

# Wastewater Sludge Recycling/Reuse in Japan

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# Classification of Sewage Treatment Processes in Japan

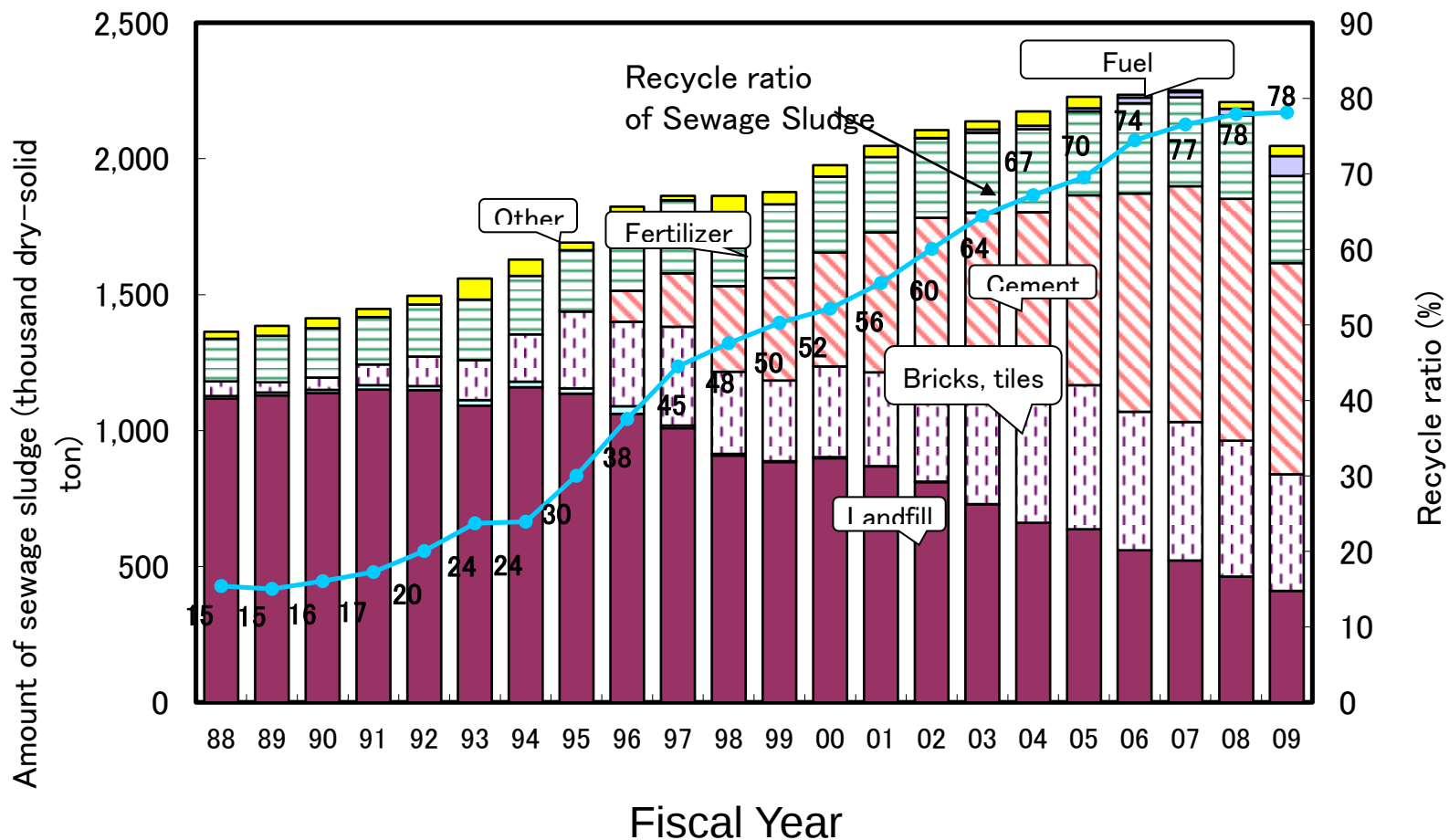
As of the End of FY 2006

| Sewage Treatment Process<br>処理法       |                                                                        | Design Daily Maximum Dry Weather Flow (thousand m <sup>3</sup> /d)<br>計画晴天時日最大処理水量 (千m <sup>3</sup> /日) |        |         |          |           |                             | Total<br>合計 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------|
|                                       |                                                                        | Less Than<br>5<br>(5未満)                                                                                 | 5 - 10 | 10 - 50 | 50 - 100 | 100 - 500 | More Than<br>500<br>(500以上) |             |
| Primary Treatment<br>一次処理             | Plain Sedimentation<br>沈殿法                                             | 1                                                                                                       |        | 1       |          |           |                             | 2           |
|                                       | Anaerobic-Anoxic-Oxic Process<br>嫌気-無酸素-好気法                            |                                                                                                         | 4      | 7       | 6        | 14        |                             | 31          |
| Secondary Treatment<br>二次処理           | Recycled Nitrification/Denitrification<br>循環式硝化脱窒法                     | 5                                                                                                       | 2      | 10      | 2        | 8         |                             | 27          |
|                                       | Nitrification/Endogenous Denitrification<br>硝化内生脱窒法                    | 2                                                                                                       |        | 1       |          |           |                             | 3           |
|                                       | Step-Feed-Type Nitrification-Denitrification Process<br>ステップ流入式多段硝化脱窒法 | 1                                                                                                       | 2      | 5       | 4        | 7         |                             | 19          |
|                                       | Anaerobic-Oxic Activated Sludge<br>嫌気-好気活性汚泥法                          | 11                                                                                                      |        | 5       | 5        | 7         |                             | 28          |
|                                       | Conventional Activated Sludge<br>標準活性汚泥法                               | 45                                                                                                      | 50     | 327     | 117      | 124       | 9                           | 672         |
|                                       | Extended Aeration<br>長時間エアレーション法                                       | 34                                                                                                      | 6      | 2       |          |           |                             | 42          |
|                                       | Oxygen Aeration Activated Sludge<br>酸素活性汚泥法                            | 2                                                                                                       | 2      | 4       | 1        | 1         |                             | 10          |
|                                       | Step Aeration<br>ステップエアレーション                                           | 1                                                                                                       |        | 2       | 2        | 7         |                             | 12          |
|                                       | Sequencing Batch Activated Sludge<br>回分式活性汚泥法                          | 65                                                                                                      | 8      | 2       | 1        | 4         |                             | 80          |
|                                       | Aerobic Biofilter<br>好気性ろ床法                                            | 22                                                                                                      | 6      |         |          |           |                             | 28          |
|                                       | Biological Anaerobic-Aerobic Filters<br>嫌気好気ろ床法                        | 41                                                                                                      | 1      | 1       |          |           |                             | 43          |
|                                       | High-Rate Trickling Filter<br>高速散水ろ床法                                  |                                                                                                         | 1      | 2       |          |           |                             | 3           |
|                                       | Contact Aeration<br>接触酸化法                                              | 14                                                                                                      | 1      | 2       |          |           |                             | 17          |
|                                       | Rotating Biological Contactor<br>回転生物接触法                               | 11                                                                                                      | 4      | 5       | 1        |           |                             | 21          |
|                                       | Soil Covering-type Pebble Contactor<br>土壌被覆型礫間接触法                      | 24                                                                                                      |        |         |          |           |                             | 24          |
|                                       | Advanced Treatment Oxidation Ditch<br>高度処理オキシデーションディッチ法                | 34                                                                                                      | 8      | 1       |          |           | 1                           | 44          |
|                                       | Oxidation Ditch<br>オキシデーションディッチ法                                       | 783                                                                                                     | 88     | 37      | 1        |           |                             | 909         |
|                                       | Other<br>その他                                                           | 29                                                                                                      | 8      | 13      | 4        | 7         |                             | 61          |
| Total 合計                              |                                                                        | 1,125                                                                                                   | 191    | 427     | 144      | 179       | 10                          | 2,076       |
| Advanced Wastewater Treatment<br>高度処理 |                                                                        | 101                                                                                                     | 23     | 56      | 29       | 83        | 4                           | 296         |

