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What's New This Week from Japan for Sustainability (2 - 8 Feb. 2010)

===== - Daiwa-JFS Sustainability College Page Updated! You will find new transcripts of the 11th lecture in the 3rd year. Facing Many Obstacles and Living as Social Entrepreneur Lecturer: Sayaka Murata, Co-leader of NPO Kamonohashi Project (2010/2/3)

<http://www.japanfs.org/en/pages/029712.html> =====

Newly Arrived Articles from Japan for Sustainability (2 - 8 Feb. 2010)

===== Lamb Raised on Wine Lees on Sale in Japan Fujisan Farm, located in Fujiyoshida City in Yamanashi Prefecture, Japan, started selling lamb labeled Fujisan Wine Lamb in January 2010. The animals are raised on feed containing wine lees and bean curd refuse. The feed was developed at the Yamanashi Prefecture Livestock Experiment Station utilizing wine lees and bean curd refuse, which are usually disposed of as industrial waste. The same type of feed has been used for beef cattle, but this is the first time it has been used for sheep. <http://www.japanfs.org/en/pages/029682.html> Biogas from Sewage Sludge to Be Supplied as City Gas Major Japanese gas supplier Osaka Gas Co., Kobe City in western Japan and Kobelco Eco-Solutions Co., announced on October 19, 2009, that they would jointly start a test project to purify biogas generated in a sewage treatment plant to the level of city gas, and to feed the gas directly through gas pipes. The project is slated to start in fiscal 2010 and is the first attempt of its kind in Japan. The group plans to produce approximately 800,000 cubic meters of biogas per year, which will cover about 2,000 households' annual usage of gas and will reduce carbon dioxide emissions by roughly 1,200 tons. <http://www.japanfs.org/en/pages/029684.html> Panasonic and Tomy Collaborate in Transportation with CNG-Powered Trucks Panasonic Corp. and Tomy Co., Ltd., a major toy company in Japan, announced on October 22, 2009, that they have been conducting on-road trials of large, long-haul trucks fueled by compressed natural gas (CNG) since April 2009. This marks the first test of its kind in Japan. The truck was developed under the Next-Generation Low-Emission Vehicle Development Project by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism. A total of 48 test drives had been carried out between the Kansai region and the Tokyo metropolitan region through September 30, 2009. Compared to transportation using conventional diesel trucks, carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions were reduced by 10 percent and NOx emissions were reduced by 90 percent, while emissions of suspended particulates were reduced to almost zero. <http://www.japanfs.org/en/pages/029686.html>

Japan's GHG Emissions Drop Significantly in 2008 to Just 1.9% Over 1990 Level The Japanese Ministry of the Environment released its initial estimate of the nation's fiscal 2008 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions on November 11, 2009. The figure totaled 1.286 billion tons, 6.2 percent below the nation's highest level of 1.371 billion tons of carbon dioxide (CO2) equivalent (same units used below) in 2007, close to the 1994 level of 1.277 billion tons. The 2008 figure represents a slight increase of 1.9 percent from the 1.261 billion tons emitted in 1990, the base year for emissions calculations under the Kyoto Protocol. <http://www.japanfs.org/en/pages/029688.html>

Tokyo Gov't Sets up Committee to Study Feasibility of Wave Power Generation The Tokyo Metropolitan Government (TMG) established on July 22, 2009, a study committee to examine the feasibility of wave power generation (the conversion of ocean wave energy to electricity) in cooperation with academic experts and private businesses, in the period from July 2009 to March 2010. <http://www.japanfs.org/en/pages/029690.html> CSR Initiatives Among Japanese Corporations Coming Along, Research Indicates Nippon Keidanren (Japanese Business Federation), an economic organization comprising large corporations and industry associations, announced the results of its CSR (corporate social responsibility) survey on September 15, 2009. The survey was conducted among its 1,297 corporate members between May and July 2009 with the aim of uncovering how corporations embrace CSR in managing their businesses, what challenges that they face, and how CSR initiatives have evolved at each company since fall 2008. The response rate was 33.7 percent. <http://www.japanfs.org/en/pages/029692.html>

Japanese Retailer Aeon Promotes Fresh Seafood to Sustain Local Fisheries Aeon Co., a major distributor and retailer in Japan, announced on November 11, 2009 a new initiative to sustain local fisheries in Japan. The company unveiled plans to acquire three tons of seafood landing at the Sea of Japan port of Sakata on November 14 by making a large purchase directly from the Fisheries Cooperative of Yamagata Prefecture (JF Yamagata), and the next day selling the fresh-from-the-sea fish at 55 Aeon Group stores, including JUSCO, in the Tohoku area in northern Japan. (Due to bad weather, fish catching on Nov. 14 was cancelled.), In spring 2010, Aeon and JF Yamagata plan to start to coordinate this kind of operation on a once-a-month basis, seven months per year. <http://www.japanfs.org/en/pages/029694.html> # # #

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