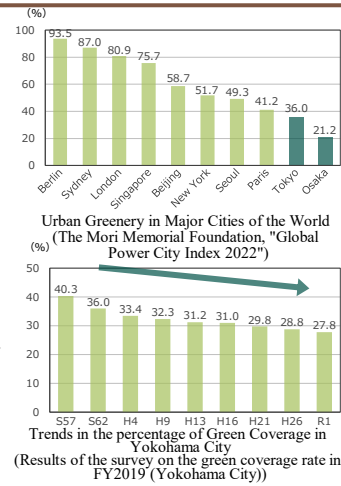


● Act Partially Amending the Urban Green Space Act

Background and Necessity

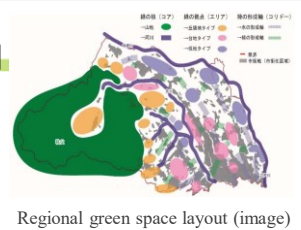
- Compared to the rest of the world, the amount of green space in Japan's urban areas is low and declining.
- Rising expectations for the functions of green spaces aiming at solving the issues, such as addressing climate change, ensuring biodiversity, and improving well-being.
- Tendency towards increasing private investment in the environmental sector, such as ESG investment.
- For taking necessary measures to secure urban green spaces in both quality and quantity, including enhancing of green space networks,
 - Local governments face financial constraints and a lack of expertise in the improvement and management of green spaces; and
 - Private sectors, recognizing green spaces rarely generate profit, also make limited efforts to secure green spaces.
- It is also important to promote efforts for efficient energy use, etc. in order to promote decarbonization in urban areas.



Outlines of the Act

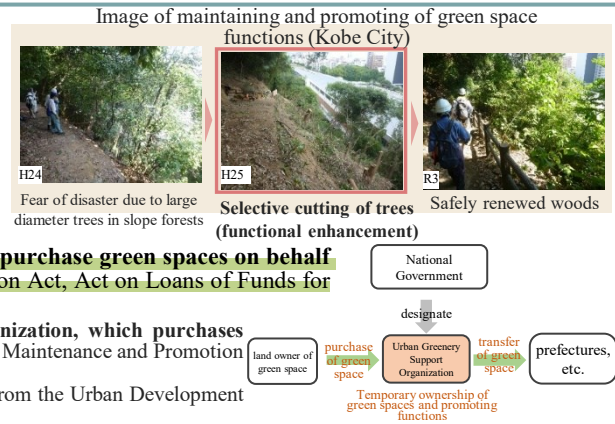
1. Strategic securing of urban green space led by national government

- ① **Formulation of the national basic policies and prefectural plans [Urban Green Space Act]**
 - The Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism formulates the basic policy on urban green space conservation, etc.
 - Prefectures formulate regional plans for the conservation of urban green space.
- ② **Improvement of positioning of green spaces in urban planning [City Planning Act]**
 - The "importance of the improvement in preservation of the natural environment" is positioned as a criterion for stipulating city plans.



2. Active conservation and renewal of urban green spaces

- ① **Positioning of maintenance and promotion of green space functions [Urban Green Space Act]**
 - The renewal and improvement of green spaces to maintain and promote their functions is positioned as a "Function Maintenance and Promotion Project".
 - Special provisions were established to simplify the procedures for implementation of Function Maintenance and Promotion Projects in special green space conservation districts*. <Budget> (City Planning Tax can be allocated for implementation.)
- *Districts where building activities, etc. are regulated in order to conserve green space
- ② **Establishment of the Urban Greenery Support Organization system to purchase green spaces on behalf of local governments [Urban Green Space Act, Ancient Capital Preservation Act, Act on Loans of Funds for Urban Development]**
 - Establishment of a designation system for the Urban Greenery Support Organization, which purchases green spaces in special green space conservation districts, etc. and conducts Function Maintenance and Promotion Projects, based on requests from prefectures, etc. <Taxation system>
 - Support for the work conducted by the Organization through the provision of loans from the Urban Development Fund. <Budget>



3. Promoting private investment in urban environmental development in harmony with greenery

- ① **Establishment of a certification system for projects to secure green spaces by private business operators, etc. [Urban Green Space Act and Act on Loans of Funds for Urban Development]**
 - The national government establishes guidelines for projects to secure green spaces by private business operators, etc.
 - Establishment of a system whereby the Minister certifies the projects of business operators, etc. to secure green space.
 - Establishment of a registration system for agencies that conduct the examination for the certification screening on behalf of the Minister.
 - Support for the projects that have received the above certification through the provision of loans from the Urban Development Fund. <Budget>
- ② **Establishment of a certification system for urban development projects that contributes to urban decarbonization [Act on Special Measures concerning Urban Renaissance].**
 - Establishing a system to certify urban development projects that contributes to urban decarbonization by creating green spaces, introducing renewable energy, and making efficient use of energy, etc.
 - The Organization for Promoting Private Sector Urban Development provides financial support for the above-mentioned certified projects. <Budget>



Promoting "Urban Green Transformation" in conjunction with budget and tax measures

[Targets and Effects]

Achieve a favorable urban environment by securing green space, in both quality and quantity and promoting the efficient use of energy in the urban areas.

[KPI]

- Special green space conservation districts designated by local governments: Increase by 1,000ha by FY2030 (FY2021: 6,671 ha)
- Number of certified projects to secure green space by private business operators, etc.: 300 by FY2030