# Recycling of Resource and Energy from Sewerage

- Recovery of Resource and Energy from Sewerage Sludge, in order to ensure stable treatment and to solve Global Warming

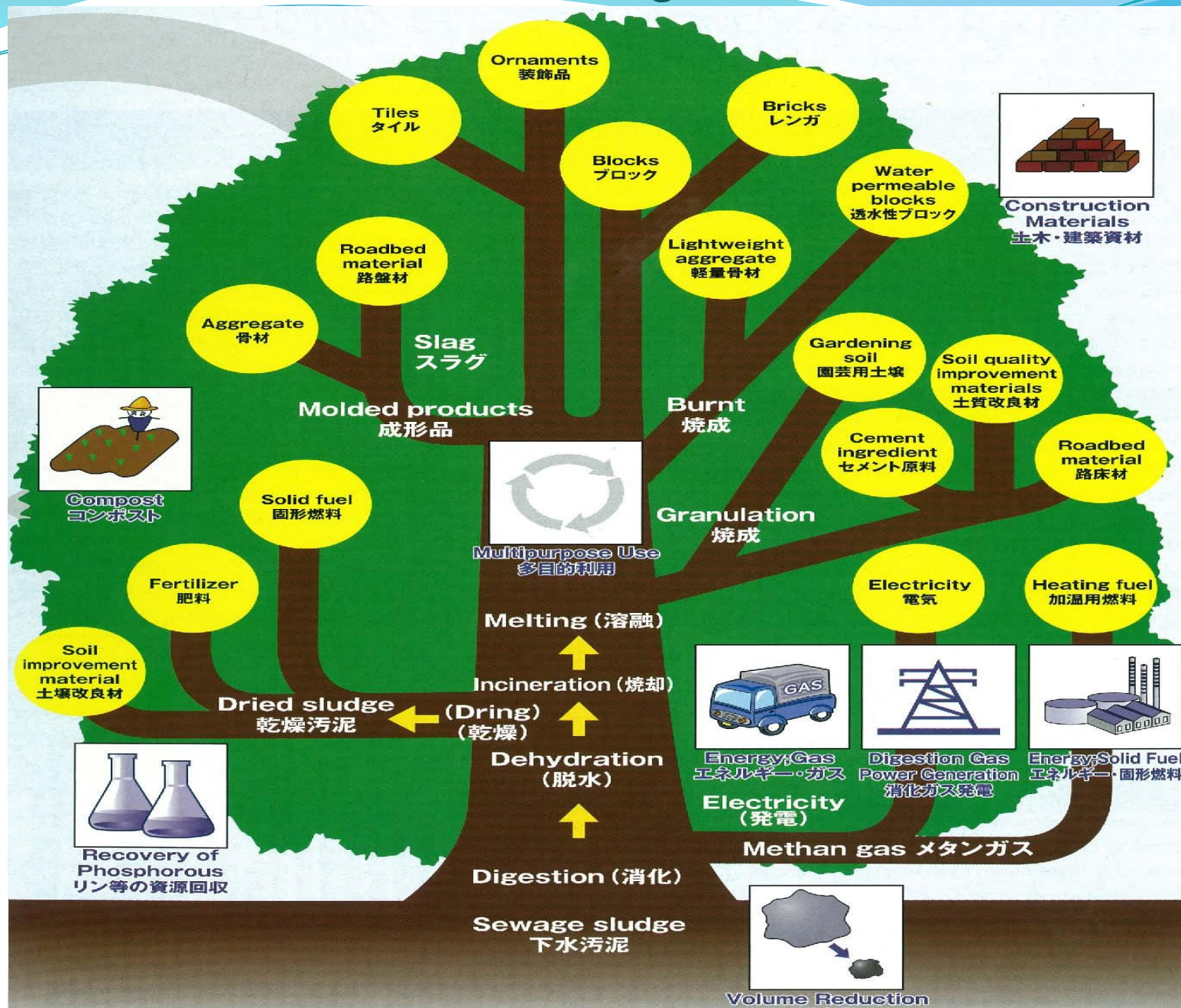
## Amount of Sewerage Sludge Production



# Land fill site



# Tree Chart of Sludge Resources



# Tree chart of sludge resources

Publicity Tool

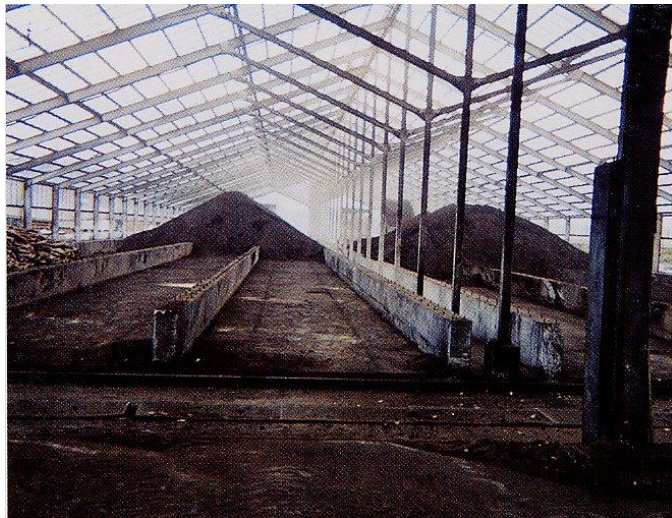


# Sludge Utilization: Compost

## Piled type composting



## Horizontal shovel type



## Sludge compost products



Photo-6 Curing tank (inside)



Photo-7 Powder compost



Photo-8 20 and 500 kg bag

# Quality of product (3)

## Heavy metals and other undesirable substances

|                    | Fertilizer management law               | Waste disposal and Cleaning law         | Dioxin management law | Management standard for prevention of Heavy metal accumulation in soil for agriculture | Law for prevention of agricultural land contamination | (Note) Environmental standard for soil contamination |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
|                    | Content                                 | Elution amount                          | Content               | Content                                                                                | Content                                               | Elution amount                                       |
| Alkilmercury       |                                         | ND                                      |                       |                                                                                        |                                                       | ND                                                   |
| Total Mercury      | 2 mg/kgDS                               | 0.005mg/l                               |                       |                                                                                        |                                                       | 0.005mg/l                                            |
| Cadmium            | 5 mg/kgDS                               | 0.3mg/l                                 |                       |                                                                                        | 1mg/kg-rice                                           | 0.01mg/l                                             |
| Lead               | 100mg/kgDS                              | 0.3mg/l                                 |                       |                                                                                        |                                                       | 0.01mg/l                                             |
| Organic Phosphorus |                                         | 1mg/l                                   |                       |                                                                                        |                                                       | ND                                                   |
| Chromium (IV)      |                                         | 1.5mg/l                                 |                       |                                                                                        |                                                       | 0.05mg/l                                             |
| Chromium           | 500mg/kgDS                              |                                         |                       |                                                                                        |                                                       |                                                      |
