

Open Symposium “Challenges to achieve Low Carbon Society - 1st anniversary of Kyoto Protocol -”

Organizer: Ministry of Environment, Japan (MoEJ)

Co-Organizers: British Embassy to Japan, National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES)

Purposes:

This symposium focuses on current situation of global warming, meaning of Kyoto Protocol, pathway toward low carbon society (LCS) and its feasibility. We'd like to discuss what kinds of countermeasures we need to take action now to achieve LCS based on long-term perspectives.

Background:

Since Kyoto Protocol has brought into effect on Feb.16th 2005, concrete countermeasures to tackle with global warming are required. At UNFCCC COP/MOP1 and COP11 in Montreal during Nov.28th to Dec.9th, delegates adopted the ground rules for administering the Kyoto Protocol and reached agreement on text for future action.

In Japan, a research project on “Japan Low Carbon Society Scenarios toward 2050” (Global Environment Fund, MoEJ) has been conducted since Apr. 2004 and more than 50 researchers have investigated pathways to realize LCS from various aspects. UK published Energy White paper “Our energy future - creating a low carbon economy” in 2003 to put a path to cut the UK's carbon dioxide emissions by some 60% by about 2050 with real progress by 2020, such as UK Energy Research Center (UKERC) was established in 2004 to achieve sustainable energy economy and the 40% House project studies behavioural and technological changes in the search for how UK households can meet the 60% target.

Information:

Time: Feb. 16 (Thu.), 2006, 18:00-20:30 (Open 17:30)

Venue: Aoyama “Spiral” Hall (5-6-23 Minami-Aoyama, Minato-ku, Tokyo) (1min. walk from exit B1 or B3 at Omote-sando subway station) <http://www.spiral.co.jp/>

Language: English and Japanese (Simultaneous interpretation available)

Fee: Free of Charge (Registration is required)

Further information: check the homepage “<http://2050.nies.go.jp>”

Tentative Agenda:

18:00-18:05: Opening Remarks

18:05-18:20: Keynote Speech 1 “Japan Low Carbon Society Scenarios and Countermeasures”
Junichi Fujino (Senior Researcher, NIES)

18:20-18:35: Keynote Speech 2 “UK Low Carbon Society Scenarios and Countermeasures”
Jim Skea (Research Director, UKERC)

18:35-18:45: Break

18:45-20:25: Panel Discussion

Panelist Shuzo Nishioka, Executive Director, NIES

Jim Skea, Research Director, UKERC

Takashi Tomita, Cooperate Director, Sharp Cooperation

Junko Edahiro, Co-Founder and Co-Chief Executive,
Japan for Sustainability (JFS)

Keisuke Hanaki, Professor, The University of Tokyo

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Megumi Yoshimoto, Announcer

20:25-20:30: Closing Remarks

