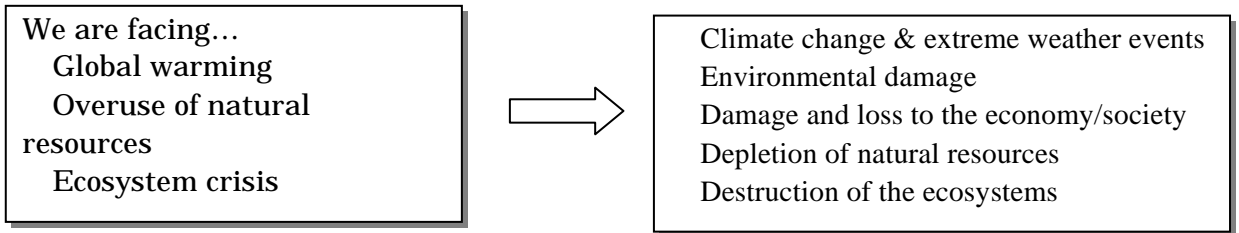


Shiga's scenario for a sustainable society in 2030

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Problems are becoming more serious on a global scale



Urgent and firm actions for building a sustainable society are needed.

Vision in 2030

A resource-rich, secure and prosperous society where its natural environment – first and foremost, Lake Biwa's ecosystem – is protected, and citizens' well-being is being improved continually through sustainable development in environmental, social and economic dimensions.

Why is a Vision essential?

- (1) To establish a guiding principles shared by citizens, businesses, and government to build a sustainable society in Shiga.
- (2) To improve well-being and increase business opportunities that will lead to sustainable development in Shiga by making full use of the creative ideas and vibrancy of citizens and industries of Shiga.

From Vision to Reality :A scenario for a Sustainable Society in Shiga

- GHG emissions are halved by the renovation of social systems and technology.
- All industries develop in an environment-friendly manner.
- We live in harmony with Lake Biwa ecosystem and make wise use of natural resources.
- Compact urban development is carried out in appropriate scale and form.
- Social infrastructure improvement accelerates the use of public transport.
- Lake Biwa retains an important role as a source of recreation for citizens. (Etc.)

Goals to achieve the scenario

Building a low carbon society

GHG emissions in Shiga is reduced by 50% from its 1990 level by 2030

Restore Lake Biwa healthy ecosystem

A healthy ecosystem in Lake Biwa and its surrounding areas, as well as a safe water environment are well protected. The functions of Lake Biwa, supplying food, shelter and place for recreation revitalized.

Measures to build a low carbon society

- Local production, local consumption to reduce “food mileage” and “wood mileage”
- Promotion of public transportation
- Designing compact cities
- Locally-based carbon offset system

(With other implementations)

