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# Japan's efforts in implementing the Environmental Dimensions of the SDGs

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Strengthening the Environment  
Dimensions of the SDGs in Asia and  
the Pacific  
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# 3 Qs addressed in my presentation

1. How is Japan working domestically to promote action on the environment dimensions of the SDGs, particularly SDGs 12, 14 and 15?
2. What are some challenges, good practices and ways forward to address these challenges?
3. What is the role of Ministry of Environment, Japan (MOEJ) in facilitating action, both nationally and internationally?

## **Challenge1:**

**how to make sure that the environmental dimension of the SDGs is fully incorporated in national SDGs policies?**

What should I do then?

# National Implementation Framework



The 3rd SDGs Promotion Headquarters Meeting (June 2017)  
(Cabinet Public Relations Office)

# National Implementation Framework (Cont'd)

## (Government-wide Actions)

- 2016 May Established the SDGs Promotion Headquarters headed by the Prime Minister and composed of all ministers.
- 2016 Dec approved “SDGs Implementation Guiding Principles” after public comment and the SDGs Round Table Mtg’s discussion

## (MOEJ’s Actions)

- work MOFA to incorporate the importance of the environmental dimension of the SDGs in the Guiding Principles and provide her with necessary inputs

# Overview of the SDGs Implementation

## Guiding Principles

### People

- ① Empowerment of All People
- ② Achievement of Good Health and Longevity

### Prosperity

- ③ Creating Growth Market ,Revitalization of Rural Areas and Promoting Technological Innovation
- ④ Sustainable and Resilient Land Use, Promoting Quality Infrastructure

### Planet

- ⑤ Energy Conservation, Renewable Energy, Climate Change Measures, and Sound Material-Cycle Society
- ⑥ Conservation of Environment, including Biodiversity, Forests and Oceans

### Peace

- ⑦ Achievement Peaceful, Safe and Secure Societies

### Partnership

- ⑧ Strengthening the Means and Frameworks of the Implementation of the SDGs

- Japan has set out **140** national and international policies initiated by relevant ministries
- Of which almost **20** policies from MoEJ

#### MOEJ's Inputs:

- Establishing Recycling-based Society
- Biodiversity Conservation
- Sustainable Use of Forest, the Oceans, and Land Resources

## **Challenge2:**

**Most people don't know SDGs,**

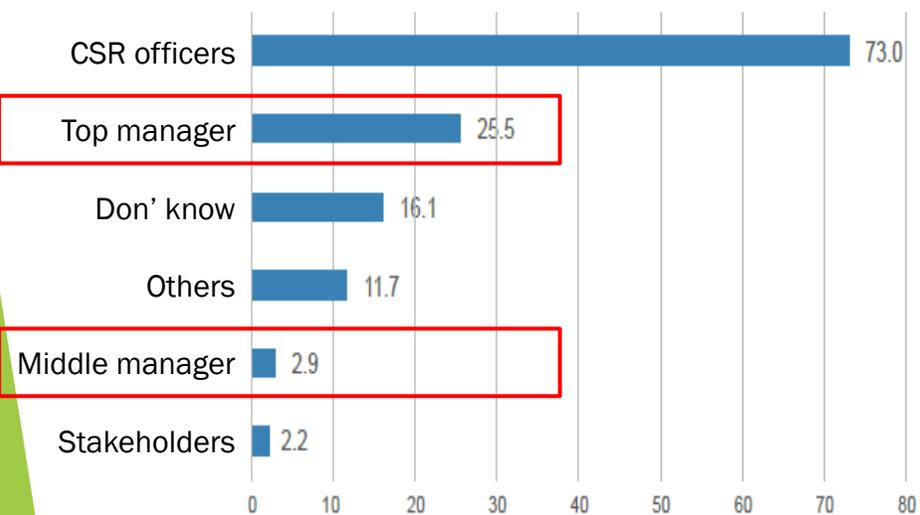
**Some people know SDGs but don't know  
how to address them**

What should I do then?

# Awareness and Recognition of SDGs

## Companies\*1

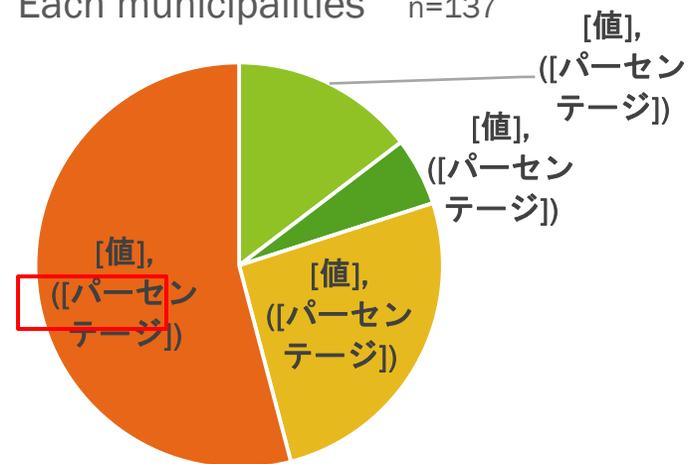
Level of Awareness of the SDGs at Each Company (%)MA n=137



\*1 Source: Business Policy Forum, Japan CSR FORUM, JAPAN (March, 2017)

## Municipalities\*2

Level of Awareness of the SDGs at Each municipalities n=137



- Know SDGs consist of 17 Goals and 169 Targets
- Know SDGs are Goals by 2030
- Heard SDGs somewhere or saw the logo
- Don't know

\*2 Source: Office for the Promotion of Regional Revitalization, Cabinet Office, Government of JAPAN (October, 2017)

