

# Deliberations Concerning a Guide on Voluntary Environmental Assessment of Corporate Activities (Interim Report)

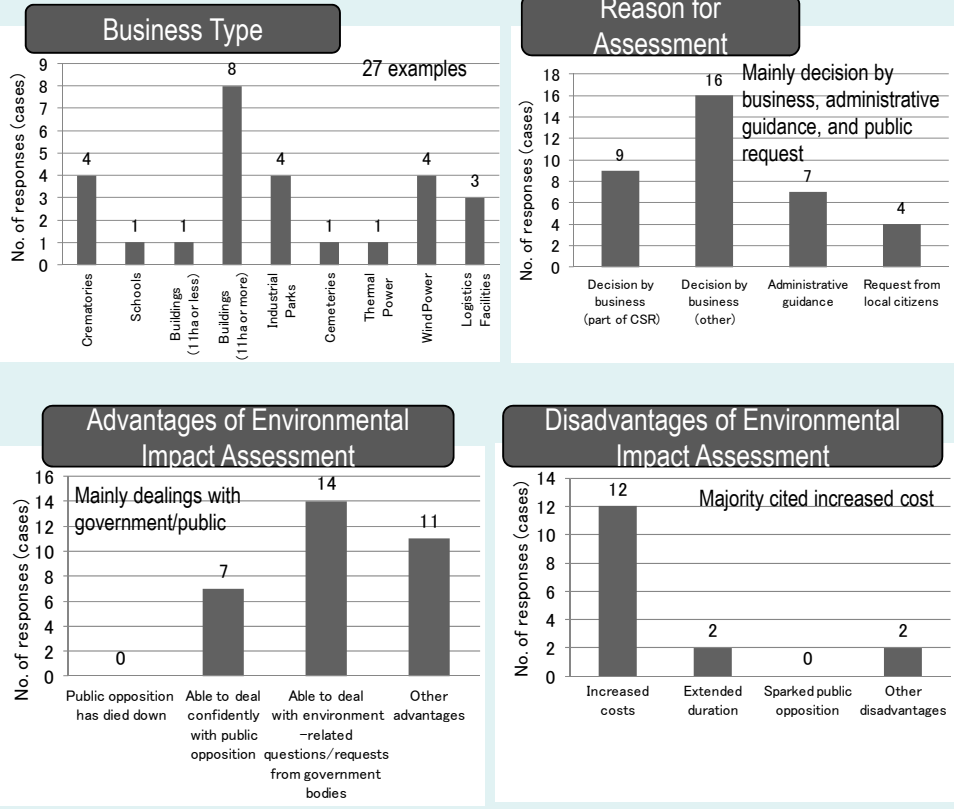
## Background to the Study

At the request of Japan Association of Environment Assessment (JEAS) members, we are considering putting together a guide on conducting voluntary environmental assessments of corporate activities, with a focus on the following three points.

