



Creating a sustainable **economy** and **society**



Message from the Chairman



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The Environmental Partnership Organizing Club (EPOC) was established in February 2000 mainly by the industry sector in the Chubu region with the aim of building a recycling-oriented economic society through research, communication, implementation, and information dissemination with regard to activities for the reduction of impact on the environment and so on, beyond the boundaries of industry and business categories.

Since the establishment of EPOC, we have been moving forward with a wide range of activities in accordance with the needs of the society and our members. This has included acquiring ISO 14001 certification; providing information that contributes to environmental management; conducting surveys on advanced examples of resource circulation, Low-Carbon, and Harmony with Nature; raising the environmental awareness of the next generation; and exchanging opinions with trainees from overseas. We have also been focusing on initiatives in unison with local governments and regions. This has included hosting the Aichi Environment Award together with Aichi Prefecture since 2005, and thereby supporting the realization of recycling-oriented societies based on the introduction of pioneering examples of reducing environmental impact. This has also included assisting with various events held in the Chubu region such as the World Exposition, Aichi, Japan in 2005, the Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP10) in 2010, and the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in 2014.

Meanwhile, perils like abnormally high temperatures, major flooding, and droughts occurring in our own backyard grow more prevalent with each passing year, making their presence ever more known, and urgency with global environmental issues including climate change is increasing. Although discussions regarding various topics at COP25 in Spain, December 2019, have been held, every country has their own position, and it has been difficult to reach a consensus. The difficulty of countries around the world cooperating and working with one another in global environmental issues has once again been put into stark relief.

Various companies, organizations, and other such bodies are steadily moving forward with shifting to recycling-oriented economic systems that balance environmental conservation with business activities in addition to initiatives carried out at the level of the national government amid the aforementioned circumstances. We feel that this and collaboration between companies beyond the boundaries of industry and business categories, and collaboration with a wide range of entities including industry, government, and academia, and local communities are becoming increasingly important.

EPOC has been progressing its collaboration with these various entities for the past 20 years and believes its presence and roles will grow extensively going forward. This year, we set the new EPOC's Vision for 2030. In addition to the current vision of "Environmental achievements", we are utilizing the link, or partnership, between members—the strength of EPOC—and propelling forward our creation of innovation and providing opportunities for environmental action through assertive information dissemination. In order to achieve this, we are scaling back the EPOC organization and restructuring it through division into subcommittees and teams based on functions and roles as we continue working for the realization of a "sustainable economic society". We hope to receive your further support and proactive participation with regard to our activities.

Shigeki Terashi Chairman of the Environmental Partnership Organizing Club

Organizational Objectives

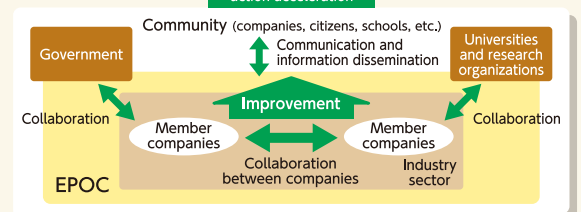
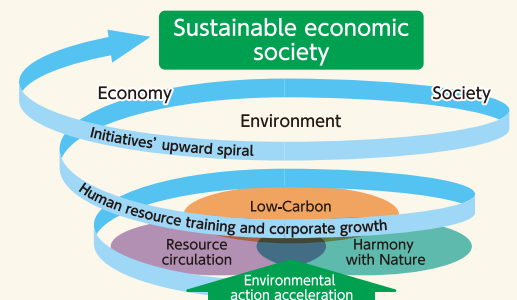
With industry-based environmental opinion leaders at the core of its activities, EPOC will seek to realize eco-efficiency, make available information on environmental measures in central Japan, and work to create a globally outstanding environmentally advanced region and a safe and pleasant recycling society.

- Promotion of ecological action in society as a whole
- Enhancement of ecological awareness among the public
- Dissemination of information to encourage ecological action
- Undertaking of international exchange activities to promote ecological action

Vision for 2030

Toward the realization of a sustainable economic society through environmental achievements and partnership

We aim to create a sustainable economic society in harmony with Low-Carbon, resource circulation, and Harmony with Nature through environmental achievements attained by companies.



Program Guidelines

- Environmental management practice and strengthening of collaboration between members for:
 - Further improvement of the entire industry sector
 - Promotion of resolution of environmental/societal issues, technological reform, and creation of innovation through business operations
- Provision of environmental action opportunities through region-based communication with non-member companies, citizens, schools, etc. and information dissemination to them.

Main Activities

Environmental Management Subcommittee

We provide member companies with information useful in their work with environmental management and administration, such as societal movements and laws and regulations related to environmental issues, technological information, and case examples from other companies through seminars and inspections. Study group meetings are also held by subcommittee members at their own places of study.



Seminar on leading environmental management

Low-Carbon Subcommittee

Participants researched current social trends towards a low carbon society and innovative initiatives for hydrogen based society. By sharing cross - industry case studies and advanced technologies, awareness and collaborative partnership among corporate members have been further improved.



