Residential Fuel Cell Certification and Insurance in Japan

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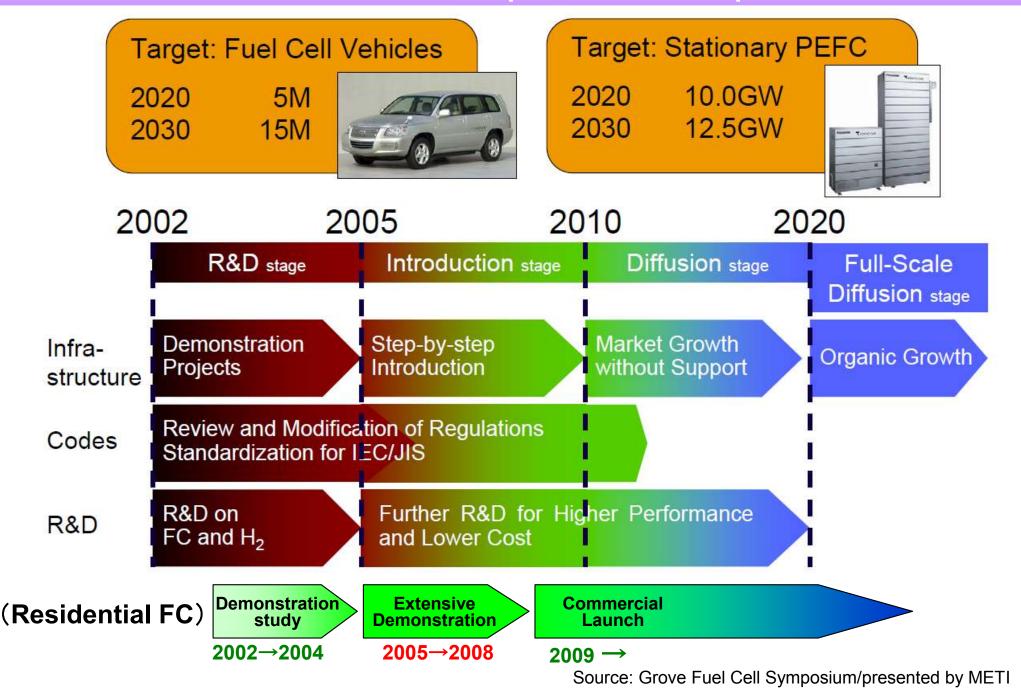
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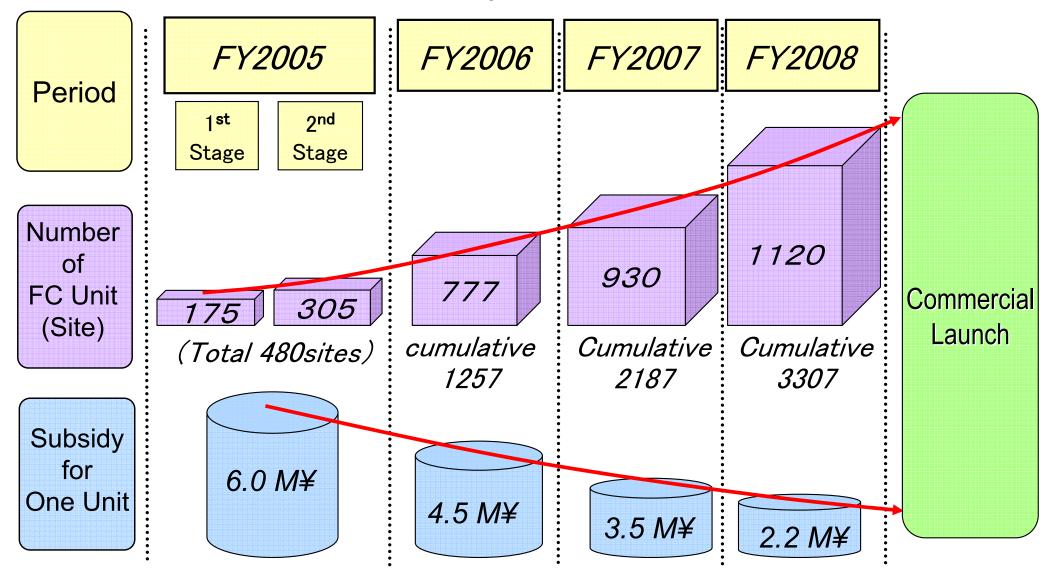
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Demonstration Project in Japan

