

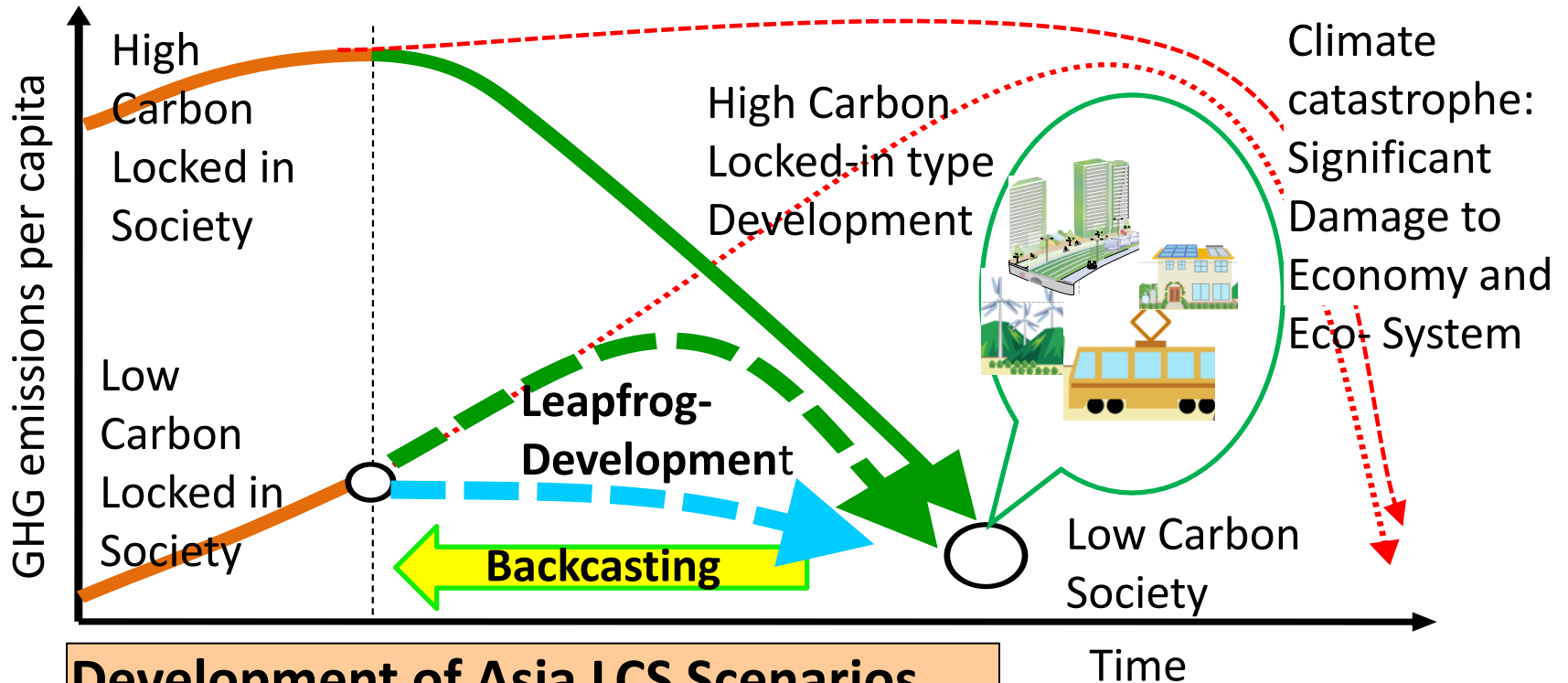
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# Ten actions leading to a low carbon Asia in 2050

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# Can Asia Change the World through Leapfrogging?