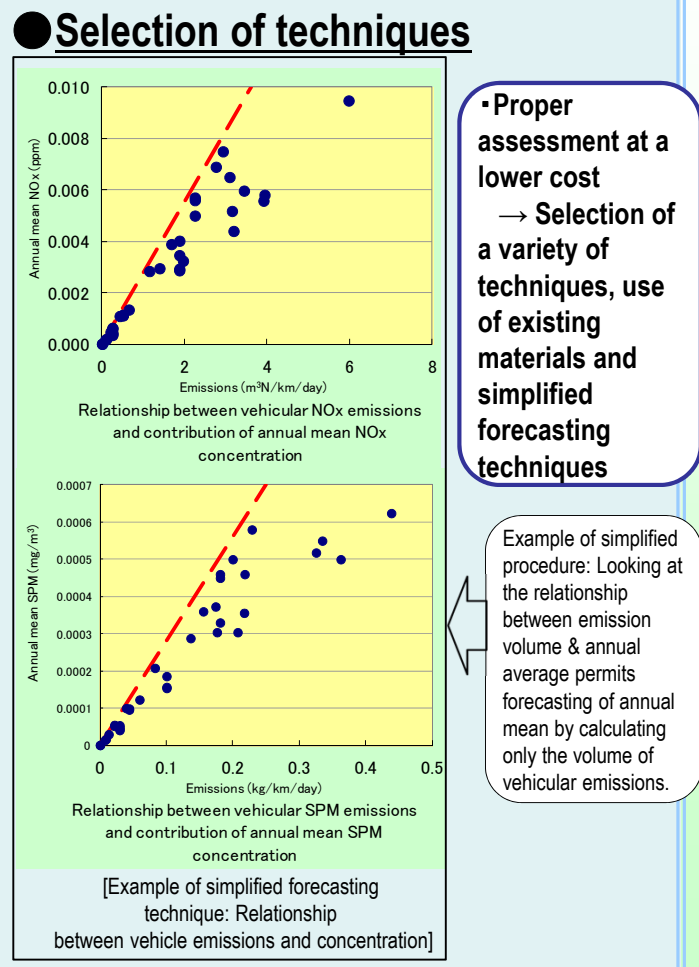
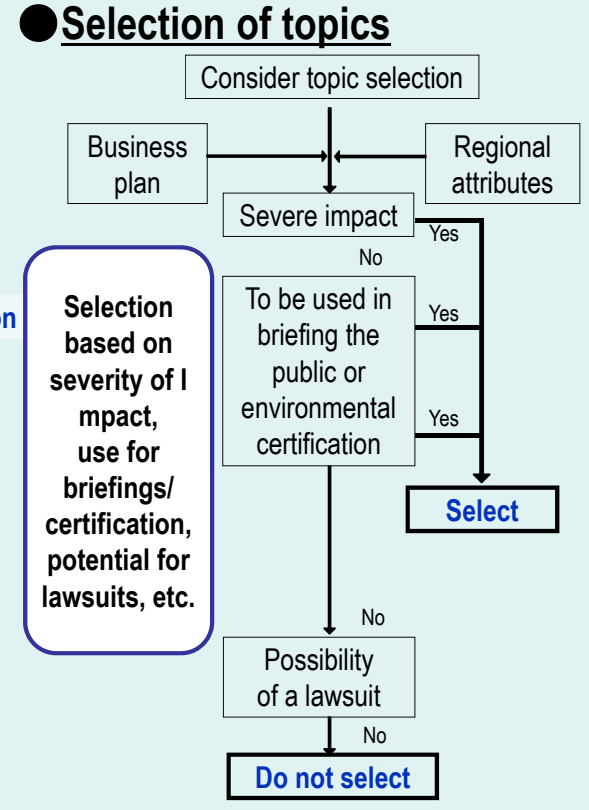
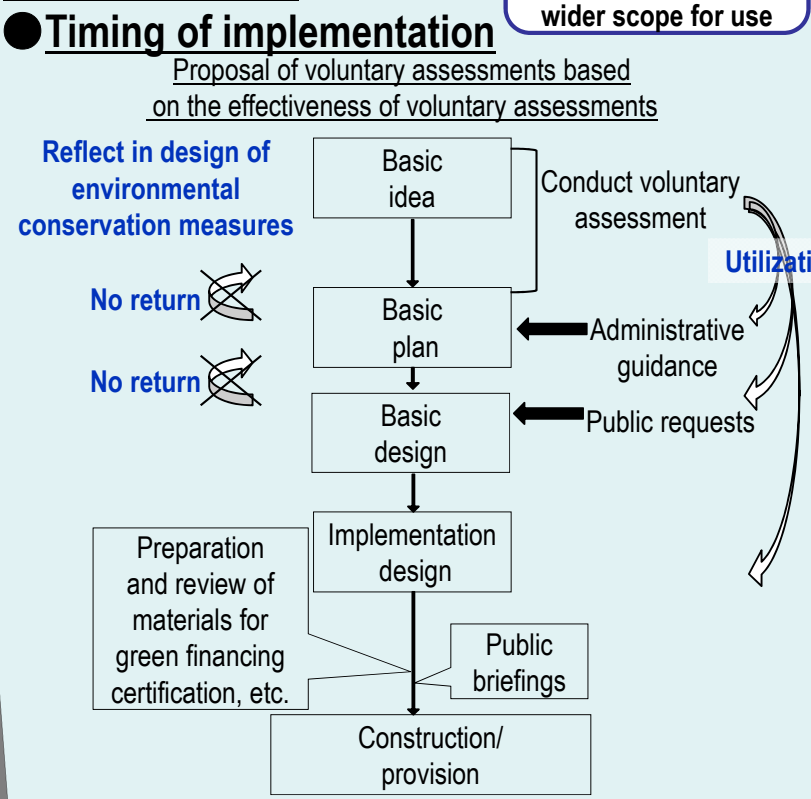
- I. Compiling a guide that consultants, etc. can use when explaining the content and effects of voluntary assessment to private sector developers and that business operators can use as an aid to making decisions about voluntary assessment.
- II. Promoting consultants' understanding of the relationship between environmental assessment and the content and processes involved in environmental consideration for the green financial systems, etc., as well as broadening the scope of consulting services provided to business operators.
- III. Ensuring third-party objectivity and quality of voluntary assessment results.