General Milestones of the PEFC Development in Japan



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Number of the Fuel Cell Units and Subsidy for Installation



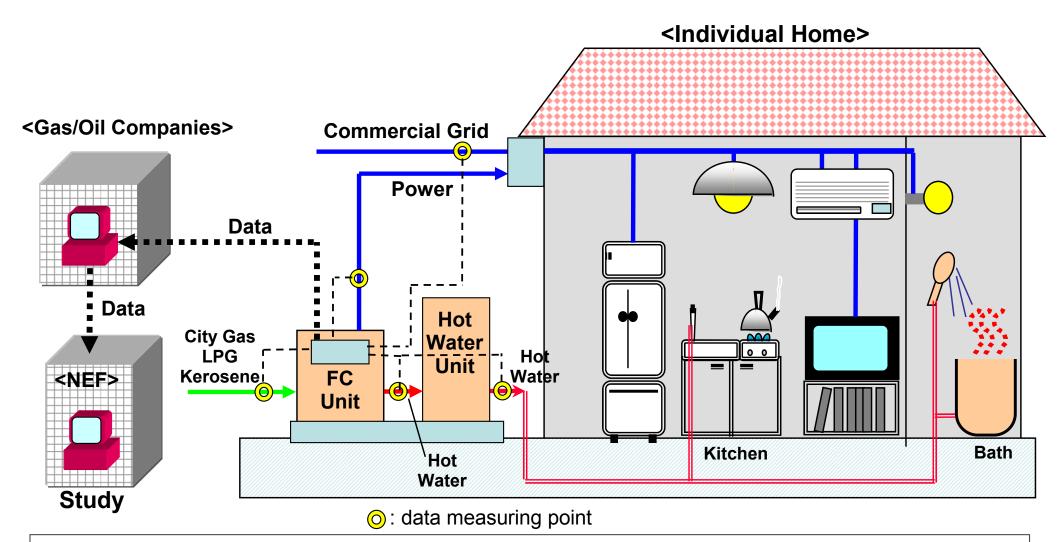
Subsidy for the installation of one unit has been reduced every year, in correlation with the progress of the cost reduction.

Number of Units Installed in the Demonstration Project

						Hokkaido (
Energy Supplier	units					53 Sites	
	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	Total	Installed number as of	
Tokyo Gas	150	160	210	276	796	Installed number as of	
Osaka Gas	63	80	81	141	365	March, 2009	
Toho Gas	12	40	38	34	124	(Total 3,307 Sites)	
Saibu Gas	10	10	13	10	43		
Hokkaido Gas	-	10	10	5	25		
Nippon Gas	-	10	10	10	30	Tohoku	
Nippon Oil	134	301	396	497	1328		
Idemitsu Kosan	33	40	50	28	151		
Japan Energy	30	40	34	40	144	528 Sites	
lwatani Int'l	10	34	29	10	83	Chugoku \	
Cosmo Oil	10	19	19	18	66	182 Sites	
Taiyo Oil	8	13	18	11	50	Sain 12	
Kyusyu Oil	8	10	12	10	40	Kyushu Kanta	
Showa Shell Sekiyu	6	10	10	10	36	423 Sites Kanto	
Lemon Gas	6	-	-	-	6	1,533	
Eneurge	-	-	-	10	10	Okinawa Shikoku Chubu Sites	
Saisan	-	-	-	10	10		
Total	480	777	930	1120	3307	7 Sites 145 Sites 340 Sites	