- (1) Depicting narrative scenarios for LCS
- (2) Quantifying future LCS visions
- (3) Developing robust roadmaps by backcasting



**Policy Packages for Asia LCS**

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# Ten Actions towards Low Carbon Asia are proposed



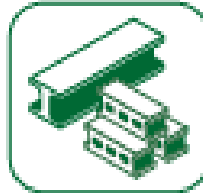
## **Action 1** Urban Transport

Structured Compact City



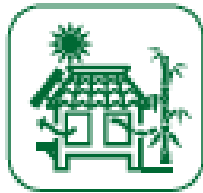
## **Action 2** Interregional Transport

Mainstreaming trains and water transportation



## **Action 3** Resources & Materials

Smart material use that realizes the full potential of resources



## **Action 4** Buildings

Smart buildings that utilize natural systems



## **Action 5** Biomass

Local production and local consumption of biomass



## **Action 6** Energy System

Low carbon energy system with local resources



## **Action 7** Agriculture & Livestock

Spread of high yields and low emission agricultural technologies



## **Action 8** Forest & Landuse

Sustainable forest management



## **Action 9** Technology & Finance

Technology and finance to facilitate achievement of LCS



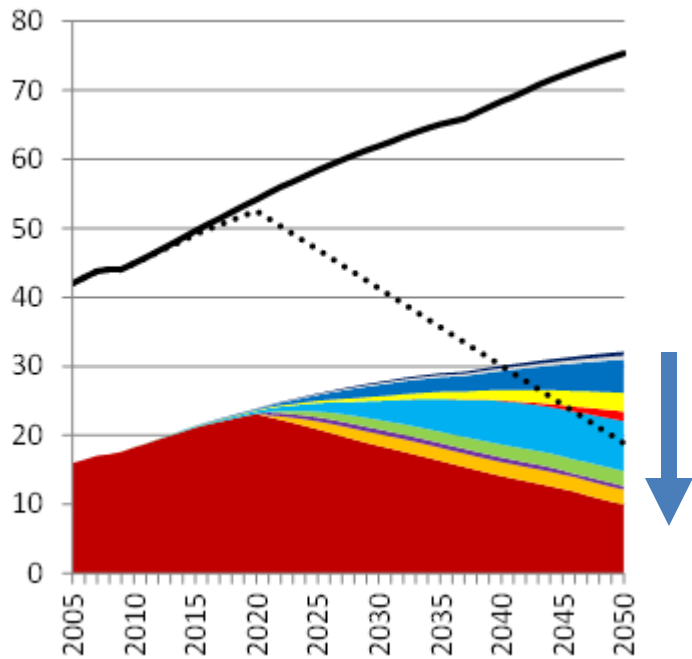
## **Action 10** Governance

Transparent and Fair Governance that Supports LCS Asia

# There is potential to reduce GHG emissions by 69% compared to the reference case in Asia

- The global emissions will become 1.8 times larger compared to the 2005 level and emissions in Asia will be doubled under the reference scenario.
- It is feasible to reduce GHG emissions in Asia by 69% by introducing ten actions and Others (CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from other than agriculture and livestock) appropriately compared to the reference scenario in 2050.

GHG emissions (GtCO<sub>2</sub>e/year)



Reductions by

- Action1: Urban Transport
- Action2: Interregional Transport
- Action3: Resources & Materials
- Action4: Buildings
- Action5: Biomass
- Action6: Energy System
- Action7: Agriculture and Livestock
- Action8: Forest & Landuse
- Others (CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from other than agriculture and livestock)

GHG Emissions in

- the world (Reference)
- ..... the world (LCS)
- Asia (LCS)

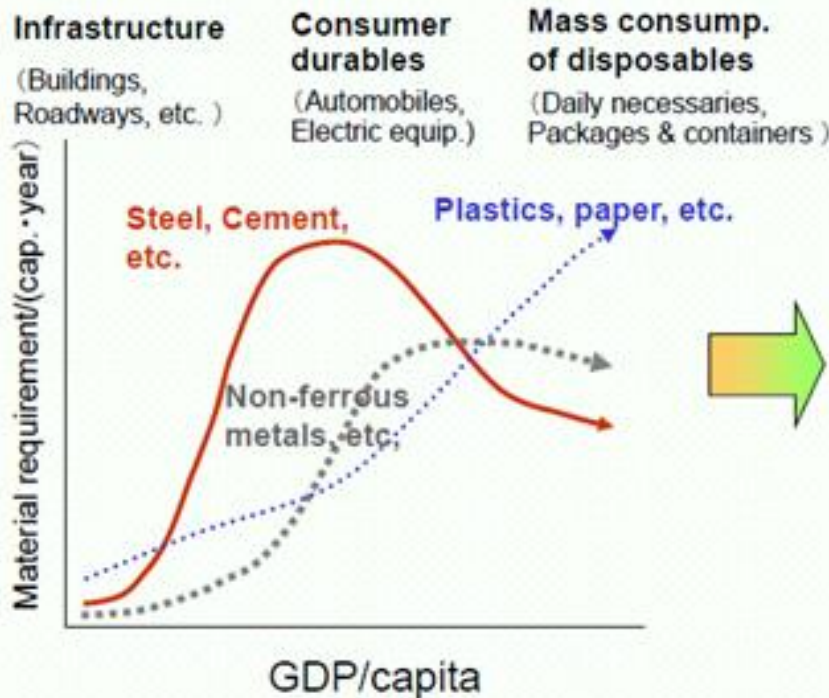
Actions 9 and 10 indirectly contribute to emissions reduction by facilitating implementation of Actions 1-8.

