

Outlines of Wood Use Points Program
(FY 2012 supplementary budget: 41 billion yen,
FY 2013 supplementary budget: 15 billion yen)

1. Objective

Through promoting wood use, to contribute to proper management and conservation of forest, prevention of global warming and promotion of a recycling-oriented society, as well as to serve for the development of rural areas.

2. Summary

- (1) The program grants wood use points to construction of wooden houses built by eligible construction methods using certain amount of eligible wood, interior or exterior works using wood and purchase of wood furniture.
- (2) Wood use points can be redeemed for goods and services including agricultural, forestry and fishery products.

3. Eligible Wood and Eligible Construction Method

(1) Eligible Wood

Eligible wood must satisfy the requirements set forth in (i) and (ii) below.

- (i) Wood is certified sustainable wood
- (ii) Either tree species specified in advance (i.e. Sugi, Hinoki) or tree species that the Committee on Fund Management and Administration designates as fulfilling the criteria of resources that are increasing in volume and the criteria of use of the species that have positive effects on the economy of rural areas in Japan.

(Note 1) Tree Species of Eligible Wood (as of August 1, 2014)

Sugi, Hinoki, Karamatsu, Todomatsu, Akamatsu, Kuromatsu, Ryukyumatsu, Asunaro, Douglas Fir (US), European Spruce (Austria, Sweden and Finland), European Pine (Sweden and Finland) and Radiata Pine (New Zealand)

(Note 2) The Committee on Fund Management and Administration consists of independent experts who are not parties concerned.

(2) Eligible Construction Methods

Construction methods specified in advance with indication of tree species or regions (i.e. post and beam construction method in which certain amount of Sugi, Hinoki etc. are used, or wood-frame construction) and other construction method that the Committee on Fund Management and Administration approves, upon recommendations of the Prefecture Councils, as the construction method which has positive effects on the economy of rural areas in Japan.

4. Eligible Period for Wood Use Points

Construction works of wooden houses and interior or exterior works using wood, which have commenced from 1 April 2013 to 31 September 2014, are eligible for wood use points under the program.