

monitoring the status of implementation and fully taking into account new scientific knowledge.

(2) Formulation of the Action Plan For Greening Government Operation. The Action Plan for Greening Government Operation was decided by the Cabinet in June 1995.

In the Plan it is decided that the Government should play a leading role in environment-friendly actions in the State and to limit CO2 emission from administrative works, to promote using recycled paper, and to introduce energy efficient equipment and low-pollution-emission vehicles etc.

(3) Major measures newly introduced in 1994-1995.

- Inclusion of some equipments such as computer etc. into specified equipment controlled under the Law Concerning Rational Use of Energy.
- Inclusion of electric power generation burning refuse-derived fuel as an object for issuing local bonds by local public authorities.
- Subsidies for installation of solar energy systems in private houses.
- Enactment of the Law for the Promotion of Sorted Collection and Valorization of Packaging Waste.

3. In addition to above mentioned measures, in order to contribute to the international discussion, particular, that of AG/BM, the Government of Japan has started examining countermeasures to arrest global warming beyond 2000, by investigating possible countermeasures which will be taken by itself.

4. With regard to Japan's assistance to developing countries in this area, developing the measures of these countries to arrest global warming by holding the Asian-Pacific Seminars on Climate Change in order to disseminate the guideline of the inventory of greenhouse gas emissions and absorption (Up to now, four seminars were organized, in which 25 countries participated.), and also holding International conference on Climate Change in Asian-Pacific region concern sealevel rising from global warming.

Japan also has been assisting developing countries to create individual national strategies for counteracting global warming. Research to develop the strategy has been completed in two countries and is underway in two countries.