# SDGs Stakeholders Meeting organized by MOEJ

## ◆ Key Objective

Share and advice

Pioneering practices among stakeholders

Introduce

International trend to stakeholders

Disseminate

Domestic best practices internationally

## ◆ Total output of 5 meetings since 2016

### Best practices

- **9** companies and **2** local government activities

### Audience

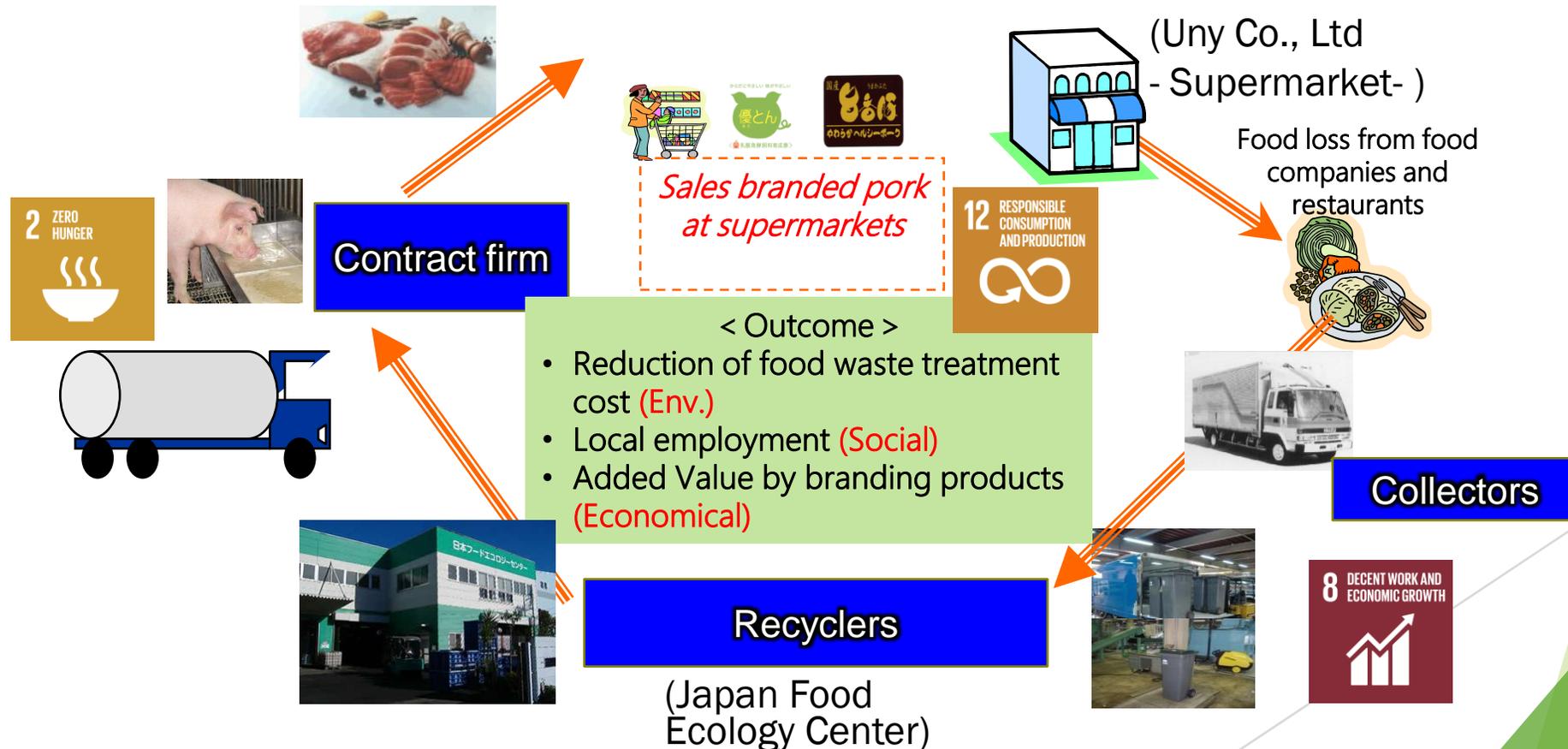
- **900** people mainly from business
- **95%** of participants found the mtg was helpful

### Opportunity

- **5** Networking events for participants

# SDGs Stakeholders Meeting organized by MOEJ (Example1: Recycle Loop for Food waste)

- Enacted Food waste recycling law in 2001. (First law in the world)
- Recycling rate of food industry: 28% (2000) → 85% (2014)



# SDGs Stakeholders Meeting organized by MOEJ (Example2: Forest Industry/Energy Self-supply)



➡ **Winner of the first Japan SDGs Award (Prime Minister Award)**  
(December 2017)

## **Challenge3:**

**Many Japanese companies have good practices on SDGs, but they have not known worldwide**

What should I do then?

# G7 workshop in the context of 2030-Agenda implementation and towards G7 collaborative activities

【Date】 June 20, 2017 in Berlin, Germany

【Organizer】 MOEJ and German Environmental Ministry (BMUB)

【Participants】 Stakeholders (G7 governments, experts, companies, NGOs, etc.)

【Program Themes】 "consumer information", "food waste", "sustainable lifestyle and education"



# Summary

➤ Goal17 (**partnership**) is a key to promote action on the environment dimension of the SDGs

- with other ministries (MOFA/Cabinet Office etc.)
- with multi-stakeholders working on the environmental issues
- with other countries



➤ MOEJ plays multiple roles in implementing SDGs as a :

- **Driver** to communicate importance of the environmental dimension of the SDGs with other ministries.
- **Facilitator** for multiple stakeholders' communication on sharing good practices.
- **Promoter** of international cooperation with other countries.