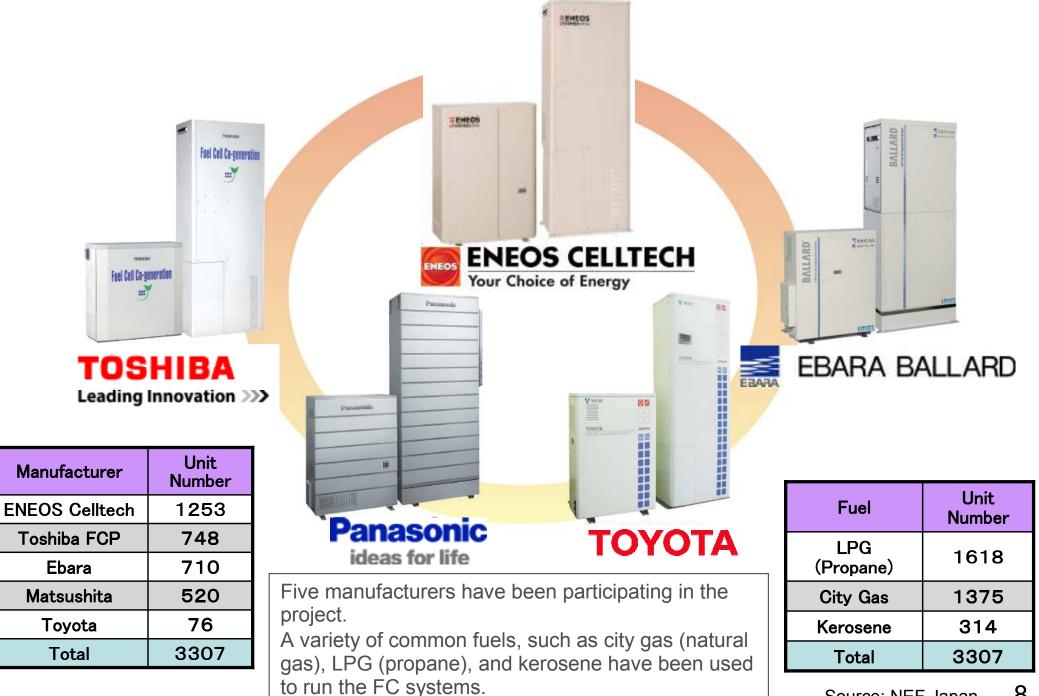
Most of the major gas and oil companies have been participating in the project. From FY2005 to FY2008, total 3,307 FC systems have been installed and are operating under real conditions at single family homes at a variety of locations.

Outline of PEFC Installation and Data Collection



Power output of the FC system is controlled by the electrical load change at each home. Since the house is also grid-connected, when the electricity demand exceeds the FC rated power, the balance is compensated by grid electricity.

PEFC systems Provided for the Project



 Certification System for Residential Fuel Cells in Japan

Small Fuel Cell Certification System in Japan

The Small Fuel Cell Certification System was launched in December 2004.

Subject:

 PEFC and SOFC with less than 10 kW in power output and less than 0.1 MPa in maximum operating pressure

Outcome:

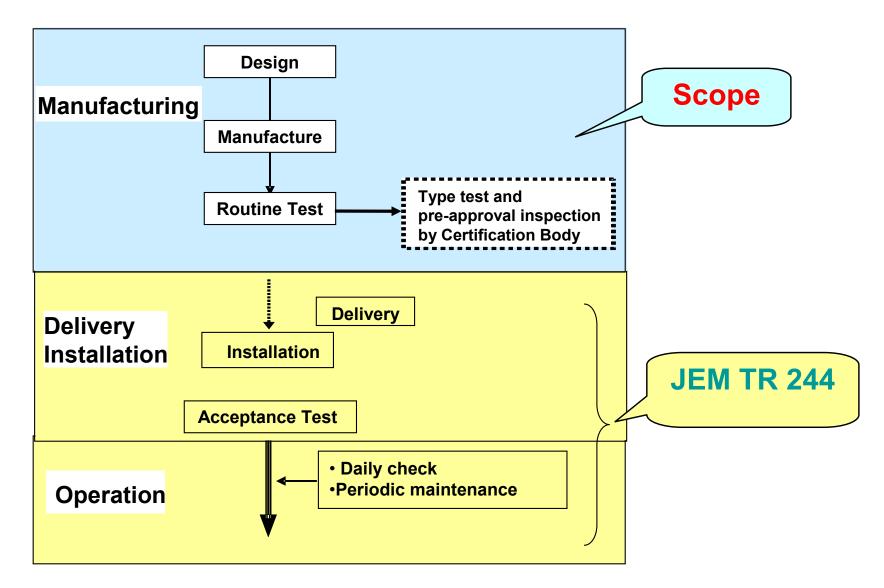
- 1. Established a one-stop certification system open to any certification bodies.
- 2. Provides standard test methods for certification.

Review and updates by the Certification System Study Committee for Residential PEFC in JEMA has been on-going.

updating them.

3. SOFC included in 2008

Scope of Certification System for Residential PEFC



JEM-TR 244 : Guidelines of installation, delivery, maintenance, and inspection for small polymer electrolyte fuel cell systems

3. Insurance for Residential Fuel Cells in Japan

Present Status of Insurance for Residential Fuel Cells in Japan

Category	Liability Insurance for 3 rd Party	Property Insurance for FC Unit
Manufactures	Yes A : Covers Products Liability (PL) Insurance only. B : Covers PL under Umbrella Ins. (including Installation, contracting job)	None
Energy Suppliers	None*	None*
Consumers	None	None*

*From FY2005 to FY2008, total 3,307 FC units have been demonstrated under the government's subsidy and Insurance is covered by the manufactures only against Products Liability Insurance. The FC units have been owned by the Energy Suppliers and rent to the consumers under the leasing contract. Each consumer has the general fire insurance that covers its properties (except for FC unit).

Future's Scope of Insurance for Residential Fuel Cells in Japan

Category	Liability Insurance for 3 rd Party	Property Insurance for FC Unit
	Yes	Yes*
Manufactures	A : Covers Products Liability (PL) Insurance only.	*Will cover the general property insurance.
	B : Covers PL under Umbrella Ins. (including Installation, contracting job)	
Energy	Yes*	Yes*
Suppliers	*Will cover liability insurance under Umbrella Ins. (Installation, contracting job)	*Will cover the general property insurance.
Consumers	None	Yes*
		*Will cover the general fire insurance including property and FC unit.

*From FY2009, this Project will be launched on a commercial basis and FC units are to be purchased by the consumer (with a government's subsidy) and all such Insurance as Liability and Property are to be covered by the manufactures, Operator (Energy Suppliers) and consumers appropriately.

4. Summary

- From FY2005 to FY2008, residential Fuel Cells demonstration project was conducted and up to FY2008, 3037 FC units have been installed and demonstrated under the assistance by 17 Energy Suppliers and 5 Makers with government's funding/subsidy.
- From FY2009, this Project will be launched on a commercial basis and FC units are to be purchased by the consumer (with a government's subsidy).
- As to Certification System for the Small Fuel Cells was launched in December, 2004 and will be kept running.
- As to Insurance for Residential Fuel Cells in Japan, at present, due to demonstration purpose up to FY2008, it is not yet established completely covering only manufactures' Products Liability (PL) Insurance for 3rd Parties.
- In the near future (after being launched on commercial basis), all such Insurance as Liability and Property are to be covered by the manufactures, Operator (Energy Suppliers) and consumers appropriately.

Thank you for your attention!

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