| Arsenic            | 50mg/kgDS                               | 0.3mg/l                                 |                       |                                                                                        | 15mg/kgDS                                             | 0.01mg/l                                             |
| Cyanogen           |                                         | 1mg/l                                   |                       |                                                                                        |                                                       | ND                                                   |
| PCB                |                                         | 0.003mg/l                               |                       |                                                                                        |                                                       | ND                                                   |
| Copper             |                                         |                                         |                       |                                                                                        | 125mg/kgDS                                            |                                                      |
| Zinc               |                                         |                                         |                       | 120mg/l                                                                                |                                                       |                                                      |
| Nickel             | 300mg/kgDS                              |                                         |                       |                                                                                        |                                                       |                                                      |
| Selenium           |                                         | 0.3mg/l                                 |                       |                                                                                        |                                                       | 0.01mg/l                                             |
| Dioxin             |                                         |                                         | 3ng-TEQ/g             |                                                                                        |                                                       | 1ng-TEQ/g                                            |
|                    | Official standard for normal fertilizer | Official standard for normal fertilizer | for Ash, Slag, etc.   | Standard for Soil itself                                                               | Only for paddy field<br>Standard for soil itself      |                                                      |

*The titles of the laws mentioned above are not the full titles.*



China  
Town in  
Yokohama  
City



## Incineration ash

土質改良材  
Soil improvement additive



陶 管  
Vitrified clay pipe



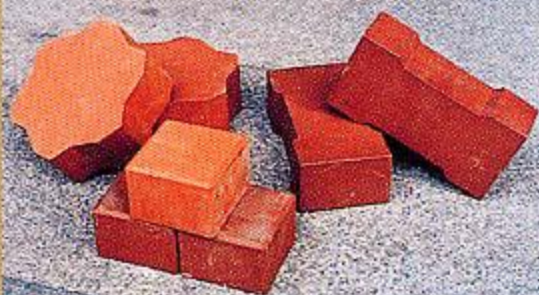
タイル  
Tiles



セメント原料  
Cement admixture



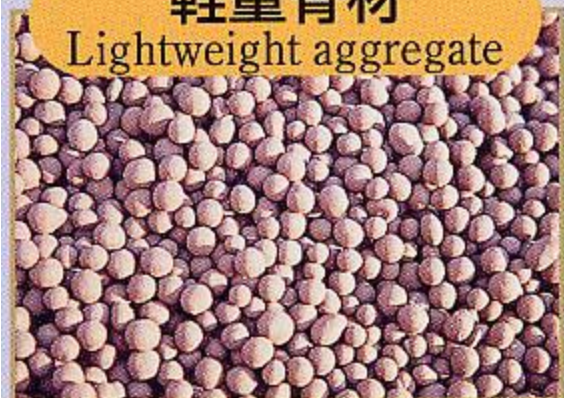
ブロック  
Blocks



透水性レンガ  
Permeable block



軽量骨材  
Lightweight aggregate



# Recycling of Resource and Energy from Sewage

## Gifu Prefecture



Phosphorus  
recycling system



Fertilizer produced from sewage sludge is used for the production of vegetables in Gifu, and the vegetables are famous for their excellent quality.

