Green Economy and Environmental Goods and Services Sector (EGSS)

Economic and Employment Impact Assessment for Japan

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Background

A Comparative Study on Green Investment in China, Japan and Korea

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> Objectives

Assess and compare the economic, social and environmental impacts of green investment in China, Japan and Korea

> Summary on the work

- Green economy policy review (Japan and Korea)
- Assessment of Environmental goods and services sector (Japan and Korea);
- Assessment of renewable energy sector (solar PV and wind power in China, Japan and Korea)

Overview of EGSS

Definition of EGSS

EGSS consists of activities which produce goods and services to measure, prevent, limit, minimise or correct environmental damage to water, air and soil, as well as problems related to waste, noise and eco-systems. – by OECD/Eurostat (1999)

> Why does EGSS exist?

- Needs for cleaning-up the pollution, disposal of wastes and recovering the damage resulted from rapid economic growth;
- Needs for addressing global environmental issues such as climate change due the planetary boundaries of our earth;
- Needs for better air and water quality and improved natural environment due to higher income levels;
- Needs to reduce energy/material use due to the high volatility of world mark price of energy and basic materials.

Motivations

- Green economy as a means to deliver sustainable economic growth
- EGSS as the centrepiece to achieve paradigm shift from conventional to green and lowcarbon growth
- Requirements for the evidence on the effectiveness of environmental policy and green investment decisions

Green Economy in Japan

> Definition of green economy in Japanese context

"an economic system which promotes sustainable growth while improving human well-being, by pursuing economic growth and the environmental conservation in tandem, properly utilizing and conserving natural resources and ecosystem services" (in the Input to the Rio+20 Outcome Document, Government of Japan, 2011).

> Japan at a crossroads in choosing G&D policies

2011 Triple Disasters and multiple econ. and demographic challenges

Green Economy Policies in Japan

> Strategy for a Sustainable Society (2007)

Becoming a Leading Environmental Nation in the 21st Century in the areas of climate change, biodiversity, sustainable material cycles, environmental and energy technologies and resource utilization.

- Strategy Towards a Low Carbon Society (2008) KP Target Achievement Plan
- New Growth Strategy (2010)

From supply side measures to demand-driven policies fostering demand and job creation.

- Comprehensive Strategy for the Rebirth of Japan (2012)
- Innovative Strategy for Energy and the Environment (2012)

New Growth Strategy (2010): Seven strategic/priority areas

Demand side	Supply side		
Crean inner ation	Salamaa taabaalaan (and IT		
Green innovation	Science, technology and H		
Life innovation	Employment and human		
	resources		
Asian economic integration	Financial sector		
Tourism and local			
revitalization			

Source: Government of Japan (2010).

Target and components of Green Innovation strategic area

Target for 2020:

- To generate new
 demand of JPY 50
 trillion
- To create 1.4 million new jobs by green technologies development and diffusion.



Source: Based on Government of Japan (2010).

Comprehensive Strategy: 2020 targets

2020 goals for Green policy area

- Increase percentage of the next-generation vehicles in the new car sales to 50%
- Electric Vehicles (EVs): Installation of 2 million ordinary chargers and 5,000 rapid chargers
- Achieve 50% (approximately 10 trillion yen) market share for Japanese companies in the global storage batteries market
- Standardization of net zero energy housing and development of net zero energy commercial buildings
- Renovation and upgrading of existing building stock
- 100% compliance rate with energy-saving standards for all new housing
- Total floor area of environment-friendly real estate: 10 million m²

Source: Taken from NPU (2012).

EGSS in Japan

- MOEJ conducted annual surveys on the market size of environmental industry (2010).
- Main purposes: (i) making policies for the promotion of environmental industries; and (ii) promoting the investment in environmental industries to help achieve the New Growth Strategy.
- 2010 survey followed the 1999 OECD's EGSS classification.
- From 2011, MOEJ re-classified Japan's EGSS to reflect both the latest development and specific situation of environmental industries in Japan.

Four categories of EGSS in Japan

	EGSS category 1	EGSS category 2	EGSS category 3	EGSS category 4
No	Environmental Pollution Prevention	Measures against Global Warming	Waste disposal and effective utilization of resources	Conservation of natural environment
1	Air pollution control equipment and facilities	Renewable Energy	Waste treatment and effective use of resources	Water resource use
2	Sewage, waste water treatment equipment and facilities	Energy-saving vehicles	Waste disposal and recycling services	Sustainable foresty
3	Soil, water purification equipment and facilities	Energy-saving appliances	Reform or renovation	Sustainable agriculture and fisheries
4	Noise, device for vibration prevention and facilities	High efficiency water heater	Lease and rental	Biodiversity, eco tourism and others
5	Environmental measurement, analysis, monitoring equipment and facilities	Saving energy consulting	Used and reuse goods	
6	Other environmental pollution prevention products, equipment and facilities	Others	Recycled materials	
7	Sewage, waste water treatment services		Others	
8	Soil, water purification services			
9	Environmental analysis. Measurement, monitoring and asssessment			
10	Environmental education, environmental finance and consulting, etc			

Source: http://www.env.go.jp/policy/keizai_portal/B_industry/1-1.bunruikaitei.pdf

Market size of environmental industries in Japan



In 2012, the market size of EGSS in Japan valued at JPY 86 trillion. Estimated valueadded is about JPY 37 trillion, accounting for 8% of the nominal GDP in 2012. Imports was JPY 2 trillion and exports was JPY 9 trillion.

