

Biomass subcommittee

Carbon neutral Realization of carbon zero emissions through biomass technology

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We humans depend on carbon immobilized by photosynthesis for most of our food, energy, and materials. By inventing agriculture, humankind has transformed from a hunting society to a farming society and has made it possible to obtain a large amount of food. However, modern society is a hunting carbon society where energy and material production depend on fossil resources. As a result, carbon dioxide generated by combustion causes global warming, and a large amount of plastic pollutes the earth, causing global environmental problems. For this reason, energy and material production are also required to evolve into a cultivated society. Considering the energy and material circulation in Japanese society in 2050 based on the "Green Growth Strategy for 2050 Carbon Neutral" announced by the Japanese government in 2020, energy cultivation without carbon such as solar power, wind power, and hydroelectric power generation is expected. However, since fuels for transportation machinery such as aircraft and ships and materials such as plastics will continue to depend on carbon, carbon circulation by carbon cultivation using biomass is indispensable. Also, carbon cultivation is the only way to recover a large amount of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere. To realize a carbon cycle society based on carbon cultivation, it is necessary to carry out bio-economy research and development that comprehensively addresses biomass production/conversion technology and waste utilization.







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