## Kobe-city



Biogas Station



Biogas Refinery

## Tokyo



Carbonization of  
Sewer Sludge

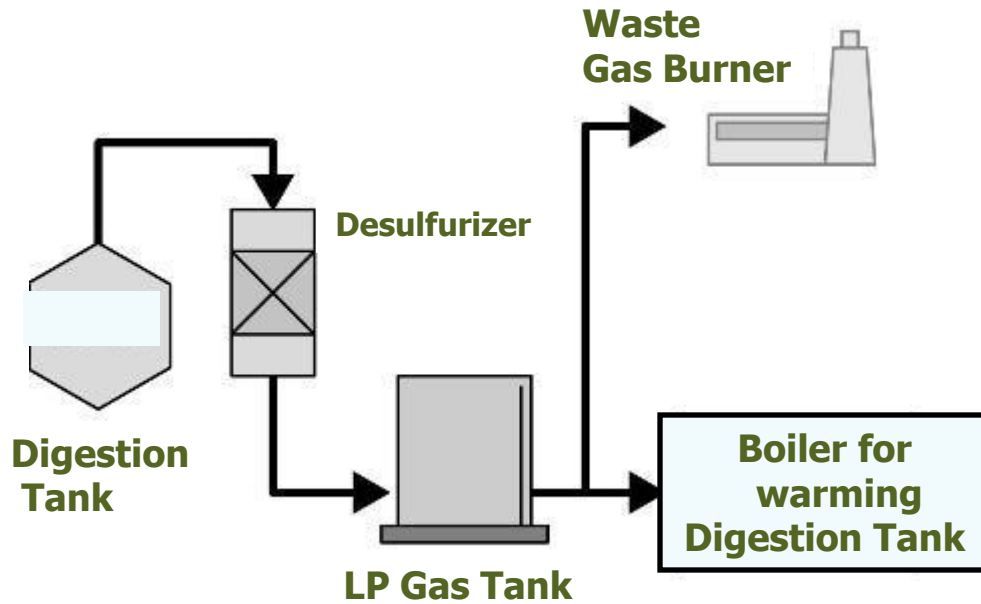


## Solid Fuel



Electric Power Generation

# Problems with Digestion Gas

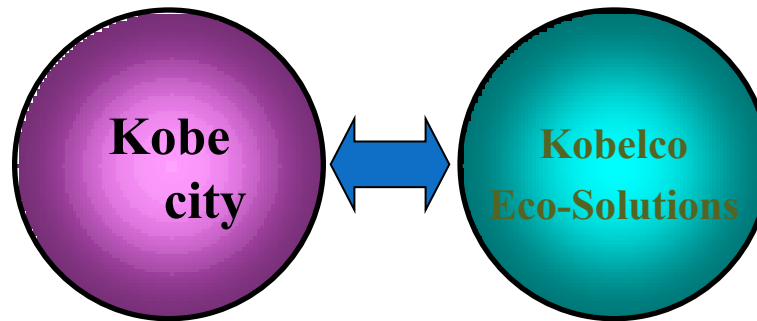


## Problems for utilization

- ① Warming facilities and gas tank are corroded by digestion Gas which contains hydrogen
- ② Digestion gas which contains Siloxane creates problem by crystallization to warming facilities and gas blower.
- ③ Methane concentration is approximately 60%. Consequently, heating capacity is lower with about half of the capacity of the city gas.

# Refining Digestion Gas to Bio Natural Gas

■ 2004

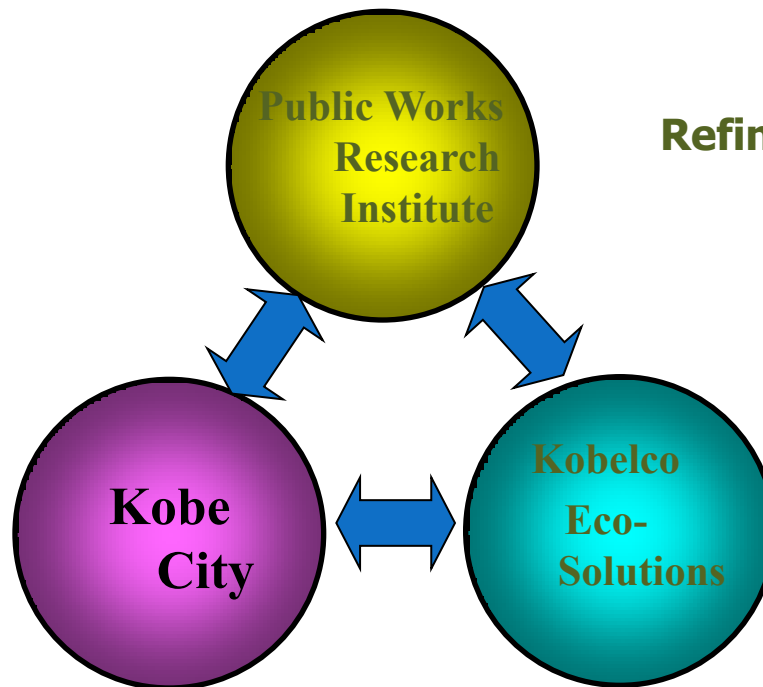
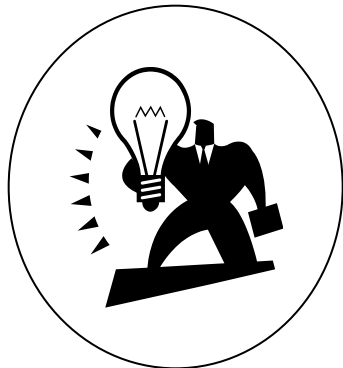