Source: Author compilation based on the statistical data of MOEJ (2014).

Employment in environmental industries in Japan



Employment

62% 51% 60% 50% 58% 51% 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 A Pollution Prevention and Control B Measures combating climate change

- C Solid waste mangement and effective resource utilization
- D Conservation of natural environment

In 2012, the employment was 2.4 million people.

Source: Author compilation based on the statistical data of MOEJ (2014)

Research questions

- How large are the total impacts both directly and indirectly (the multiplier effects) that are generated from EGSS? Whether they can deliver the outcomes for achieving the 2020 targets for new demand and new job creation?
- Whether the EGSS performs better in terms of output and employment than economy-wide average when Japan prioritized EGSS as the new engine of economic growth?
- Will a shift in the investment in EGSS help achieve the dual goals, economic growth and environmental conservation, of a green economy?

Correspondence of EGSS sector classification and IO sector classification



Data and sources

No.	Data description	Source
1	Market size of EGSS (based on the 2012 Revised	MOEJ, 2014
	Japan's Environmental Industry Classification)	
2	Employment in EGSS (based on the 2012	MOEJ, 2014
	Revised Japan's Environmental Industry	
	Classification)	
3	2000 IO table (104 sector)	Ministry of General Affairs of Japan
4	2005 IO table (108 sector)	Ministry of General Affairs of Japan
5	80 sector IO tables (2009-2012)	Ministry of Economy, Trade and
		Industry (METI)
6	Employment data for 2000 IO 104 sectors	Ministry of General Affairs of Japan
7	Employment data for 2005 IO 108 sectors	Ministry of General Affairs of Japan
8	104 sector-occupation employment matrix (2000)	Ministry of General Affairs of Japan
9	108 sector-occupation employment matrix (2005)	Ministry of General Affairs of Japan

Revised statistical classification of Japan's EGSS



> Multiplier analysis

Economy-wide output impacts

$$X = (I - (I - \hat{M})A)^{-1}F = BF$$

Economy-wide employment impacts

 $E = \hat{e}BF$

Output impacts from EGSS

$$x_i = b_{i,j-k} f_k$$

Employment impacts from EGSS

$$e_i = \hat{e}_i b_{i,j-k} f_k$$

> Data used for multiplier analysis

Years	Output multiplier calculation $b_{i,j-k}$	Employment ratios calculation \hat{e}_i	Final demand ratio calculation r_{i-k}	Market size of EGSS x_k	Occupation distribution ratios $O_{i,s}$
2000- 2004	2000 IO table (104 sector)	Employment data for 2000 IO 104 sectors	2000 IO table (104 sector)	Yearly statistical data.	104 sector-occupation employment matrix for 2000 IO 104 sectors
2005- 2008	2005 IO table (108 sector)	Employment data for 2005 IO 108 sectors	2005 IO table (108 sector)	Yearly statistical data.	108 sector-occupation employment matrix for 2005 IO 108 sectors
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Results: Comparison of direct and economy-wide output impacts



Output Multipliers	Α	В	С	D	EGSS average	Economy wide average
2000	1.97	2.12	1.72	1.84	1.86	1.70
2012	1.52	2.28	1.78	1.71	1.91	1.65

In 2012, among all EGSS sectors, eco-cars (3.05) and eco-driving related facilities (2.91) had the highest output multipliers. The building sector (reform and repair) had the largest indirect output impacts.

Results: Comparison of direct and economy-wide employment impacts



Employment multipliers	Α	В	С	D	EGSS average	Economy-wide average
2000	1.81	2.50	1.45	2.05	1.68	1.561
2012	1.84	2.36	1.59	1.76	1.84	1.558

In 2012, among all EGSS sectors, eco-cars (9.3) and sulphur-free petroleum (6.5) had the highest employment multipliers. The building sector (reform and repair) had the largest indirect employment, engaging about 1 million persons.



Occupation distribution

In 2012, workers in the extraction and construction (code 120) accounted for the largest share (23%) followed by machine operators (code 100, 21%). From structural change viewpoint, more workers were in the extraction and construction in 2012 compared with 2000, but less workers in the sales (code 040) and service sector (code 050).



Compared to the national average occupational distribution, EGSS-induced occupation have relatively less employment in professional/technical positions (010) and in sales and service sector (050), but much more engaged in engineering and manufacturing sector (010) and extraction and construction sector (120).

Conclusions

- EGSS in Japan, accounting for 10% of total output and 8% of value added and providing 2.4 million jobs in 2012, is a key and potential area of economic growth.
- From economy-wide impact perspective, EGSS generated JPY 150 trillion and absorbed nearly 4 million workers directly and indirectly in 2012, which in some sense achieved the 2020 goals set by the 2010 New Growth Strategy.
- The higher average multipliers of EGSS, in terms of both output and the employment multiplier, than the economy-wide average levels, indicated that EGSS can be considered as a new engine and competitive edge of Japan's sustainable economic growth.

Some ideas for the Tripartite GECP



Forum

Serve as a forum to exchange views on the concept of GE and the means of implementation (MoI) in specific national context.



Initiative Key roles of the three countries in regional/international trade and joint green supply chain initiative.



Cooperation

Green/innovative technologies is one of the key elements of MoI. Technology transfer and the triangular model (north-south-south) can be developed for the diffusion and deployment of green technologies.







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