

CDM Feasibility Study by Ministry of the Environment Japan

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Abstract

In the Guideline of Measures to Prevent Global Warming (decision of the Global Warming Prevention Headquarters, 19 March 2002), considering that the use of the Kyoto Mechanisms shall be supplemental to domestic action, Japanese government realizes that it is significant to take advantage of the mechanisms as a cost-effective means to achieve the commitment of the Kyoto Protocol. As an interim measure, the government would put in place a project approval system for approving the JI and CDM projects, develop the national registry system and implement other following measures with a view to achieve the smooth operation of the Kyoto Mechanisms. Based on the Guideline, the Global Warming Prevention Headquarter held a meeting on July 19, 2002, and determined to establish the Liaison Committee for the utilization of the Kyoto Mechanisms (hereinafter "Liaison Committee"). The Liaison Committee consists of the directors from the following ministries in charge: Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of the Environment (MOE), Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (METI), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF), and Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport (MLIT). The Liaison Committee is established as the Designated National Authority which approves the CDM/JI projects in accordance with Marrakesh Accords. Furthermore, the Committee set Guideline for Approval of JI/CDM Projects on October 16 2002 in order to accept applications for approval of the CDM/JI projects from companies. Six projects have been approved so far.

In addition to infrastructure construction related to CDM/JI projects as the Annex I Party above, Japanese government assists companies in utilization of Kyoto Mechanisms in various ways. Ministry of the Environment Japan has conducted feasibility studies of CDM/JI projects since 1999. In this action, we have investigated feasibility of CDM/JI in many sectors, including biomass, waste management, afforestation/reforestation, and other sectors, mainly in the Asian region, so we have steadily collected information regarding implementation of CDM/JI projects. I would like to introduce the result and the outcomes of the MOE's feasibility studies and mention how the government should assist the prospective CDM/JI projects in this presentation.

According to the adoption of sink CDM rules at COP9, the government would take further measures in order to promote the implementation of sink CDM, which has been retained within study phase so far.

MOE also established a Website, "Kyoto Mechanisms Information Center". It provides information and also accepts any inquiries by e-mail (Email: kyotomecha@env.go.jp). If you have any questions about sink CDM, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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