**Refining Digestion Gas to Natural Gas (Joint Research)**

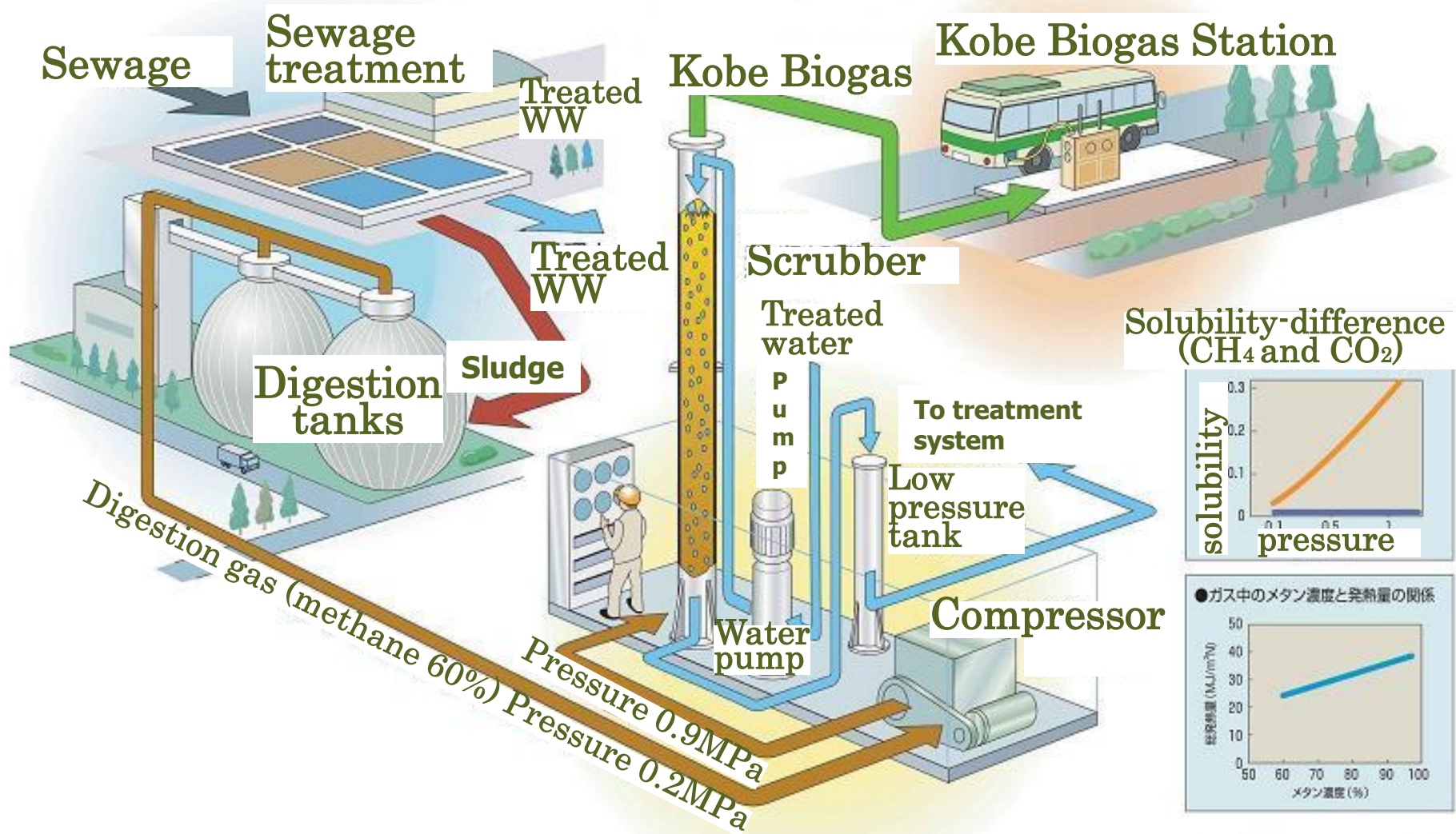


**Refining Digestion gas to Natural Gas and commercialization for car fuel (joint Research)**

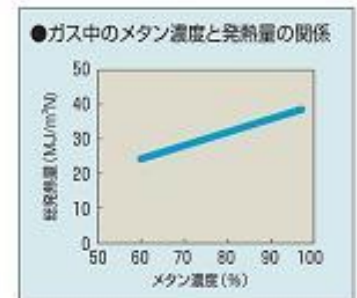
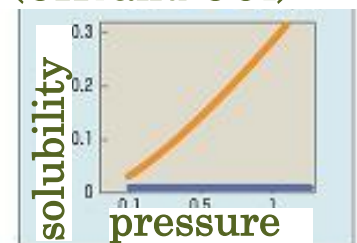
■ 2005



# Refining System of Digestion Gas (water scrubbing process flow)



Solubility-difference (CH<sub>4</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub>)



