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## Hokkaido Green Fund -Community Wind Power in Japan

### About us

#### **WHO ARE WE?**

The sea level is raising, polar ice caps are melting, and the climate has gone haywire.... threats of global warming are creeping upon us, day in and day out. Many people are asking; "Isn't there something I can do?" YES! is our answer. "Hokkaido Green Fund (HGF)" is calling on citizens throughout Japan to join our anti-global warming movement by participating in our "green electricity tariff" scheme and by helping to install "community wind turbines."

Many people think the issue of "energy" is beyond their realm of influence and only experts can deal with it. However, our "choice of energy" has a great bearing on the future of our environment – a truly crucial choice every one of us must make. We believe that as people become involved in energy-saving activities and in the promotion of renewable energy, this issue will become more and more familiar to all. We are convinced that change IS possible and we CAN cut back on our use of fossil fuels and bring about the creation of a renewable-energy-centred society.

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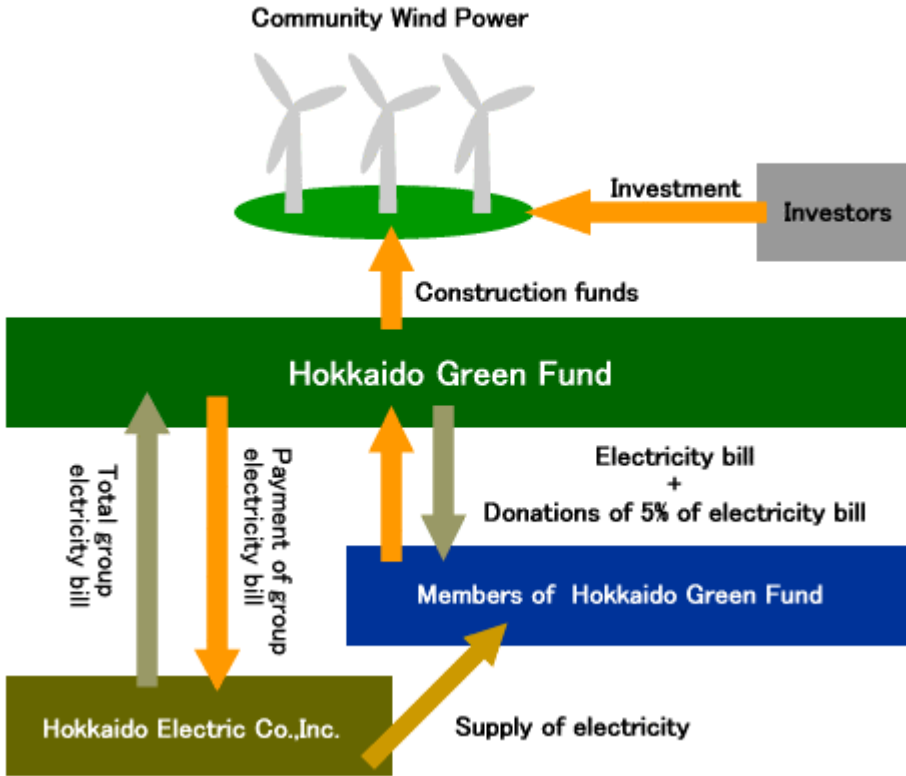
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# Our Activities

## 1. Green Electricity Tariff

This is a voluntary program. Our members pay their electricity bills to us (HGF) adding a 5% donation to their bill. We then pay Hokkaido Electric Power Co. our members' electric bills as a group payment. This donation is pooled and is used to help finance community wind turbines throughout Japan. For instance, if you pay ¥8,000 per month for your electricity, you would add ¥400 to your payment. This however, should not be thought of as a fee or a "tariff," but rather as a chance to recap your donation by doing energy-saving activities in your home – this being another one of our goals.

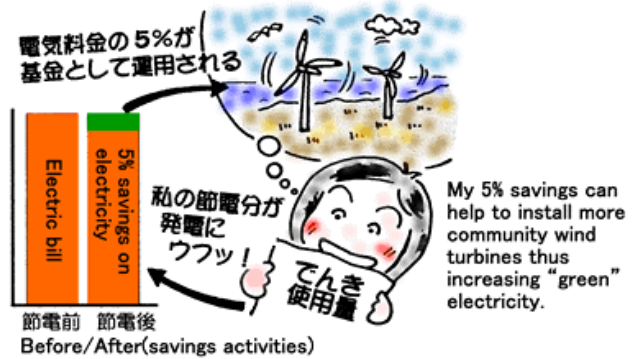
### Green Electricity Tariff Scheme Flowchart



Little savings add up. Turn lights off and switch off appliances when not in use. Aim for a 5% reduction in electric use.



