Yokohama's City to City Collaboration for Greener Future in Asia

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Since 19th century





Yokohama Archives of History







City Profile

- Area: Approx. 435 km²
- Population: Approx. 3.8 million (Second in Japan after Tokyo's 23 wards)
- Number of business establishments: Approx. 120,000 (Fourth in Japan)
- Number of employees: Approx. 1.48 million (Third in Japan)

New Slogan of Yokohama





Dr. Takeharu Yamanaka Mayor of Yokohama Member of OECD Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth Board Member of Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM)

CO2 YOKOHAMA GO GREEN "GO GREEN" means " to take environmentally friendly actions. "

"YOKOHAMA GO GREEN" was formulated as a slogan for the city, citizens, and businesses to work together to promote decarbonization and environmental measures toward the realization of a decarbonized society in 2050.

The slogan is set as a slogan for all environmental measures that will lead to the realization of a decarbonized society, including decarbonization measures, biodiversity, resource recycling, etc.

Asia Smart City Conference in Yokohama

• A global conference where Asian cities, governments, international organizations, and corporations gather in Yokohama to share knowledge and introduce technologies and solutions for the realization of a sustainable green society.

GO GREE

- A Platform of Green Hub in Asia was disseminated from Yokohama to the international community.
- Held annually since 2012, the 13th conference was held in October under the theme of "Decarbonization." 2,200 participants from 46 countries attended the conference, which featured 18 sessions with approximately 90 speakers.





The ASCC2024 Yokohama Declaration composed of following three pillars was affirmed by participating 39 cities and organizations

ASCC 2024 Yokohama Declaration ~Asian Cities Together for a Greener Future~

1. The Pivotal Role of Cities in the Global Climate Challenge

In close partnership with leading global institutions, including the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (IJCA), CITYNET, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), this conference fostered a series of in-depth and forward-thinking discussions enriched by the perspectives of academic leaders and the aspirations of emerging young voices. We have reached a firm consensus on the essential role that cities—being at the forefront of engagement with citizens and businesses—must play in confronting the defining an implementing their own initiatives; and Facilitating the innovation and deployment of cutting-edge technologies by creating supportive environments for private-sector ingenuity to thrive, thereby accelerating the transition to a carbon-neutral future.

2. Strengthening Inter-City Solidarity and Cooperation

We acknowledge that the challenges of climate change transcend borders and demand robust inter-vity collaboration. Further, through platforms such as the Asia Smart City Conference, we recognize that the exchange of knowledge, innovation, and a vision for the future is essential to achieving lasting unban sustainability. Together, with the backing of international development agencies such as the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and JICA, and in collaboration with global urban networks, including CITYNET, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, and GCoM, the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy, we shall strive to accelerate mutual solidarity and cooperation.

3. Elevating Asia's Leadership on the Global Stage

We recognize that the IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Cities will be published in 2027 against a backdrop of growing worldwide interest in the role of cities. By sharing the innovations and strategies developed within Asian cities with the wider world through active participation in the Asia Smart City Conference and international fora and networks, we commit to contributing to a sustainable green future.





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GREEN \times **EXPO 2027**



Int'l Organizations

Yokohama will host a World Expo under the theme of "Sustainability" & "Green".



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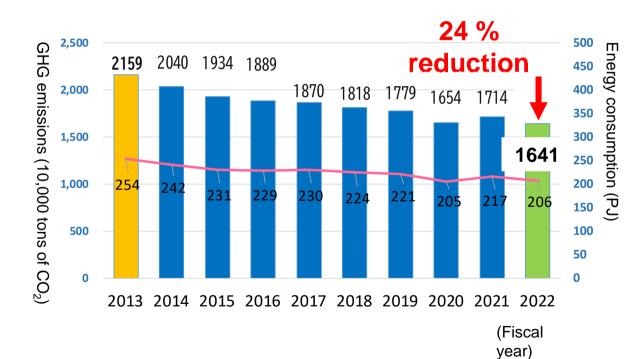
Nature-based Technology and Industry



Renewable Energy

GHG Emissions in Yokohama





2027 GREEN×EXPO 2027 2030 Achievement of 50% reduction in GHG emissions

2050 Realizing a Net-Zero Society



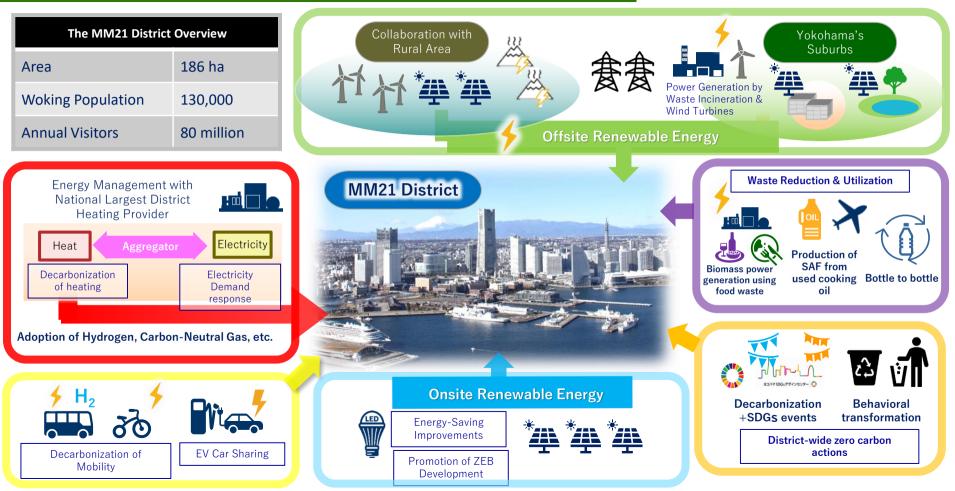
Model district for carbon neutrality



By applying to have **Minatomirai 21** designated as one of the Government's **model districts for carbon neutrality**, the City of Yokohama aims to achieve <u>net zero CO₂ emissions from its</u> <u>electricity consumption by FY2030</u> in business and commercial facilities in the district to take initiatives nationwide.

Net Zero Emission Toward 100% Decarbonization of Central Yokohama by 2030





Wide range of expertise of Yokohama companies











City to City Cooperation Since 2013



Sharing Knowledge 20+ mutual visits



Business Dialogues 150+ companies

ASCC 2023



Yokohama Declaration towards Decarbonization

Bangkok Energy Action Plan



NextGen Solar Power Demonstration (Perovskite Solar Cell)



Bangkok, Thailand – Accelerating Energy Management

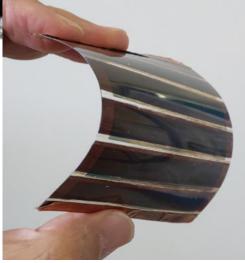


Facilitating the innovation and deployment of cutting-edge technologies with private-sector





Pilot project will be launched for "Perovskite solar cell" by both of Yokohama and Bangkok companies



Cooperation with Asian Cities





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Yokohama Companies Contributing to Decarbonization

Cooperation in

Formulating

Masterplans / Action plans



Bangkok



- 844t CO2 / year Finetech Co., Ltd. - 2,944t CO2 / year

GUUN Co., Ltd.



- 738t CO2 / year Yokohama Water Co., Ltd.

Metro Cebu



YOKOHAMA GO GREEN





2025



2027



- Half Carbon Emissions
- SDGs Target Year

2030

Net-Zero Emissions

2050



Accelerating City to City collaboration as a key engine for Greener Future