

## About OECC

The Overseas Environmental Cooperation Center, Japan (OECC) engages in a wide range of activities in the field of international environmental cooperation. These include addressing global environmental challenges such as climate change, environmental management, the circular economy and biodiversity, and contributing to the development of a sustainable society. Leveraging the domestic and international networks cultivated through its past activities, OECC also serves as the secretariat for initiatives such as the Japan Platform for Redesign: Sustainable Infrastructure (JPRSI) and the Initiative for Fluorocarbon Life Cycle Management (IFL), thereby contributing to Japan's international efforts in the environmental field.

As the world undergoes dynamic transformation toward a decarbonized and sustainable society, OECC remains committed to applying its accumulated expertise and knowledge to contribute across a broad range of areas. We will continue to enhance our capabilities and strive to fulfill our role as a core organization in Japan's international environmental cooperation efforts.



Dr. Kazu Takemoto  
President, OECC

## Operational Areas

The OECC aims to contribute to the realization of a sustainable society through the facilitation of intergovernmental policy dialogue and support for institution building by targeting climate change issues, environmental management, the circular economy and biodiversity. We engage in environmental development cooperation, focusing on investment project development, capacity building, network development, strategic public relations and information dissemination in partner countries.



## Corporate Activities

OECC is composed of approximately 50 member organizations, including companies engaged in environmental consulting, observation, measurement, and analysis services. It also comprises manufacturers and suppliers of environmental conservation-related facilities and equipment, local governments, research institutions, and other related entities.

OECC has established a program committee for its members, through which we promote the formation of networks for information, human resources, and organizational collaboration; to foster human resource development, and provide updates on the latest domestic and international trends.



Mission to Bangkok: Observing Urban Greening Initiatives

Specifically, we offer training programs aimed at nurturing young leaders who are expected to play active roles in the future, conduct surveys on overseas environmental development and technology exchange missions, and host seminars that deliver the latest insights, including those from UNFCCC COP conferences.

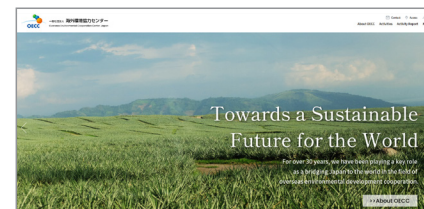
## Michio Hashimoto Memorial Symposium

Since 2018, we have hosted the annual "Michio Hashimoto Memorial Symposium", focusing on the latest environmental issues. Mr. Michio Hashimoto, the first President of OECC, forged a path as a leader in Japan's environmental pollution control administration and also played a pioneering role in international environmental policy. This symposium is well attended every year and aims to honor Mr. Hashimoto's achievements, as well as to pass down his legacy and vision to future generations.

## Public Relations

### Website, OECC LETTER (Newsletter)

OECC continuously disseminates comprehensive information related to international environmental cooperation. Through our website we provide detailed introductions to our projects and deliver timely updates on our latest activities. In particular, our activity reports share insights and experiences from the perspective of our staff, including presentations at international conferences, lectures during training programs, and on-site visits. Additionally, our email newsletter, OECC LETTER, offers regular updates on the projects in which OECC is involved. We encourage you to subscribe and stay informed.



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Towards  
a Sustainable  
Future



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## ■ Key Functions

### Comprehensive Consultation from Upstream Policy to Downstream On-Site Projects

At the OECC, we cooperate closely with partner countries from upstream policy development to downstream on-site project implementation. We take this approach by deeply understanding the situation and needs on the ground and applying our 30-year environmental cooperation experience with our networks.

We also listen to the voices from the local private companies in our partner countries and provide the appropriate support to drive business efficiently.

Our diverse staff members have worked at the forefront of various environmental fields, including administration in the Japanese national and local governments, engineering in energy and equipment manufacturing, and financial services to name but a few. By maximizing the strengths of each staff member and pooling their knowledge and skills to tackle cross-cutting issues, the OECC can help resolve complex environmental problems in developing countries.



### Wide Experience in Planning and Operating International Conferences, Training, and Information Dissemination

We plan and operate a wide range of events from high-level international conferences and intergovernmental policy dialogues on global-scale issues, to capacity-building training for government officials and private sector practitioners. The OECC's experienced staff support with both event logistics and facilitation of discussions and content.

We also provide a wide range of information dissemination services including brochures, videos and websites for governments and international organizations to introduce their achievements and on-going projects. We recognize the importance of communication and prioritize effective outreach.



### Project Support in Environmental Business from a Neutral Standpoint

The OECC supports Japanese companies aimed at developing environmental, energy, and other business solutions in developing countries.

We provide help from the early stages of business development including identifying local needs for solving issues, matching them with technologies and services (seeds) of Japanese companies, approaching relevant government agencies and supplying the necessary information. When required, we work closely with our clients in the specific stages, such as in obtaining permits and licenses, financing from domestic and foreign financial institutions, market deployment, development of GHG reduction methods and engineering.

We assist the Government of Japan with project development given our neutral position between the private and public sectors. Furthermore, by acting as a bridge connecting developing countries and Japan, and linking the public and private sectors, the OECC helps businesses come to life.



## ■ Activities

### Environmental Management • Circular Economy

Environmental management is a pressing issue in today's society, and effective measures are required in areas such as air pollution, waste management, material cycles, and wastewater treatment. Appropriate responses to these issues directly affect the qualities of people's lives, and therefore contribute to the sustainable development of society as a whole.

The OECC is actively engaged in the collection and dissemination of domestic and international information related to environmental management and material cycles, as well as in raising public awareness of these issues.

Resource Circulation • Waste Management

DSS and Atmosphere

Chemicals Management

Mercury Control

### Climate Change

At COP28 in 2023, the first Global Stocktake was held to review progress on the Paris Agreement, with countries agreeing to transition away from fossil fuels for the first time. To achieve the 1.5° C goal, GHG emissions must peak by 2025 and countries are required to reduce emissions for all gases across every industrial sector, triple renewable energy generation capacity, and double energy efficiency.

In order to realize the goal of a decarbonized society, Japan needs to strengthen its domestic measures and advance international efforts such as expanding JCM partner countries.

Building on its proven track record and extensive networks, OECC provides comprehensive support for climate policy development and the introduction and operation of low-carbon technologies, working together with partner countries and companies.

UN Negotiations

Innovative Technologies

Mitigation

International Training

Adaptation

### Biodiversity

In December 2022, the "Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework" was adopted at the 15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15) held in Montreal, Canada. This framework sets global biodiversity goals for 2030 and 2050, aiming to halt the decline of biodiversity and to take urgent action to restore it. Regarding information on genetic resources, it was determined that international access and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits should be promoted by 2030.

The OECC will work with the Japanese government to coordinate the efforts of public and private and support international negotiations to promote fair distribution of the benefits obtained from the information on genetic resources. We will also seek to minimize the negative impacts of climate change on biodiversity and to find solutions to climate change through nature-based solutions.

Genetic Resources

Mangrove Conservation

International Negotiations

### Integrated Approach

In developing countries, there is a growing need for comprehensive solutions to global environmental challenges. Effectively addressing these challenges requires an integrated approach that engages multiple sectors, which include advancement of the private capital mobilization, the knowledge sharing based on Japan's experience and expertise in pollution measures, the promoting decarbonized and climate-resilient societies, and the deployment of appropriate environmental technologies and infrastructure.

The OECC is strategically and proactively developing its projects and operations beyond traditional sectoral and business boundaries, with the aim of contributing to a decarbonized and sustainable global society.



JPRSI

Support for JICA

Environment Week

Co-Benefit Approach

Intergovernmental Meetings