Five percent savings on electric use is donated to the Community Wind Power Green Fund.

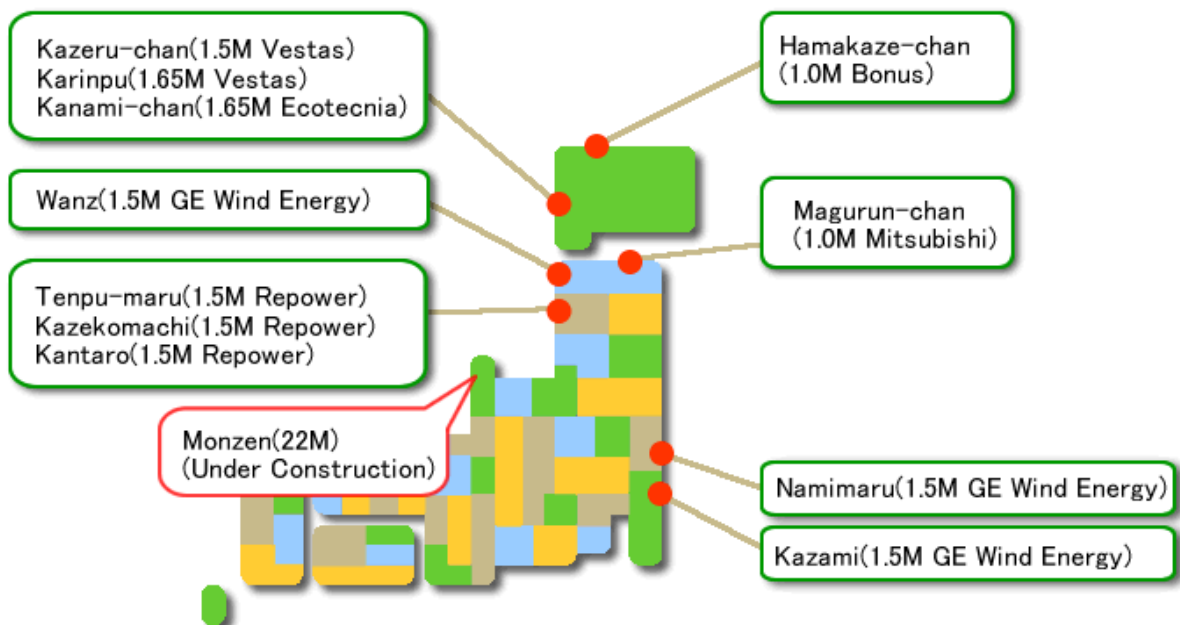


## 2. Promotion of Community Wind Power

We are installing large-scale wind turbines throughout Japan, with investment from citizens - commonly called “community wind power.” This movement pursues two objectives; 1.The realization of a sustainable society and 2. The stimulation of the local economy. We think that local resources should be developed by and for the local people. Using this approach, local energy and the local economy can become independent and create a virtuous cycle. We believe that the voluntary participation of many people will help to create a sustainable future. To date, we have installed 11 large-scale wind turbines ( a total of 20M) throughout Japan.

Map of Community Wind Power in Japan  
(Each turbine has been given a personified name)

The map of Community Wind Power in Japan



### 3. Energy-Saving Recommendations

We promote the idea of keeping an “Environmental Household Energy Account” called G-file, describing the balance of household energy accounts. We also hold exhibitions to introduce “slow-cooker” (retained-heat) cooking methods and other energy-saving products. In addition, we coordinate lectures and the seminars to disseminate energy-saving tips and information.

### 4. Proposals for a New Energy Policy

We think that Japan’s conventional energy policy, that is one that is highly dependant on fossil fuels and nuclear power, should be changed to prevent environmental destruction. Based on our experience with Community Wind Power, and research and consultation with experts in the energy field, we are presenting proposals to both the prefectural and national governments for a new energy policy, one which promotes energy-savings and the use of renewable energy.