# Effective use of Kobe Biogas

Vehicle for officials



Taxi



Truck for sludge cake



Kobe city bus



Garbage wagon

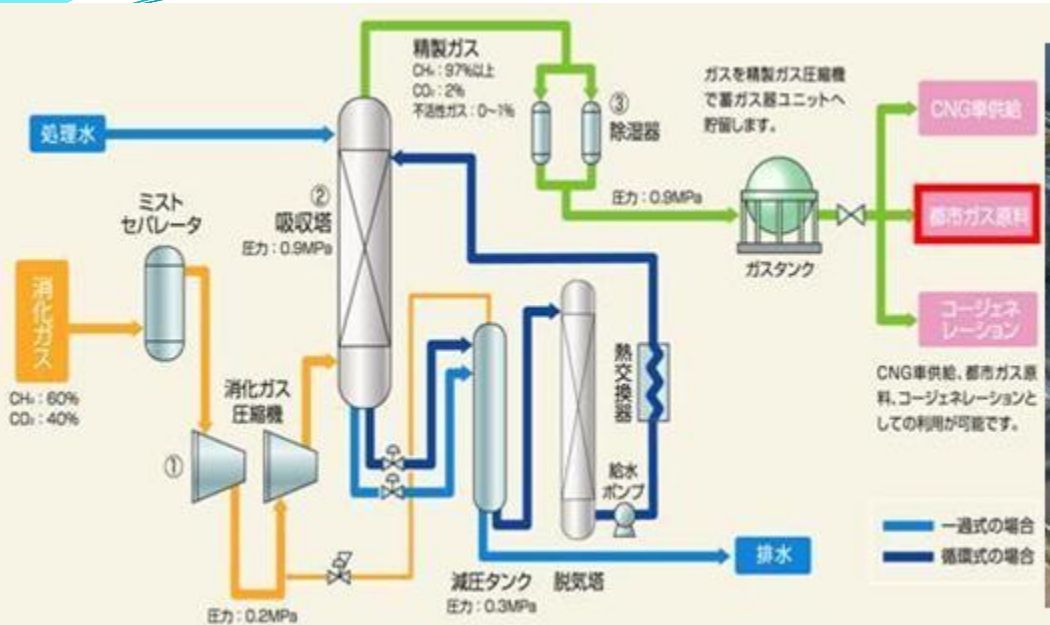
Home  
dispatch



Drain pipe  
sweeping  
machines



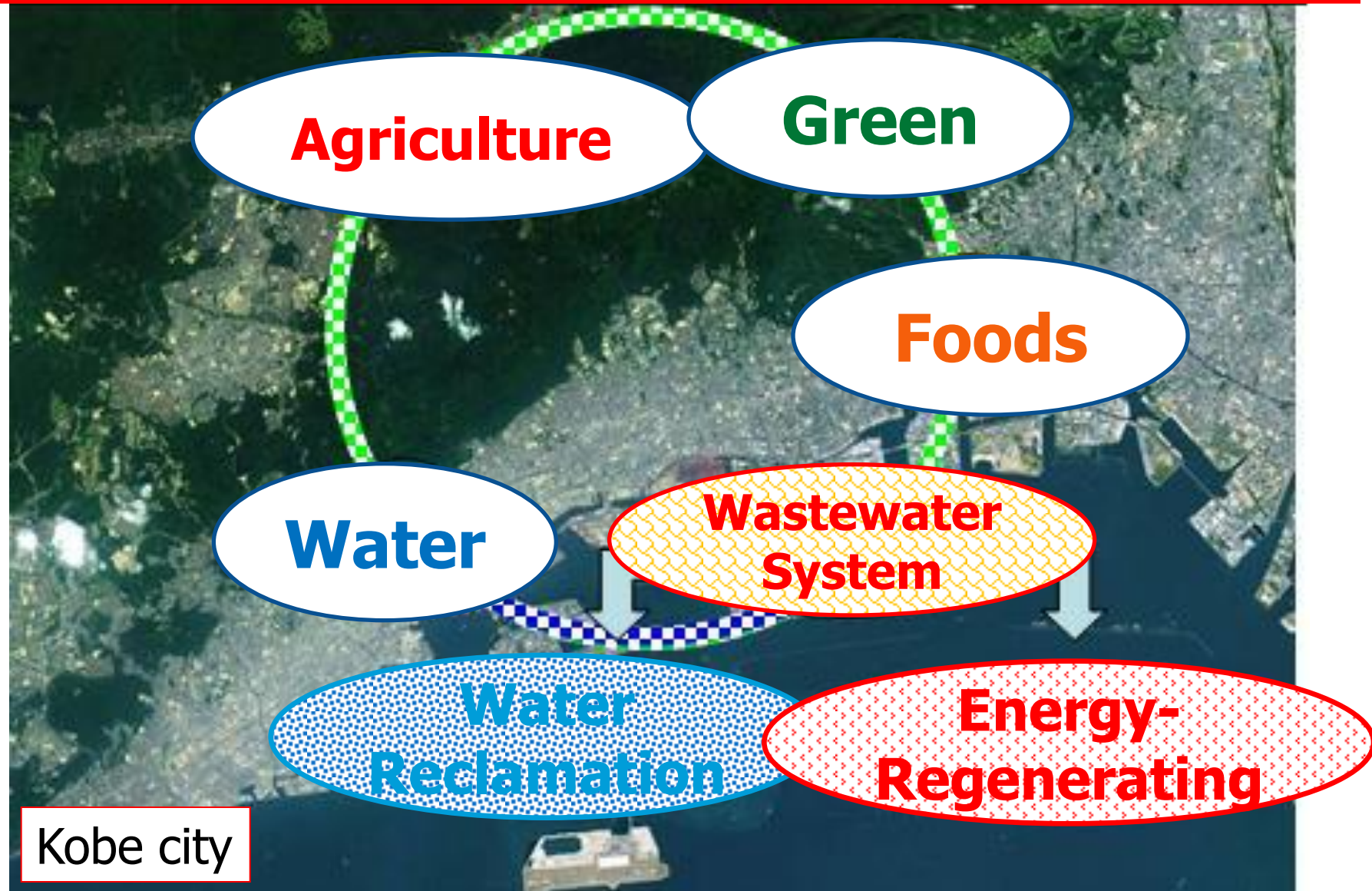
# Project: Pouring into the City Gas



Actual proof facility of Pouring into the city gas.

| Properties                | Unit               | Digestion Gas<br>(Pre-Desulfurization) | Kobe Bio Gas | Acceptance standard value<br>by Osaka Gas |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Methane                   | Vol%               | 59.7                                   | 98.2         | —                                         |
| Carbon dioxide            | Vol%               | 37.0                                   | 0.6          | $\leq 0.5$                                |
| Oxygen                    | Vol%               | 0.4                                    | 0.2          | $\leq 0.01$                               |
| Nitrogen                  | Vol%               | 0.8                                    | 1.0          | $\leq 1.0$                                |
| Hydrogen Sulfide          | ppm                | 330                                    | $< 0.1$      | $\leq 0.65$                               |
| Siloxane                  | mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> | 14.53                                  | 0.005以下      | —                                         |
| High rank calorific value | MJ/Nm <sup>3</sup> | 23.8                                   | 39.3         | 45.0                                      |
| Smell                     | mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> | —                                      | —            | 12~16                                     |

# Networking of renewable biomass energy



# Study on Economical Biomass Methane Fermentation in Small City

by Suzu City and JIWET (Japan Institute of Wastewater Engineering Technology)

The most important issue for sewage sludge treatment is the increase of treatment cost. Suzu City, which is located in a coastal area, expects to face an increase of cost for its sludge treatment. Suzu City is therefore promoting waste recycling by combining sewage sludge with other biomass and raw garbage from businesses to obtain methane fermentation. By using biogas energy to dry sewage sludge for utilization as a fertilizer, Suzu City expects to realize important cost saving for sludge treatment and other biomass treatment. The facility specifications were decided in 2005. The facility performance has been evaluated since the time it went into operation in 2007 to 2008. The purpose of this study is to evaluate the effects of such facility.

