions, etc. We prepare the pamphlet in both Japanese and English to distribute it to overseas participants in International Forums, etc. and disseminate the “FutureCity” Initiative both domestically and internationally.



Council's booth to promote the “FutureCity” Initiative

Dissemination and Expansion of Efforts through Environment-related Exhibitions

“Eco-Products” is one of the largest environment-related exhibitions in Japan that attracts about 170,000 business persons and others who have strong interest in environmental issues.

This exhibition has the “Eco-Model Cities and FutureCities Zone,” which have continuously been run by the Cabinet Office, Promotion Council for the “FutureCity” Initiative, “FutureCities” and Eco-Model Cities.

The exhibition in this zone gives an overview of the Initiative and cities' efforts under the Initiative, attracting the attention of many participants.

In 2015, a seminar was also given in addition to the exhibition.

We had a panel discussion on public-private partnership tailored to the regions' characteristics and the “FutureCities” and Eco-Model Cities that prepared the exhibition made a presentation on the results of their efforts. This program was so successful that we had applications far beyond the seating capacity, and it made a great contribution to the information communication efforts.



Panel discussion at the Eco-Products 2015

What is the Working Group of the Promotion Council for the “FutureCity” Initiative?

The Working Group of the Promotion Council for the “FutureCity” Initiative enhances the ability to solve problems and deepens exchange among its members by holding discussions on a practitioner level based on themes proposed by the members.

This activity has been conducted since 2008. 41 Working Groups have been established to date to hold discussions.

[WG to Promote the Introduction of Distributed Energy Utilizing the Power of the Private Sector]



Visitor facility of solar power plant “Mega Solar Iida” constructed in accordance with a power company and Iida City

In this working group, participants shared information regarding city/regional development through the introduction of distributed energy, including renewable energy. This program also included a tour to visit and learn about the actual facilities in which local governments, citizens and companies work together to realize a low-carbon society.

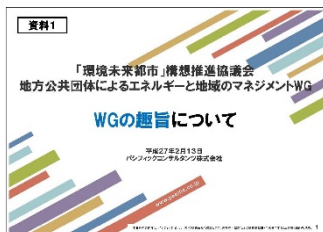
[WG to Consider the Creation of the Three Values of Environment, Society, and Economy]



Local governments held a discussion on the development of sustainable cities.

The session was very successful as many actual cases were presented through the case studies of cities overseas and visits to Kitakyushu City and Urasoe City to learn about city development in actual situations.

[WG on Energy and Community Management by Local Government]



This participatory working group based on the two themes of “the PPS/energy management business” and “the utilization of biomass resources” made a contribution to the establishment of information network among the organizations.

[WG on Town Development Based on Problem Solving Using Open Data]



This working group discussed how to utilize open data for the solution of regional problems. The participants gained understanding by experiencing how to use the actual tools.

[WG to Promote Low Carbon Measures in Cities and Regions]



This WG session was held to promote carbon reduction measures in individual cities and regions and build environmental evaluation means for such measures.

In this WG, municipal governments with similar issues work together to promote studies toward the realization of low-carbon cities.

[Green Economy WG]



This WG session was held to build a regional economic vitalization model through city development toward a low-carbon society.

Case studies that include best practices concerning regional vitalization and carbon reduction effects have been compiled as a result of this WG's activities.

[WG to Disseminate and Promote Best Practices Nationwide]



The WG selected best practices from the activities of the members of the Council in 2010.

Many members have used the WG's analysis on the efforts selected for best practices when starting new projects.

[WG to Consider the Uniform Criterion for the Early Calculation Method of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions]



This WG session was held to integrate calculation methods for greenhouse gas emissions in the Eco-Model Cities.

The effects of Eco-Model Cities are calculated using the methods invented at this WG.

[WG to Share Issues in the Low-Carbon Urban Development and Consider Solutions]



This WG aims to stimulate information exchange among its members and consider solutions for the shared issues.

The participants considered issues related to the development of a low-carbon city from three different perspectives, namely, "future vision of the region and its realization," "public-private collaboration" and "fund raising"

[WG on the Development of a City to Accommodate the Extremely Rapidly Aging Population]



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An opinion exchange meeting was held in 2012 in preparation to start a WG based on the new theme of "measures for the extremely rapidly aging population."

Many organizations participated in this WG session held in Toyama City, which had been making leading-edge efforts with a view to the low birth rate and aging population, to clarify issues regarding such efforts and exchange opinions on the solutions.