# Action 3: Resources & Materials

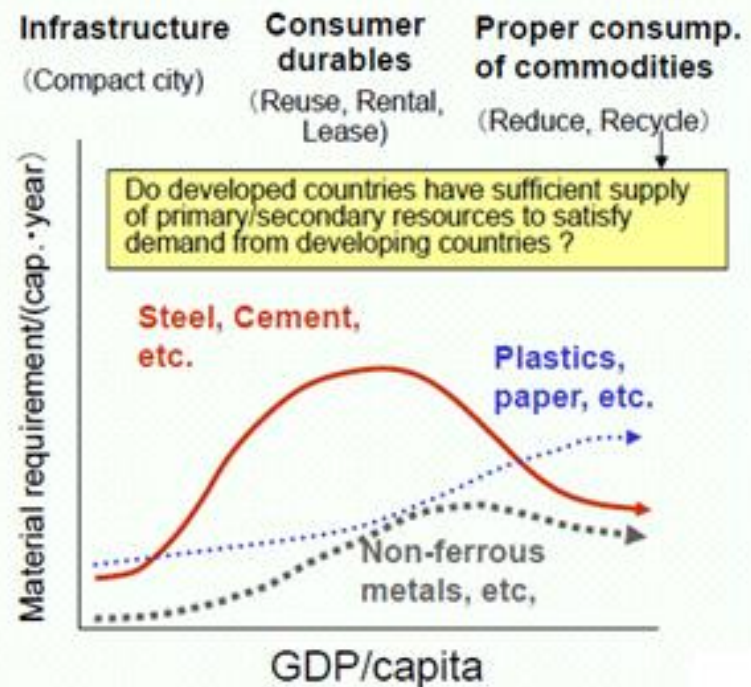
Alternative development path in terms of resource consumption ?  
 (Possibility of Circular Economy/Society)

$$\frac{\text{CO}_2 \text{ Emission}}{\text{GDP}} = \frac{\text{Material Req.}}{\text{GDP}} \times \frac{\text{Energy Consump.}}{\text{Material Req.}} \times \frac{\text{CO}_2 \text{ Emission}}{\text{Energy Consump.}}$$

