

**Foundation for Promoting Personal Mobility
and Ecological Transportation
(Eco-Mo Foundation)**

2008.A1

Greetings from the Chairperson

Tsuguo Iyama, Chairperson

Foundation for Promoting Personal Mobility and Ecological Transportation

The Foundation for Promoting Personal Mobility and Ecological Transportation (abbreviated as “Eco-Mo Foundation”) was established as the Foundation for Promoting Amenities of Transport with the help of the Nippon Foundation and other organizations concerned in 1994, and it started to use the current name in 1997 when it expanded its operations by adding the environmental measure program in the field of transport to the barrier-free transport promotion program.

Japan has been facing various issues in the 21st century. In the field of transport, there are growing demands for more than just fast and safe transport; rather, transport system is required to be safe and without anxiety for all people and to be in harmony with the global environment.

Concerning barrier-free promotion program, we have made efforts to promote barrier-free transport using both soft and hard measures. We have equipped barrier-free facilities in railway stations and passenger vessels. At the same time, we have carried out awareness campaigns, provided information and conducted research intended to help the elderly and the disabled to move safely and comfortably.

In 2006, *Law for Promoting Mobility and Accessibility for the Aged and the Disabled and others* came into effect, which was formulated by combining *Law for Promoting Easily Accessible Public Transport Infrastructure for the Aged and the Disabled* and *Law on Buildings Accessible and Usable by the Elderly and Physically Handicapped (Heartful Building Law)* under the concept of universal design. Accordingly, we will make further efforts to realize accessible mobility.

In the field of environmental transport promotion, we have encouraged people to drive with ecology in mind, and we issue Green Management Certification in the transport enterprises such as trucks, buses, and taxis which make efforts to do business friendly to environment as a specific program to help reduce environmental load.

We will make utmost efforts to promote barrier-free programs and environmental measures programs in the transport and related fields in close cooperation with others concerned. We would appreciate your continued support.

Overview

Introduction

The world has been changing greatly since the beginning of the 21st century. In the field of transport, there are growing demands for more than just fast and safe transport; rather, transport system is required to be safe and without anxiety for all people and to be in harmony with the global environment.

That is to say, the transport system is strongly required to realize mobility to all people including the elderly and the disabled, and to coexist with the global environment, curbing global warming caused by carbon dioxide emissions from cars.

At the request of organizations for disabled people, the Ministry of Transport examined a framework for a barrier-free transport system for elevators and escalators in railway stations. As the result, the Foundation for Promoting Amenities of Transport was established with the approval of the Minister of Transport (currently the Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport) on September 30, 1994 to promote barrier-free facilities in traffic terminals, in addition to conducting research and providing information concerning barrier-free transport. In 1997, the organization was renamed “Foundation for Promoting Personal Mobility and Ecological Transportation” and the programs were upgraded by adding the environmental transport promotion program to the barrier-free transport program. Pursuing the objective of barrier-free transport and environmental transport measures, we are expanding our activities to create a social environment that is friendly both to humans and to the earth.

Name of organization	Foundation for Promoting Personal Mobility and Ecological Transportation
Common name	Eco-Mo Foundation
Head Office	3rd Floor, Gobancho KU Bldg., 10, Gobancho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-0076 Japan
Representative	Tsuguo Iyama, Chairperson
Establishment	September 30, 1994
Telephone	+81-3-3221-6672 (Main number / General Affairs Division) +81-3-3221-6673 (Barrier-free Transport Promotion Division) +81-3-3221-7636 (Environmental Transport Promotion Division) +81-3-3512-5280 (Public Works for Railway stations Division)
Fax	+81-3-3221-6674
Web site URL	http://www.ecomo.or.jp

History

- Sep 30, 1994 The Minister of Transport approved the establishment of the Foundation for Promoting Amenities of Transport
Chairperson: Yoshinosuke Yasojima (president of Teikyo University of Technology)
- Dec 2, 1994 Started subsidies for renovating facilities such as elevators and escalators to be more user-friendly with greater mobility.
- Jan 17, 1995 Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake**
- Mar 22, 1995 Reconstruct the Kobe Central Jetty and Itami Station on the Hankyu Itami Line as amenity terminals as a project to recover from the earthquake and as model cases for barrier-free facilities.
- Apr 23, 1997 Two programs were added, one to help solve global environmental issues in the transport field, and the other to help create regional societies that enhance international exchanges, pursue a better transport environment for local people, and make them more active.
- Dec 10, 1997 Renaming of the organization to “Foundation for Promoting Personal Mobility and Ecological Transportation” was approved by the Minister of Transport
- Jul 10, 2000 As a saucer organization to implement the program for more accessible railway stations, we added the program to improve, possess, and lease facilities necessary to make railway stations barrier-free.
- Nov 24, 2000 Appointed as a designated organization of *Law for Promoting Easily Accessible Public Transport Infrastructure for the Aged and the Disabled* by the Minister of Transport and the Minister of Construction.
- Oct 1, 2003 Started the certification program for Green Management (business operation with low environmental load) in the trucking business.
- Mar 29, 2004 Office moved to the 3rd Floor, Gobancho KU Bldg., 10, Gobancho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo



Objectives

To create a social environment friendly both for humans and for the earth through awareness activities, providing information, conducting research, equipping, possessing, leasing and offering other supports for facilities which improve mobility for the elderly and the disabled, through solving global environmental issues, and through promoting and assisting international exchanges on a regional level.

Programs

We carry out the following programs to achieve the above objectives.

1. Assistance, enlightenment, information provision, and research on secure accessible usage of public transport systems for the elderly and the disabled
2. Assistance in renovating elevators and escalators in railway stations, bus terminals, passenger vessel terminals, airport terminals, and passenger vessels, in introducing route buses with lifts, and in making facilities of public transport more friendly to the elderly and the disabled
3. Possessing and leasing facilities necessary to make railway stations barrier-free to railway companies with subsidies from the central and local government
4. Finding solutions to environmental issues in the transport field
5. Promoting international exchanges on a regional level, improving the transport conditions for local people, and helping local people to revitalize their community
6. Assisting other public-service corporations in carrying out programs mentioned in 4 and 5
7. Other programs necessary to achieve the objectives set by us

