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Concept and Significance of Green Purchasing

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Find Fundamental Solution by Changing the Input

Make the input green

Reduce input Non-hazardous material Easy-to-recycle Energy saving Resource saving

Recycled material

Reduce the output

Waste Pollution Hazardous substances Carbon Dioxide

Recycling



Target fields of Green Purchasing





Principles of Green Purchasing

- Principle 1 Consider whether a product is needed before purchasing it or not.
- Principle 2 Purchase a product considering the various environmental impacts over its life cycle - from extraction of raw materials to disposal.
- Principle 3 Select suppliers who make a conscious efforts to care for the environment.
- Principle 4 Collect environmental information on products and suppliers.

Established by Green Purchasing Network(GPN)

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Green purchasing & Green Business



Green Purchasing encourage environmentally conscious Management and eco-product development through the market

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Greening Supply Chain



To be competitive in the global market, all the businesses "must" enhance green management.

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Green Purchasing Network (GPN)



- Founded in 1996
- 2,800 members (2,200 companies, 300 governments, 300 NGOs)
- 15 Purchasing Guidelines, Product DB(12,000 products registered), Hotel DB, Award, Training/Seminar, etc.
- Government Green Purchasing Law
 - Action Plan for Greening Government Operations (1994)
 - Green Purchasing Law enacted in 2000
 - All the national institutions must draw up annual purchasing policy, implement, and report results.
 - 201 items are designated with criteria



Eco Mark Program

- Since 1989 by Japan Environment Association (JEA)
- 5,000 certified products within 45 categories



Government estimates 47 trillion yen (4,200 billion US\$) in 2010.





More than million employment within several years







Green Purchasing in Business Sector



2,524 respondents (large sized companies)

Survey by MoE Japan in 2005



Green Purchasing in Public Sectors

- All the central government ministries
 practice green purchasing
- 100% the 47 prefectural governments and 12 designated cities are engaged in green purchasing
- 68% of 700 cities systematically implement green purchasing
- Particularly advanced areas : papers, office supplies, office furniture, OA & IT equipments, motorcars, uniforms, and electric appliances



Products Areas where Japanese Institutional Purchasers practices Green Purchasing



Findings from survey by GPN in 2002



Concerns about Environmental Issues





Do You Prefer to Buy Eco-Products?





Findings from survey by GPN in 2001





Sales of lower emission and fuel efficient vehicles rapidly increased after enforcement of Green Purchasing Law





- Founded in February 1996 to promote green purchasing in Japan by the initiative of the Environment Agency
- The mission of GPN
 - to promote the concept and practices of green purchasing
 - to provide guidelines and information necessary for practicing green purchasing.
- Since then GPN has taken a leading role promoting green purchasing in in Japan.



- Independent non-profit organization
- 2,860 members (Jan. 2006)
 - 2,261 corporations
 - 317 governments
 - 282 NGOs, NPOs
- Executive Committee
 - 39 members

One of the largest environmental organizations in Japan





Activities of GPN

- Conferences, Seminars, Exhibitions
- "Green Purchasing Award"
- Training Course
- Case study on success stories
- Newsletter, Website
- Promotion pamphlet, posters
- Regional Networks
- Annual Surveys
- Principles of Green Purchasing
- Purchasing Guidelines
- Products Database
- Hotel Database
- Information Plaza









Green Purchasing Guidelines for 15 Products and Service Areas

Products

- Printing and Copying Paper
- Copiers, Printers, Facsimiles
- Personal Computers
- Stationery and Office Supplies
- Office Furniture
- Motor Vehicles
- Refrigerators
- Washing Machines
- TV Sets
- Air Conditioners
- Toilet and Tissue Paper
- Lighting Equipment
- Uniforms and Work Wear

Services

- Offset Printing Service
- Hotels and Inns



Suppliers Evaluation Checklist







Personal Computers



- 1) Minimal power consumption during operation and standby mode (fulfilling requirements for "low energy consumption rate" as stipulated in the Law Concerning the Rational Use of Energy, and the International Energy Star program)
- 2) Capacity for upgrading and expanding functions in order to make long-term use feasible, and full maintenance service provided by the manufacturer
- 3) Designed to facilitate recycling and re-use of component parts
- 4) The manufacturer promotes the re-use of its own product after initial sale and usage, and endeavors to increase the recycling ratio of materials that cannot be re-used
- 5) Made with a large amount of recycled material
- 6) Does not contain lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium compounds, or specific bromine-based flame-retardants (PBB, PBDE), to the utmost extent possible
- 7) When packaged with an in-house user manual, the manual is made and printed with consideration for the environment [Information Requirements]
 - Use of PVCs (for the chassis of the PC, display, and keyboard)



GPN Products and Service Database





About GPN Database

Product Environmental Performance Database

- More than 12,000 products registered
- About 600 companies participating
- 300,000 page-views monthly

Currently Japanese language only

Product Categories

- Printing and Copying Paper
- Copiers, Printers, Facsimiles
- Personal Computers
- Stationery and Office Supplies
- Office Furniture
- Motor Vehicles
- Refrigerators
- Washing Machines
- TV Sets
- Air Conditioners
- Toilet and Tissue Paper
- Lighting Equipment
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Information Found in GPN-Database

Users can get and compare environmental performance information for hundreds of registered brands.

Example for "Copiers" Brand name Company Copying speed **Energy Star** GP Law conformity Power consumption for stand-by and off mode Two-sided copying Use of recycled plastics Use of reused parts Toner cartridge recycling Use of PVC **Eco-Label** certification Price

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Information format is consistent with relevant GPN Purchasing Guidelines



Eco-Challenge Database for Hotels

- Database specific to Hotels and Inns
- Provides environmental performance information on hotels.
- Based on GPN guidelines
- Self-declaration system
- Started in 2003
- Any hotel meeting minimum requirements can be registered.
- 89 check points
- 240 facilities are registered
- From "Beginner" to "Top Class"



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Conclusions Key Factors for success in Japan -1

[First stage (1995-2000)]

- Pioneering activities by lots of environmentally conscious major companies and local governments, which stimulated competitors and neighbors.
- Green Purchasing Network (GPN) has succeeded to involve wide range of businesses, public and NGO sectors.
- GPN and its members succeeded to make a nationwide big social trend.
- The Ministry of the Environment (MoE) backed up the voluntary movements and GPN.
- Success stories were introduced by the award and seminars by MoE and GPN.
- Businesses made considerable efforts to develop



Conclusions Key Factors for success in Japan -2

- It became much easier to get product environmental information from GPN Data Base, Eco-mark, suppliers catalog, etc.
- The movement was concurrent with popular trend of getting certificate of ISO14001.

[Second stage (2000-)]

- The mandatory Green Purchasing Law dramatically disseminated the activities among governmental sectors.
- Companies which products designated by the law worked hard to meet the criteria.
- EU RoHS directive accelerated corporate green procurement activities through supply chain.



Conclusions

- Customers already started green purchasing/procurement across the world and had made reasonable successes.
- Businesses are increasingly required to supply eco-products, eco-components, and eco-services from customers throughout the supply chain.
- To be competitive in the global market, businesses should enhance environmentally sound management, development of eco-products, and green purchasing.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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