Traditional growth pattern with mass consumption of materials

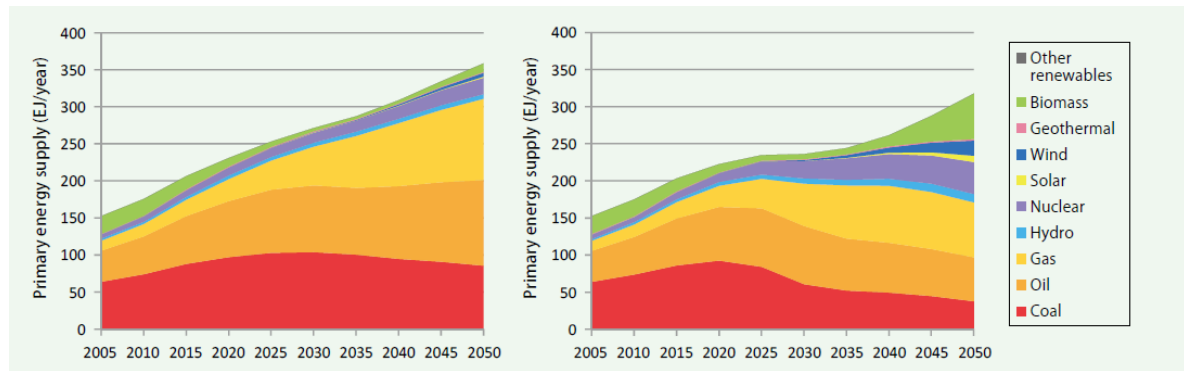


Alternative development pattern with low material, low carbon

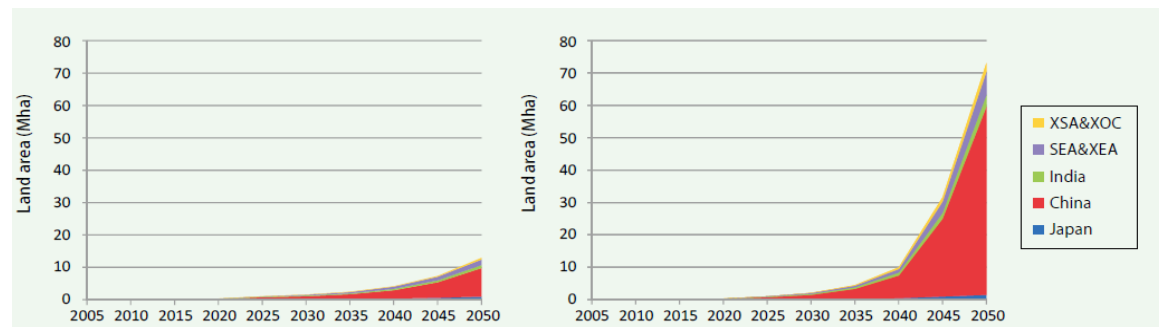


# Action 5: Local Production and Local Consumption of Biomass

- Sustainable co-production of biomass energy and food
- Low carbon energy systems using local biomass resources in rural areas
- Improvement of living environments with intensive biomass utilization



Primary energy supply: Reference scenario(left) and LCS scenario (right)



Land area for biomass production: Reference scenario (left) and LCS scenario (right)

# Key Messages

## Achieving 2°C target is feasible

If all the actions proposed here are applied appropriately, 69% of the emissions in the Reference scenario can be reduced in Asia in 2050. This is in line with a global pathway with the 2°C target.

## Early actions are needed

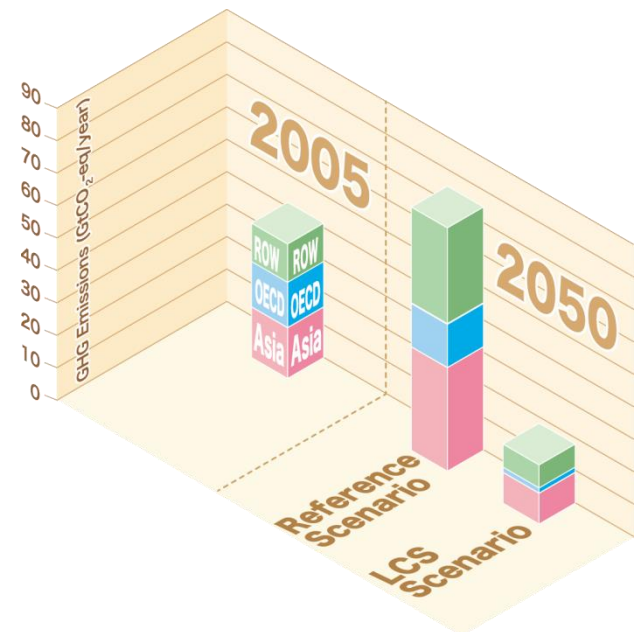
Whatever pathways are followed, GHG emissions should be reduced to zero in the long run to keep the climate at the corresponding level. More the actions are delayed, larger the reduction rates become and higher the stabilization level will be.

GHG emissions need to be below zero to lower temperature. To realize negative emissions is very tough.

There is a danger that socio-ecosystem will not be recovered even if GHG concentrations are returned to the lower level.