Leading carbon reduction example inspection group

Resource circulation Subcommittee

In order to advance the formation of recycling-oriented societies in the Chubu region, we are holding seminars, inspections, and more together with Aichi Prefecture as we work to increase our know-how and technology as well as exchange information with member companies. We are sharing and disseminating solutions and the latest information with regard to the recycling of resources through a collaboration with industry, government, and academia.



Tour of company that received an Aichi Environmental Award

Harmony with Nature Subcommittee

We support the future initiatives of our corporate members by examining case studies and offering support programs. The initiatives cover all corporate activities with a focus on understanding the impact on the ecosystem, measures for reducing that impact and other corporate initiatives that sustainably use the benefits provided by the ecosystem.



Touring site of biodiversity conservation activities

Reporting on activities and providing information

Reports on EPOC's achievements are compiled and distributed in order to promote the use and application of the information. In addition, the latest information on the environment and EPOC's activities are introduced on our website to raise environmental awareness in various business sectors and expand the scale of our activities.

EPOC
web site
www.epoc.gr.jp/



Community Exchange Team

The Aichi Environment Awards, which is undertaken on commission by the Aichi Prefectural Government, is one of the main channels for raising public awareness about environmental initiatives and encouraging new efforts that build on them. Lectures and events that bring together corporate members are also organized in order to fortify central Japan's roles as a global leader on environmental issues.



Aichi Environment Award 2020 panel member introduction

Youth Education Team

The educational resources and facilities of corporate members are used to organize lectures and workshops on the environment for elementary and junior high school students as well as young people at other institutions. EPOC also collaborates with local government groups in a wide range of activities to raise environmental awareness.



Environmental talk given by corporate member at a school

Overseas Exchange Team

EPOC heightens its study of overseas environmental regulations and trends and disseminates highly effective information like their effects and countermeasures both internally and externally. Collaborating with each subcommittee and team, we aim to contribute to members' overseas activities and business expansion by planning events (seminars, social gatherings, etc.) related to overseas countries.



Opinion exchange meeting regarding corporate activities abroad

Meetings

A seminar on environmental initiatives for experts on energy and environmental fields as well as other interested parties is organized as part of the annual general assembly. Mid- and long-term strategies are discussed at the biannual board of directors meetings and executive committee meetings.



General Assembly



Lecture meeting



Exchange meeting

Executives and Advisors (As of July 9, 2020)

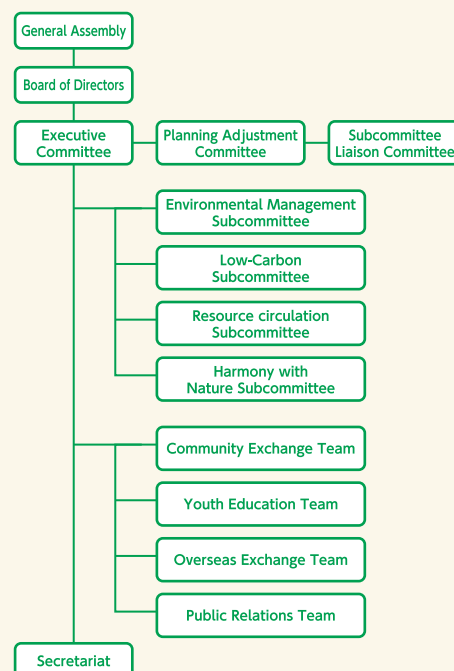
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Membership

Total: 260 corporate members as of July 9, 2020

Organization



Invitation to Join EPOC

Benefits

- Members can get firsthand knowledge of environmental initiatives through exchanges with companies in other fields as well as through exchanges that bring together the business, academic, and public sectors. They can specifically learn what other companies and organizations are doing to reduce the environmental impact of their operations and the success they have achieved.
- Members gain access to the latest information on the environment through lectures, seminars, and symposiums.
- Members can take part in surveys, studies, and other activities related to the creation of a recycling-oriented socioeconomic system.

Eligibility (for regular and special members)

- 1. ISO14000 series certification
- 2. Other certification under another global environmental standard
- 3. Recommendation by other EPOC members based on:
 - a. Efforts to acquire the ISO 14000 series certification or other global environmental standard
 - b. Support for a company seeking to acquire certification for a global environmental standard
 - c. Recognized commitment to activities aimed at reducing the environmental impact

Application

- Download the application form from our Web site, complete it, and send it to the EPOC Secretariat by mail. Applicants will be notified of a decision from the Secretariat after the application has been screened.

Membership Fees

- 1. Annual dues
Regular members (corporations and organizations) 50,000yen per share (excluding tax)
Regular members must in principle purchase at least two shares. However, smaller enterprises (those that qualify as such under the Small and Medium-sized Enterprise Basic Act) can purchase a minimum of one share.
Special members (scholars, specialists, and public organizations) : Free
- 2. Initial admission fee : 50,000yen (including tax)
 - a. EPOC will issue a membership certificate upon admission.
 - b. Requests for admission and withdrawal will be granted in accordance with EPOC rules.