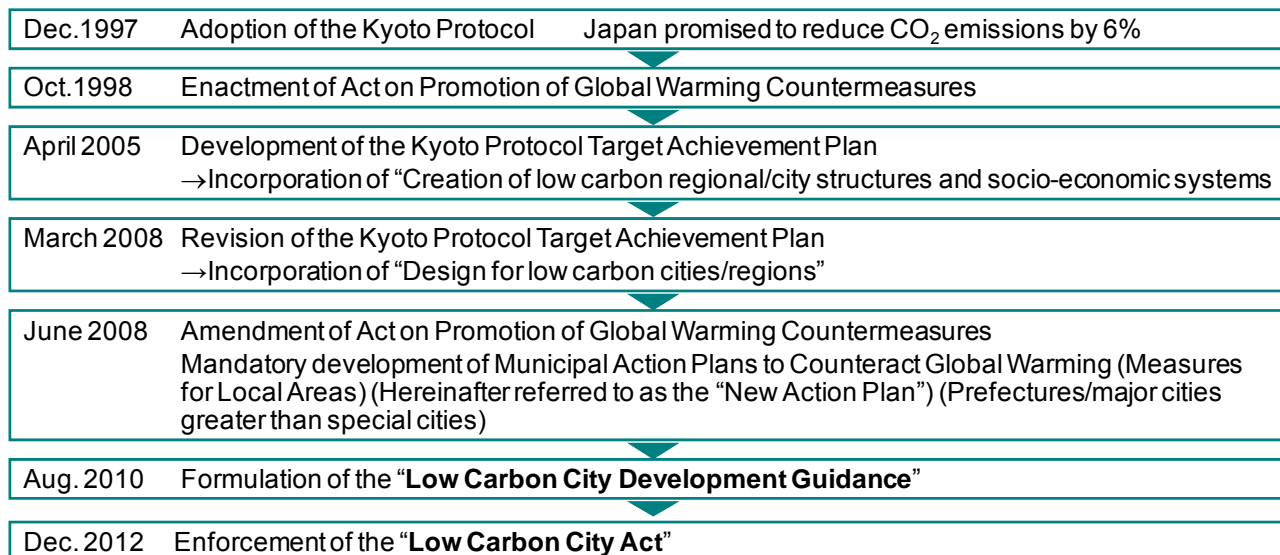


3. Major Actions for Low Carbon City Development

(1) Recent Trends concerning Global Warming Countermeasures

- With the global movement toward the reduction of CO₂, Japan has been working on measures to achieve the Kyoto Protocol Target. The Kyoto Protocol Target Achievement Plan includes the “Realization of compact, low-carbon urban structures”.



(2) Low Carbon City Development Guidance

- Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism formulated the “Low Carbon City Development Guidance” as a technical guidance to support local governments intending to realize low carbon cities in 2012.
- The guidance indicates the methods to use for realizing low-carbon city development and assessing the effects of policy measures (CO₂ reduction, absorptions).

(3) Low Carbon City Act (Eco-City Act)

- Low Carbon City Act was enacted as first step in bringing in new perspective, eco-friendly lifestyle in declining and rapidly aging society, and providing an environment where people and business work together for the realization of a compact city.

Figure: Outline of Low Carbon City Development Guidance

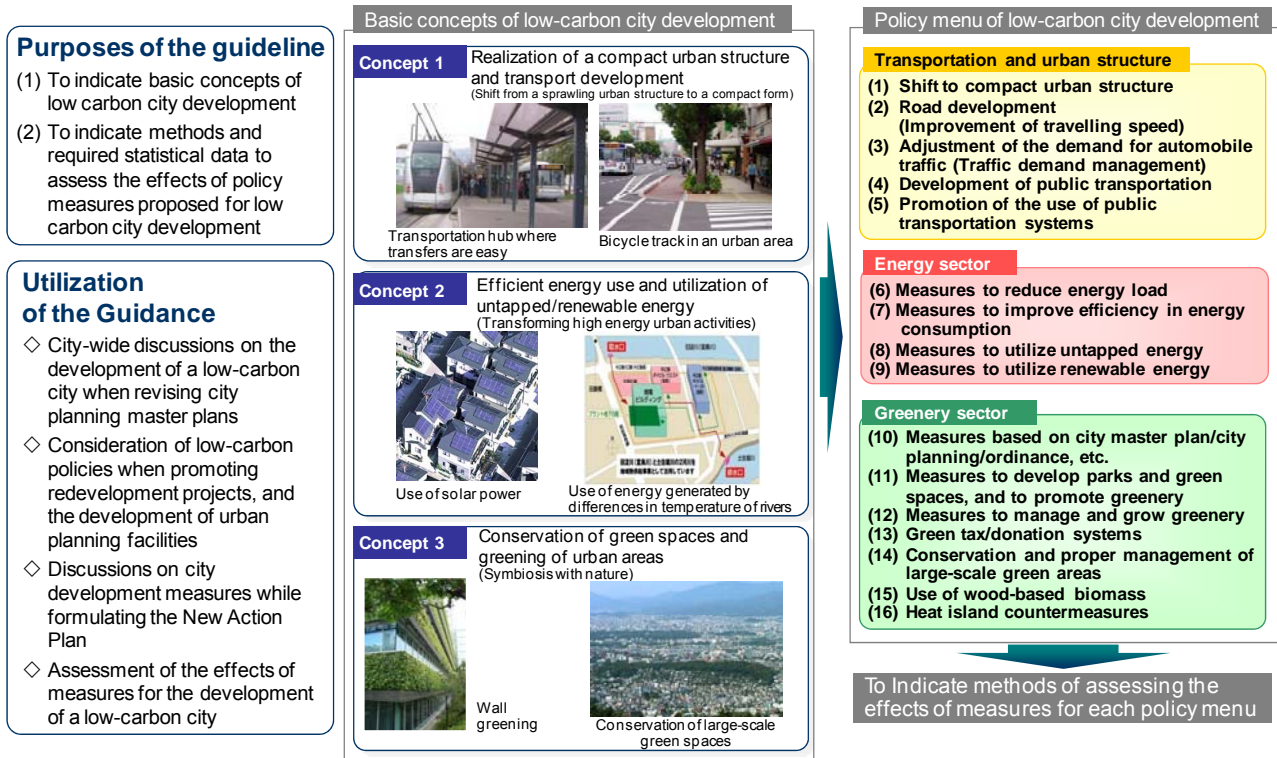


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