

Overall Image for Energy Conservation Policies of Japan

- Programs for energy conservation policies in Japan are classified roughly into categories of "industrial sector", "consumer sector (commercial and household)" and "transportation sector".
- Strategies implemented from both aspects of regulation and support (budget, tax programs, etc.) in the respective sectors are according to the Energy Conservation Law.
- Development of energy conserving technologies and nationwide activities intended to improve energy awareness have been implemented as support across fields.

Industrial sector

Consumer sector

Commercial sector

Residential sector

Transportation sector

Regulatory measures
(Energy Conservation Law)

Business operators (energy consumption of at least 1,500kl): Energy conservation measures (periodical reports) and reduction efforts of 1% per year.

Buildings and structures (at least 300m²): Observation of Energy Conservation Standards at the time of construction (submission of notification).

Cargo owners and carriers (of specific minimum size): Energy conservation measures (periodical reports), etc.

Automobiles and household electrical appliances: Regulation by Top Runner Program, etc.

Household electrical appliances: Display of energy conservation performance (Labeling), etc.

Support Measures
(Budget and tax system, etc.)

Provision of subsidies and supplement of interests, etc., for implementation of energy conservation facilities

Residential Eco Points, Etc.

Provision of subsidies for implementation of Clean Energy cars, etc.

Tax system (accelerated depreciation) for implementation of energy conserving facilities or construction of energy conserving buildings.

Residential renovation tax reductions, etc.

Eco Car tax reductions, etc.

Provision of subsidies for development of energy conserving technologies (high performance heat pumps, high performance thermal insulation materials etc.)

Provision of information and promotion of nationwide activities (such as forum activities) intended to improve energy conservation awareness, etc.