

Sustainable Material Management Plastic Bags Reduction in Taipei City

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Outline

1. Introduction of Taipei City

2. Purpose of Plastic Bags Reduction

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Taipei City

Area 272 km²

Population 2.68 million

Pop. Density 9,860 inhabitant/km²

Buildings 231,500

GDP 22,677 USD/annum



Yangmingshan National Park



National Palace Museum



Shilin Night Market



Xingtian Temple

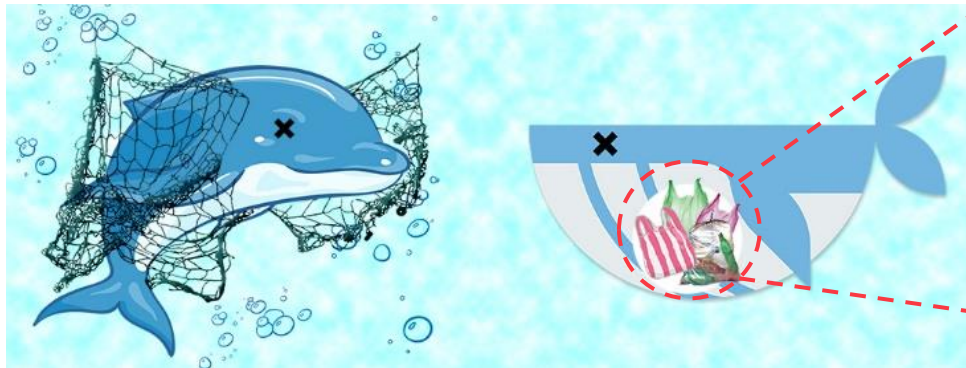


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Taipei 101

Marine animals are suffering from starving to death by accidentally swallowing plastic bags....



Source: Marine Biology & Cetacean Research Center, National Cheng-Kung University

Oct. 2016

A 23-ton weight giant sperm whale found dead outside Tainan.

Its stomach was found filled with plastic bags and fishing nets.

Mar. 2018

Whales were found dead in Kaohsiung Harbor.

The smallest one of those was found 18 plastic bags with 2-meter length bags in its stomach.

2017 Statistics on top 5 amount marine waste in Taiwan by International Coastal Cleanup(ICC)



Ocean Waste Management Platform

Source Reduction

- ✓ Strengthen regulations and guidelines
- ✓ Reinforce EPR
- ✓ Enhance education

Prevention and Removal

- ✓ Remove hotspot wastes
- ✓ Prevent leakage into the ocean

Research and Investigation

- ✓ Monitor and investigate coastal and marine pollution

Collaboration and Partnership

- ✓ Expand and strengthen multi-party cooperation
- ✓ Engage public participation

“Prevention”
is better than Cure

Respond to Worldwide Campaigns



2018 **Earth Day**

“End Plastic Pollution”



2018 **Earth Hour**

“Make Oceans Plastic-Free”



2017 **World Oceans Day**

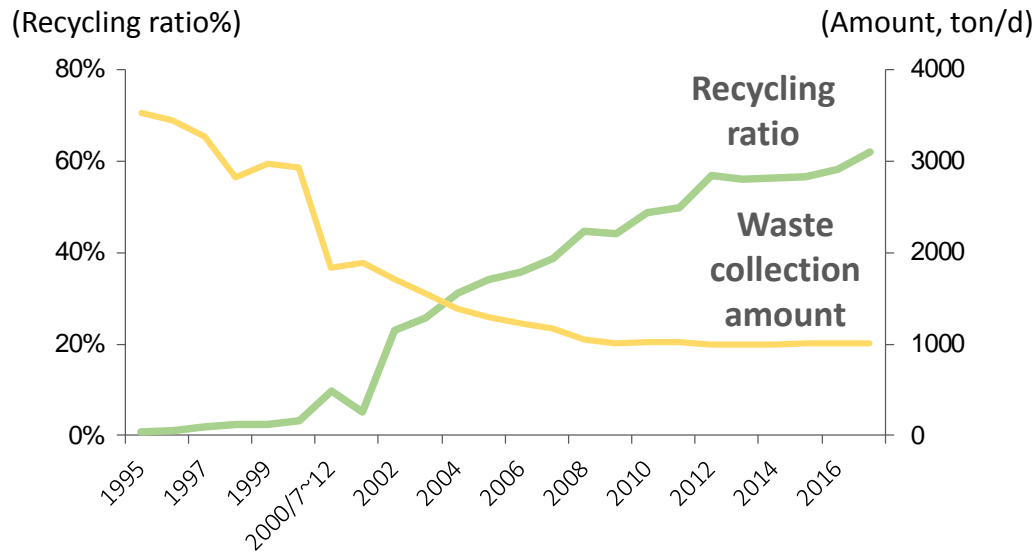
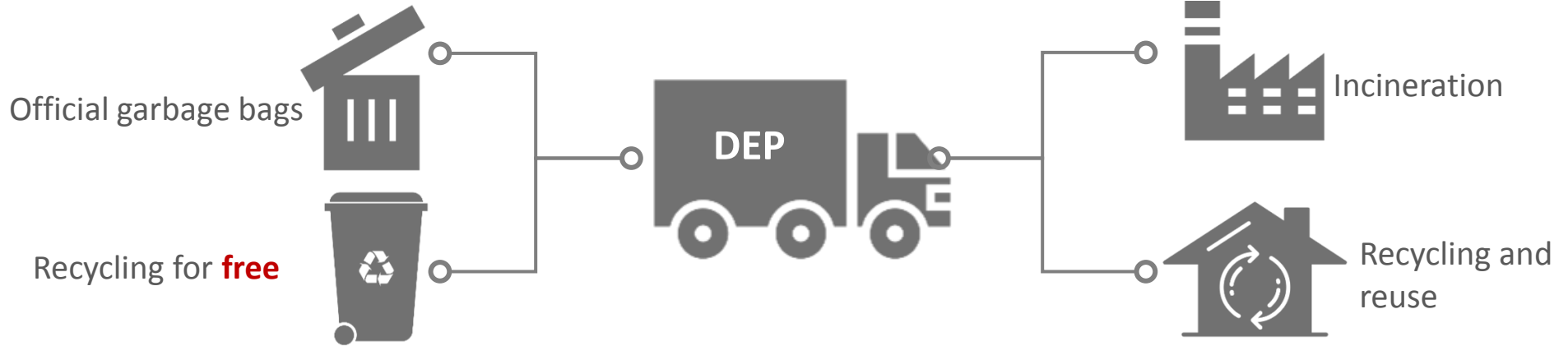
“Our Oceans, Our Future”