## The Current Status of Voluntary Assessment by Japanese Private Sector Companies

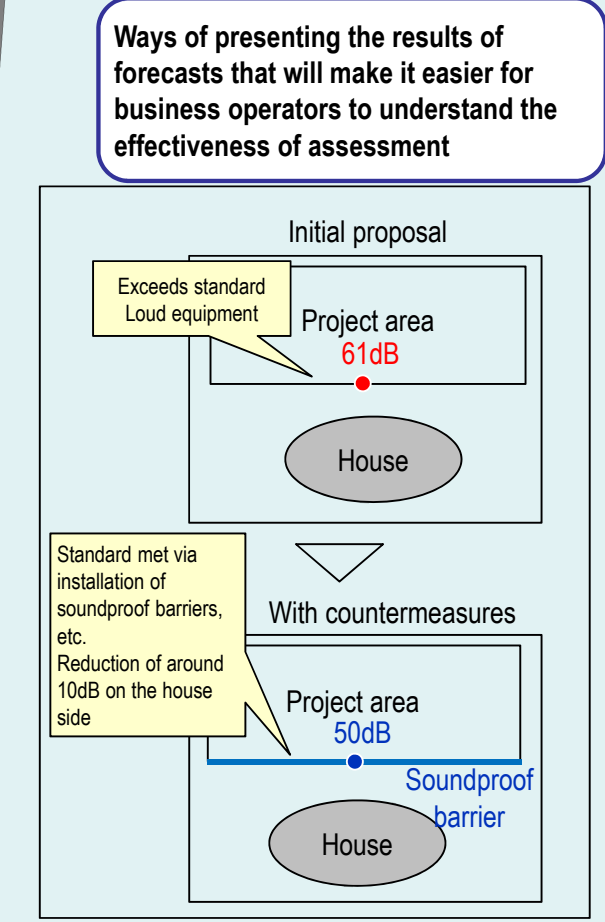
Data used: Questionnaire survey results by JEAS (Kawai (2013, 2014))  
→ Used those relevant to corporate activities



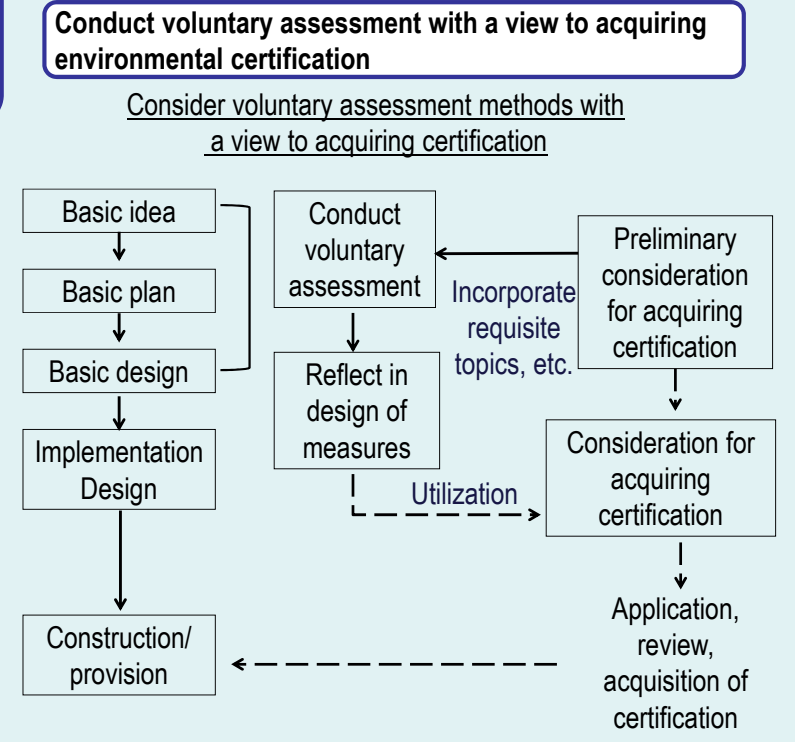
## Matters to Consider



### ● Preparation of documentation



### ● Relationship between voluntary assessment and environmental certification



### ● JEAS Environmental Certification System

Voluntary assessment certification system framework put together with reference to existing certification systems

Ensure objectivity/quality of voluntary assessment via JEAS

	Process	Matters considered
Applica	(1) Receipt of voluntary assessment report, etc.	• Content of mandatory submission documents
Assess	(2) Check/review by evaluation committee members (Environmental Assessors and other professional engineers)	• Method of delegating duties of evaluation committee members • Certification standards • Content of assessment report
Verdict	(3) Certification of quality, etc. by judging panel	• Method of delegation to judging panel • Method of issuing certification mark, etc.

Deliberations Based on Results of Questionnaire Distributed to JEAS Members