

Certification Center on Climate Change, Japan

Certification Center on Climate Change, Japan (CCCCJ or 4CJ) was established in October 2008. It aims to ensure transparency and reliability by playing secretariat's role for carbon offsetting through the "Public Certification Scheme", the "Offset Providers' Disclosure Program" and the "Japan Verified Emission Reduction (J-VER) Scheme" in line with the guidelines introduced by Ministry of Environment Japan (MOEJ).

Public Certification Scheme for Carbon Offsetting

In promoting voluntary actions through carbon offsetting by various stakeholders including consumers, business, NPO/NGO, as well as governmental organizations, it is indispensable to establish reliability for relevant services. The aim of the Public Certification Scheme is to encourage GHG emission reductions credible carbon offsetting services by providing third-party check.

In some countries, problematic cases have been reported such as double counting or false treatment of carbon credits. The Public Certification Scheme was launched in order to meet the needs to avoid such problems, and support those who provide carbon offset-related goods and services to increase their credibility, while consumers can recognize credible goods and services.

Carbon Offset Providers' Disclosure Program

4CJ reviews whether offset providers run their business along the guidelines for carbon offsetting introduced by MOEJ as a part of Public Certification Scheme for Carbon Offsetting. 4CJ monitors the transaction of carbon credits by offset providers intensively and discloses monitoring results on the 4CJ web site. The Disclosure Program also contributes to conducting a smooth third party certification process. Carbon offset providers participate in the Disclosure Program on voluntary basis.

Japan Verified Emission Reduction (J-VER) Scheme

Japan Verified Emission Reduction (J-VER) Scheme was established to encourage GHG reduction/sink projects through generating carbon credits by the Ministry of the Environment, Japan in November 2008. In order to meet international standards, the Scheme is designed with verification and certification process according to ISO14064-2, 14064-3, and ISO14065.

Credits (J-VER) are issued in 4CJ-managed registry, and may be used for carbon offsetting and other purposes by business as well as governmental institutions. As a co-benefit of J-VER projects it is expected that revenue from carbon credits accelerate local environmental protection, as well as local economic development. 4CJ supports the J-VER Scheme as the Secretariat of the Executive Board, the Methodology panel and the Third Party Independent Panel.

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