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Tokyo's Plastic Strategy Ma for a Decarbonized Economy

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Half of the GHG emissions comes from materials.



IRP (2019). Global Resources Outlook 2019: Natural Resources for the Future We Want

Zero Emission Tokyo Strategy

CBE : Consumption-based Emission

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government has integrated decarbonization and circular economy policies in its 2019 **Zero Emission Tokyo Strategy**.

While referring to the concept of CBE, the plan clearly associates policies for sustainable resource use with the need to contribute to CBE reduction outside the region, as a responsibility of Tokyo, a metropolis with significant influence on energy and material use.

- Promoting low-carbon building materials
- Reducing food waste
- Sustainable use of plastics

Scope of emissions reductions envisaged by Tokyo



Zero Emission Tokyo Strategy (2019), p18

Tokyo's consumption-based emissions

The quantity of Tokyo's CBEs in 2015 was **214 million t-CO**₂. It was three times larger than production-based emissions (scope 1&2).



Non-household consumption expenditure

CCC: Carbon-closed Cycle



Innovations we need

Innovation in **business models**:

- Rethinking the way we make, sell and buy, and use things
- Significant reduction of single-use plastics
- Shift to a reuse-based system

Innovation in <u>recycling system</u> of plastics

- Easy-to-recycle product design
- Take-back scheme by retailors and manufacturers
- Recycling technologies including advanced sorting system, solvent-based extraction, depolymerization and other chemical recycling

Projects for Circular Innovations





Re&Go

Reusable cups for take-outs from cafés & CVSs



MEGLOO

Reusable containers for local food restaurants

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