# Location of Suzu City

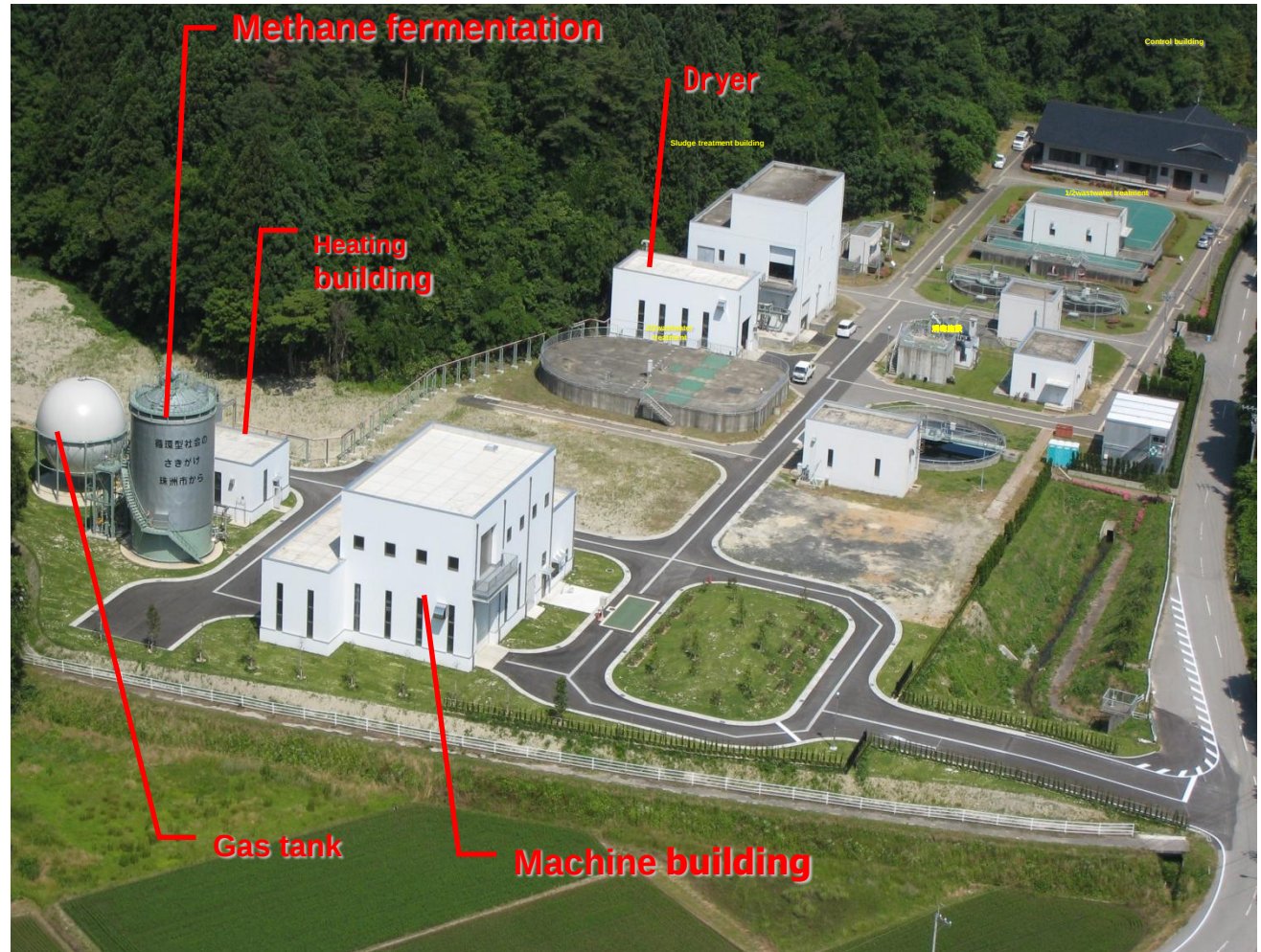


Photo.1 Biomass methane fermentation treatment plant in Suzu City.