Pay By The Bag Trash Collection System since 2000

Discharge

Collection

Disposal/Recycling



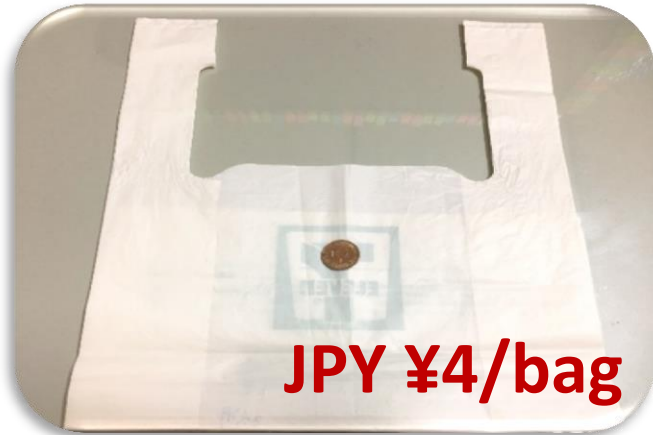
Waste collection amount which drops by **66%** compares to it is in 1999.

Recycling ratio reached **62%** in 2017.

History of Plastic Reduction Policies



Problems we face...



Problem

The price is too low (JPY ¥4/bag) to control the amount



Problem

Unnecessary bags are found in official garbage bags

Strategy A

Expand the list of business - restricted to provide free plastic bag

Increased by 7 categories (From 7 → 14)

In 2002

1. Public sector
2. Private school
3. Department store
4. Wholesale store
5. Supermarket
6. Convenience store
7. Fast food restaurant



More categories in 2018

8. Pharmacy
9. Medical equipment store
10. Electronics retail store
11. Book store
12. Laundry
13. Beverage shop
14. Bakery



Strategy B Bring Your Own Shopping Bags

Bring Your Own Shopping Bags

Educate people to bring their own shopping bags when shopping.



Rental Deposit Shopping Bags

Customers can use the rental bags by putting a deposit of JPY ¥180.

Reusable & clean

Procedure



 *Cut down the need for plastic bag*

Strategy C Dual-use Shopping Bags

In **2018**, convenience stores, supermarkets, and wholesale markets can only sell “**dual-use shopping bag**” instead of “**plastic shopping bags**”.



Either ways can be adopted:

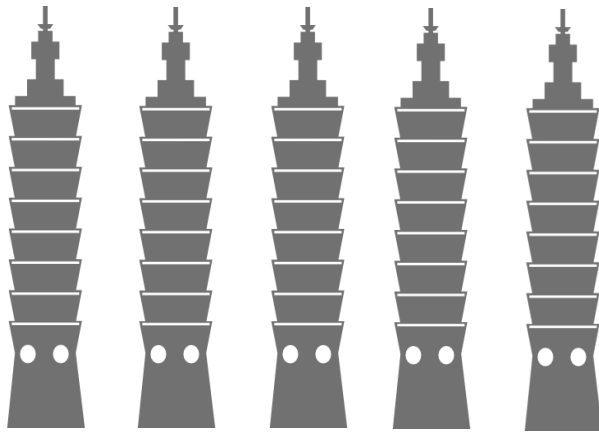
- ✓ **Commissioned** to sell dual-use shopping bag made by DEP
- ✓ Produce and sell its own dual-use shopping bag with **authorization charge** by DEP



Expected Benefit...

Reducing plastic bag by **20 million** per year

Folded height



Equals to **5** times height of Taipei 101

Carbon reduction



Equals to amount of carbon absorption by **17 million** trees

Taiwan EPA Ban on Disposable Plastic Items

	2020	2025	2030
Plastic Shopping Bags	Expand coverage of stores under regulation	Implement comprehensive restriction by strengthening pricing mechanism	Fully prohibit provision by stores
Disposable Tableware	Prohibit dine-in use		
Plastic Straws	Prohibit dine-in use		
Single-use Takeaway beverage Cups	Enhance preferential measures of using own cups		

*Toward a Sustainable **Green** Taipei City*



A nighttime photograph of the Taipei skyline. The Taipei 101 skyscraper is the central focus, illuminated with bright green lights. The rest of the city is lit up with various warm and cool lights, creating a vibrant urban scene. The sky is a deep blue with some clouds. The text "THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font in the upper right quadrant.

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