

Report of Questionnaire for
20% Club First Meeting in
Yokohama 2000

Number of answers : 40

China:1, Uganda:2, Korea:1, Indonesia:1, Austraria:1,
Sri Lanka:1, Japan:33

1. What kind of role do you expect to 20% club for sustainable cities ? Please check applicable answers.

- a) Information provider or information center
- b) International network of local governments
- c) Guide for local governments toward sustainable efforts
- d) Others

a	36
b	21
c	9
d	2

2. How do you evaluate the current activities of 20% Club? Are you satisfied with:

1) Newsletters

- a) Yes.
- b) No. We want to have it improved.
- c) Others()

a	34
b	3
c	1

*If you have any idea to improve newsletters, please specify.

- Start the new article introducing interesting items of current topics.
- My city would like to know any comment and/or suggestions regarding our implementation program we report to 20 % Club. May be it won't be necessary to issue in Newsletter but in another form.
- Require all members to send their experiences through articles. Specify the period the newsletters would come out.

- Although we are satisfied with the current contents of the news letters to some extent, we want them to have more useful information & knowledge that can be adopted to our development programs.

2) Case Study

a) Yes.

b) No. We want to have it improved.

c) Others()

a	36
b	2
c	1

*If you have any idea to improve Case Studies, please specify.

- Introduce the progressive case studies of private agencies as well as those of local governments.
- Members should send their own case studies and the secretariat to edit for publications.
- As mentioned above, we would like to have more case studies about environmental programs held in developing countries which have similar situations and problems to ours.

3) Homepage (<http://www.shonan.ne.jp/~gef20/>)

a) Yes.

b) No. We want to have it improved.

c) Others()

a	27
b	5
c	2

c: I can't comment on this as I has not visited this page on the web yet.

*If you have any idea to improve homepage, please specify.

- Link to web-sites of all member cities
- More pictures
- We feel little bit difficult when we would open your homepage due to the Japan written. It would be better if it is modified with English written.
- Member to have space each on the home page for the club. The space shall give members personal information.

3. Please comment or describe your idea of how the 20% club will continue its activities from the year 2002, 5 years after its establishment in 1997. (Please call in mind the Article 2 of our bylaws, which mentioned our numerical targets shall be aimed to be achieved in approximately 5 years.)

- 20%club members should review the targets. Try to accomplish ones that has not been achieved, and set new targets.
- We understand the importance of progressing partnership of local governments, however, we hope 20%Club review and reorganize its role as the information provider, which should be one of its main activities.
- We suggest that 20%Club disclose the numeral targets set by members as well as the state of achievement, and award the prize to the members who have achieved them.
Integrate the numeral target items so as to make it possible to evaluate and compare them under the same condition.
- We suggest that 20%Club plan to celebrate its 5th anniversary by organizing symposium or forum, issuing the anniversary issue, and so on.
- As for the numeral targets, what we are actually doing is to keep reviewing them according to the performance.
- We admit some meaning of assessing the performance of the first 5 year after the establishment, however, the period of evaluation is not necessarily to be 5 years
- Most local governments' income policies are seriously at risk. It seems that they will be involved in the activities as far as their budgets allow.
- Consider the meaning of continuing of the 20% Club, taking into account the members' opinions at the 5th anniversary of establishment.
- We should consider strategies that reflect the 20% Club activities on Lio +10.
- We hope that the 20% Club continues setting new numeral targets every several years.
- At the moment we Ninomiya-cho Town are making efforts to develop the Environmental Basic Plan. We expect the 20% Club continuously provide us various information.
- Involve more cities in the club, including more developing countries. Mobilize funds from different potential donors. Hold some training programs for the cities of developing countries in the field of sustainable development.
- The 20 % Club members should continue to set new targets after and try to accomplish the ones which had not been achieved in the period 1997-2002. Members should continue to report on the sustainability of early success and on progress of new projects. Another period of 5 years after 2002 may be needed for the members to be able to say they have achieved their targets.
- The 20% Club should introduce the inspiring case studies with the same efforts toward the numeral targets.
- For the second-5 year, we would like the 20 % Club not add the number of member but we would like the 20 % Club to maintain the relationship with the members through improving the quality of the cooperation program. For example, the 20 % Club not only to

provide information but also to bridge our city with the institution in Japan who has programs to improve human resource quality, such as JICA etc. We also feel difficult when we know that whatever program (seminars or workshops) you organize we couldn't participate in it because we should anticipate for all budgets. That such situation is as your consideration due to different conditions of each city.

- The Club should endeavour to guide its member through setting of targets and monitoring performance. Cause seminars and conference to enable sharing of information.
- We hope that the 20% club will establish close relationships with many developing countries which are facing serious environmental problems like us. Then we can share essential and useful information together so that we can make our societies more eco-friendly and more sustainable in the near future.

4. What do you think about collection of membership dues?

According to our bylaws, there shall be, at present, no compulsory membership dues. The expenses of secretariat have been covered by Kanagawa Prefecture.

- a) There should be some membership dues.
- b) There should not be any membership dues.
- c) Others.

If you checked a) or b), please describe the reason. If you check c), please specified your thought.

a	6
b	31
c	1

a)

- There may be difficult to continue activities on the finance only from Kanagawa Prefecture.
- This creates a sense of ownership and belonging.
- This creates sense of responsibility. This fund should finance operations of the secretariat, create seed funds to persuade donors to contribute to the noble cause of the club.

b)

Most of the reasons for b) were financial difficulties of member cities.

- We cannot get additional allocation of budget.
- Because of financial difficulties
- Members will be decreased by introducing membership dues.
- Before considering about membership dues, we should examine reducing costs. For example, the distribution of newsletter by e-mail.
- There was explanation that the bylaws would not revised when the club was established.
- This issue should be considered after that the management of the club encounter obstacles.
- This issue should be considered with activities of 20% Club. It is difficult to defray dues in

the situation of we can not find out clear significance and targets.

- It is not easy to collect membership dues, which is proved by many practices of other organizations. Only the membership dues themselves could not support the operation of the secretariat.
- Although collecting of membership dues is desirable to Kanagawa prefecture, it should not be compulsory, considering the budget deficit which is so common in developing countries.

c)

- Now, it won't be necessary to collect of membership dues, but for the second-5 year,
- If there would be progress of the program quality like we mentioned in the question number 3 above, we don't mind to collect it.

If you check a), the price of membership due should be:

a) fixed US\$_____per year

b) fluctuated by size of population or by fiscal scale

c) Others ()

fixed: US\$45

fixed:US\$90

fixed: US\$ 10

fluctuated by size of population or by fiscal scale

fluctuated by size of population or by fiscal scale

fixed US\$180

And do you think your government can afford it?

() possible.

() impossible

6 members who answer a) + 2 members of b) c)

possible 6

impossible 2

5. Which area do you expect the 20% Club to gather and provide the information of? (Check all applicable boxes.)

a) ISO14001	10
b) Environmental accounting, Environmental report	17
c) Green purchasing	18
d) Indicators to evaluate sustainability	17
e) Environmental education	23
f) Partnership with citizens	20
g) Economic instruments of environmental policy (ex. taxation, subsidiary)	11

h) International cooperation	14
i) Natural Energy	8
j) Nature conservation/Greening	10
k) Solid Waste management	8
l) Wastewater management/ water resource management	21
m) Air pollution control	6
n) Transportation management	5
o) Others	0