# Sludge treatment flow in Suzu City

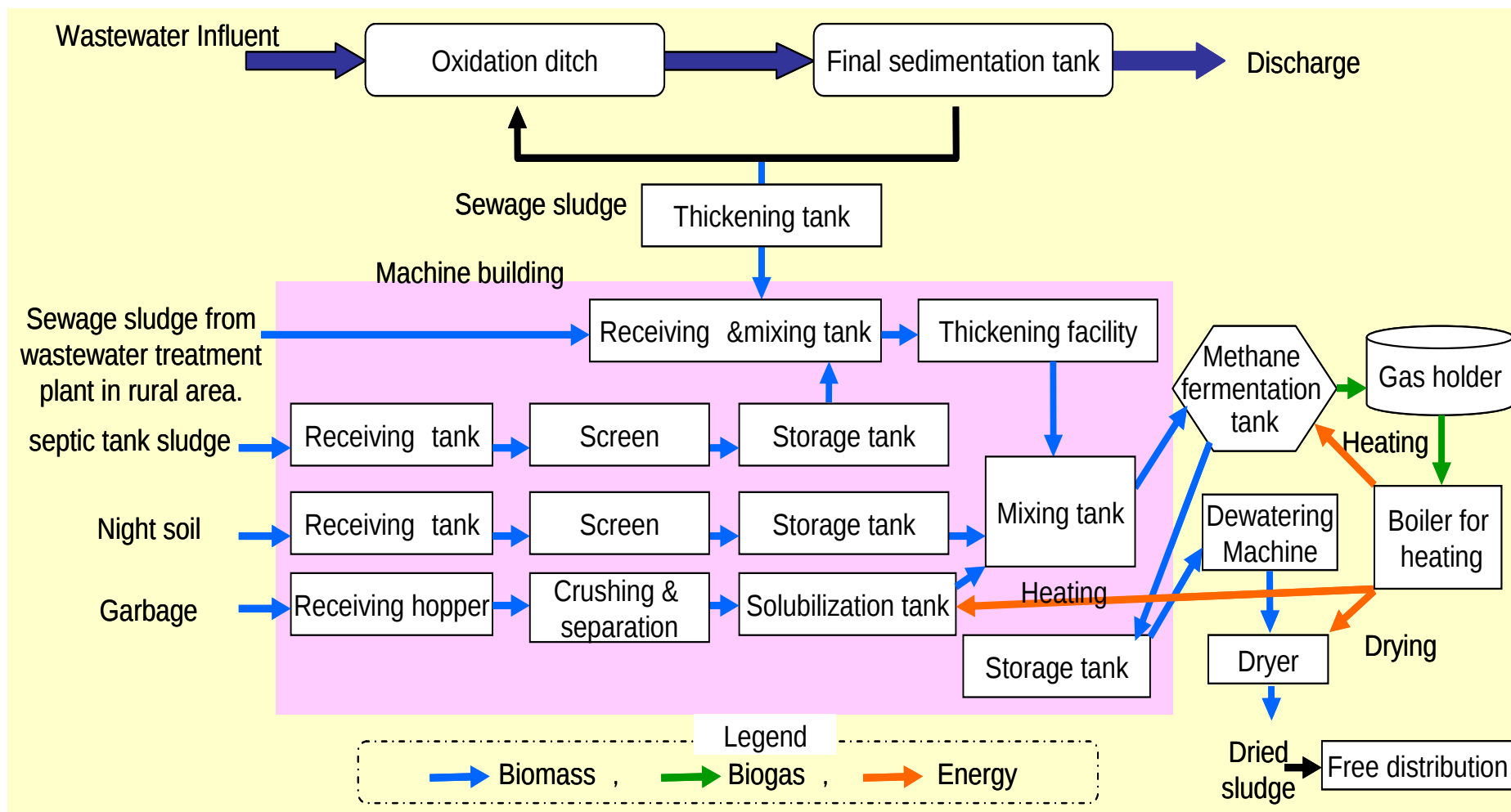


Figure 1 Schematic diagrams of biomass methane fermentation treatment facility

# Possibility of utilizing dried sludge as a fertilizer

- The results of a pot test show no hindrance for plant growth with dried sludge. It was also confirmed that dried sludge is thoroughly useful as a fertilizer.
- Drying conditions has shown and confirmed that dried sludge meets EPA standards and is totally safe for health.



Photo.2 Results of a pot test showing no hindrance to plant growth by dried sludge.



Photo.3 Dried sludge.

# Life cycle cost (LCC) and life cycle CO<sub>2</sub> (LCCO<sub>2</sub>) impacts

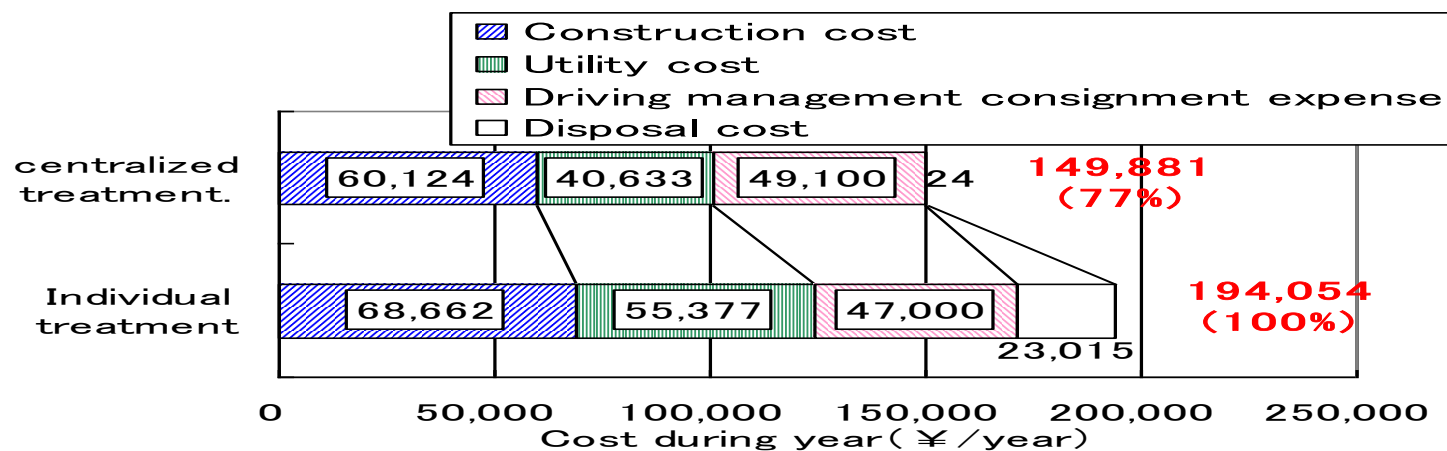


Fig.1 Comparison of LCC

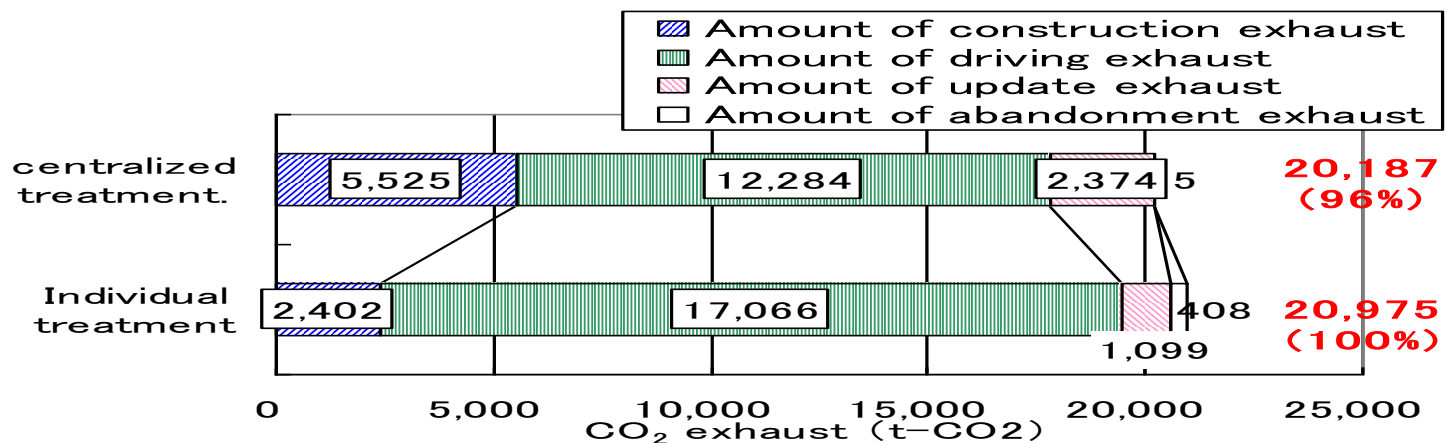


Fig.2 Comparison of LCCO<sub>2</sub>