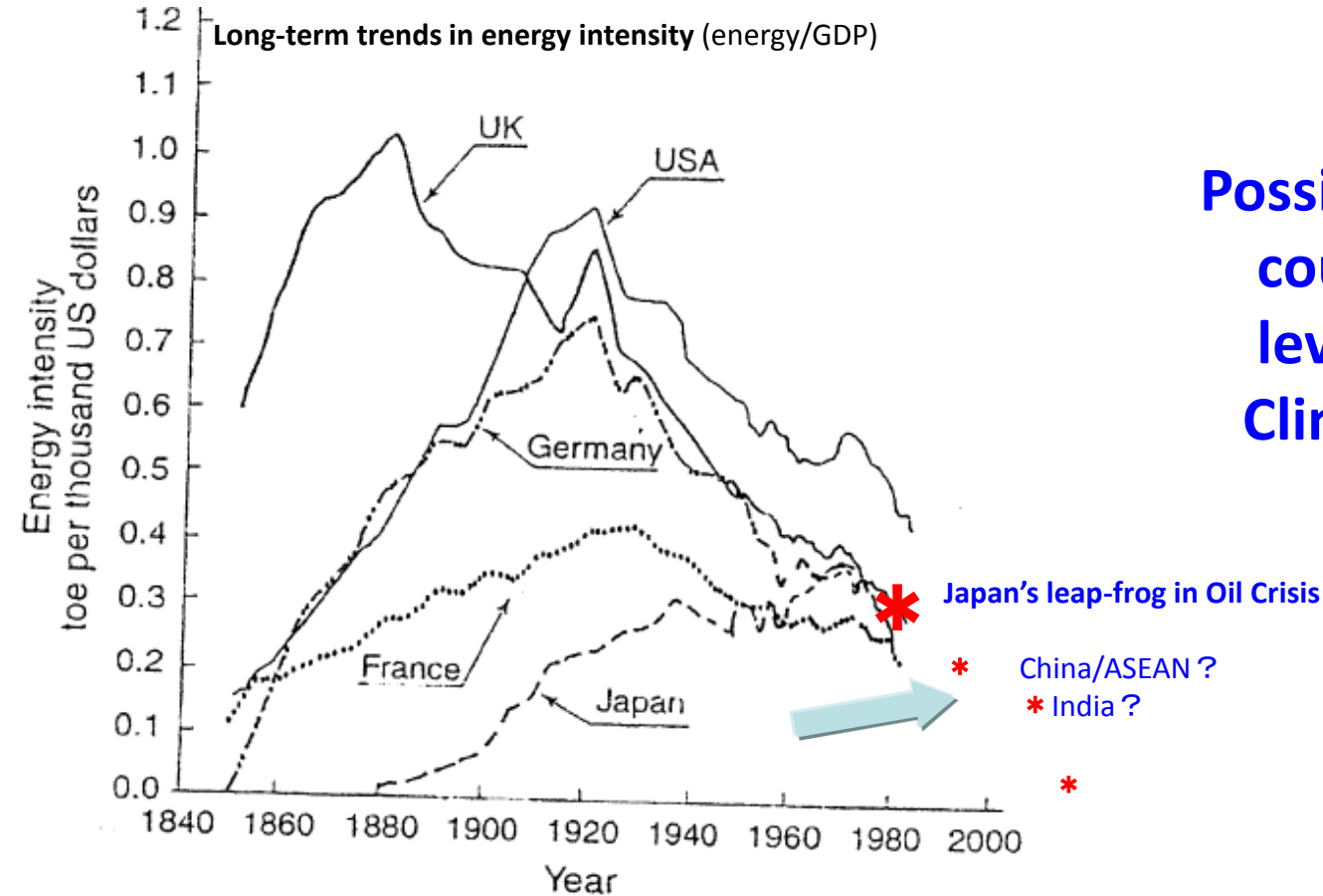
## Leapfrogging development in Asia leads to a Low Carbon Society

Transition to low carbon emissions and low-resource consumption societies, while simultaneously improving the economic standards of living is vital for sustainable development. Asia has many opportunities to realize an LCS by leapfrogging.



# Opportunities for Asia:

## Freedom from past track of highly energy-dependent technologies



**Possibility of Asian countries' Leapfrog leveraged by Climate Change**

- How can we facilitate technological leap-frogging to promote low carbon development?
- What kinds of mechanisms (international/national, market/non market) could facilitate leap-frogging to low carbon technologies?



# Examples of Brochures introducing Asian Low Carbon Scenarios

## Communication and feedbacks of LCS study to real world



# Thank you very much!

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