



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



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ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP ORGANIZING CLUB

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## 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, carbon reduction, and eco-friendliness; 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.

Additionally, EPOC formulated its Vision for 2030 last year, making a fresh new start toward the realization of a sustainable economic society by streamlining the EPOC organization and reorganizing its functions and roles in order to focus on environmental innovation that can lead to societal transformation.

In the meantime, society has become more widely aware of initiatives and approaches that involve SDGs, and sustainability is increasingly being regarded at a deeper level than being merely environmental. Additionally, with regard to climate change, Prime Minister Suga indicated during his policy speech in October last year that he would undertake a major shift toward carbon neutrality by 2050 while maintaining a balance between environmental concerns and growth, which I feel is a major turning point for Japan. Announcements regarding international conferences and reports related to climate change are expected this year, and the movement toward carbon neutrality will probably accelerate further.

At EPOC, we will keep watching these trends, planning seminars, lectures, and other various events in order to provide all our members with the latest information in an easy-to-understand manner. In addition to online events, we are also considering face-to-face interaction to promote communication between members, which is a specialty of EPOC's.

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.

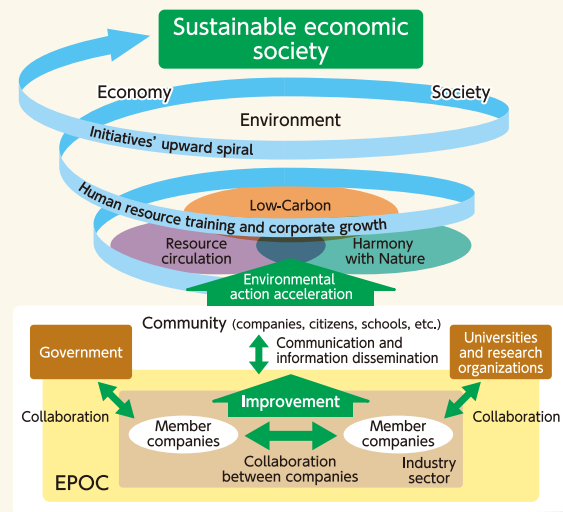
- Promotion of ecological action in society as a whole
- Enhancement of ecological awareness among the public
- Dissemination of information to encourage ecological action
- Undertaking of international exchange activities to promote ecological action

## 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 resolute 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/

### 2021 Aichi Environmental Award Ceremony

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.



2021 Aichi Environmental Award Ceremony

### Interacting with Youth Team

In order to support environmental awareness and environmental education of youth, particularly elementary and junior high school students, we provide practical, activity-oriented environmental lectures using the educational tools and facilities of our member companies, and we engage in a wide variety of environmental awareness activities in cooperation with the government and other organizations.



Environmental talk given by corporate member at a school

### Overseas 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 8, 2021)

Chairman	Terashi Shigeki	Executive Fellow, TOYOTA MOTOR CORPORATION
Vice-Chairmen	Koike Toshikazu Shinohara Yukihiro Kobayashi Shigeru Masuda Nobuyuki Katayama Akihiko Kosuge Shun-ichi	Representative Director & Chairman, Brother Industries, Ltd. Member of the Board, Senior Executive Officer, DENSO CORPORATION President, NGK INSULATORS, LTD. President, TOHO GAS CO., LTD. Senior Managing Executive Officer, CHUBU Electric Power Co., Inc. Executive Vice President, CENTRAL JAPAN RAILWAY COMPANY
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Auditors	Kasano Masatsugu Odo Shinichi	Member of the Board, Senior General Manager, OKAYA & CO., LTD. Representative Director Chairman of the Board, NGK Span Plug Co., LTD.
Advisors	Hatakeyama Kazunari Tsukishima Akira Ohmura Hideaki Furuta Hajime Suzuki Eikei Kawamura Takashi Ota Toshihiko Hasatani Masanobu Suzuoki Yasuo Tsuge Koei	Director-General, Chubu Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry Director General, Chubu Regional Environment Office Governor, Aichi Prefecture Governor, Gifu Prefecture Governor, Mie Prefecture Mayor, Nagoya City Mayor, Toyota City Research Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Aichi Institute of Technology Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, Aichi Institute of Technology Chairman and Representative Director, CENTRAL JAPAN RAILWAY COMPANY

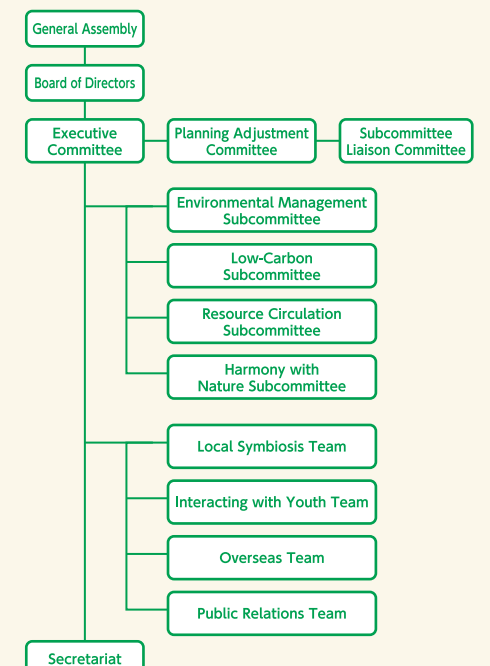
Secretariat Director Kosaka Nobuyuki

Senior Executive Director, Central Japan Industries Association

## Membership

Total: 255 corporate members as of July 8, 2021

## 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.