

# **Technology Implementation of P recycling in Japan**

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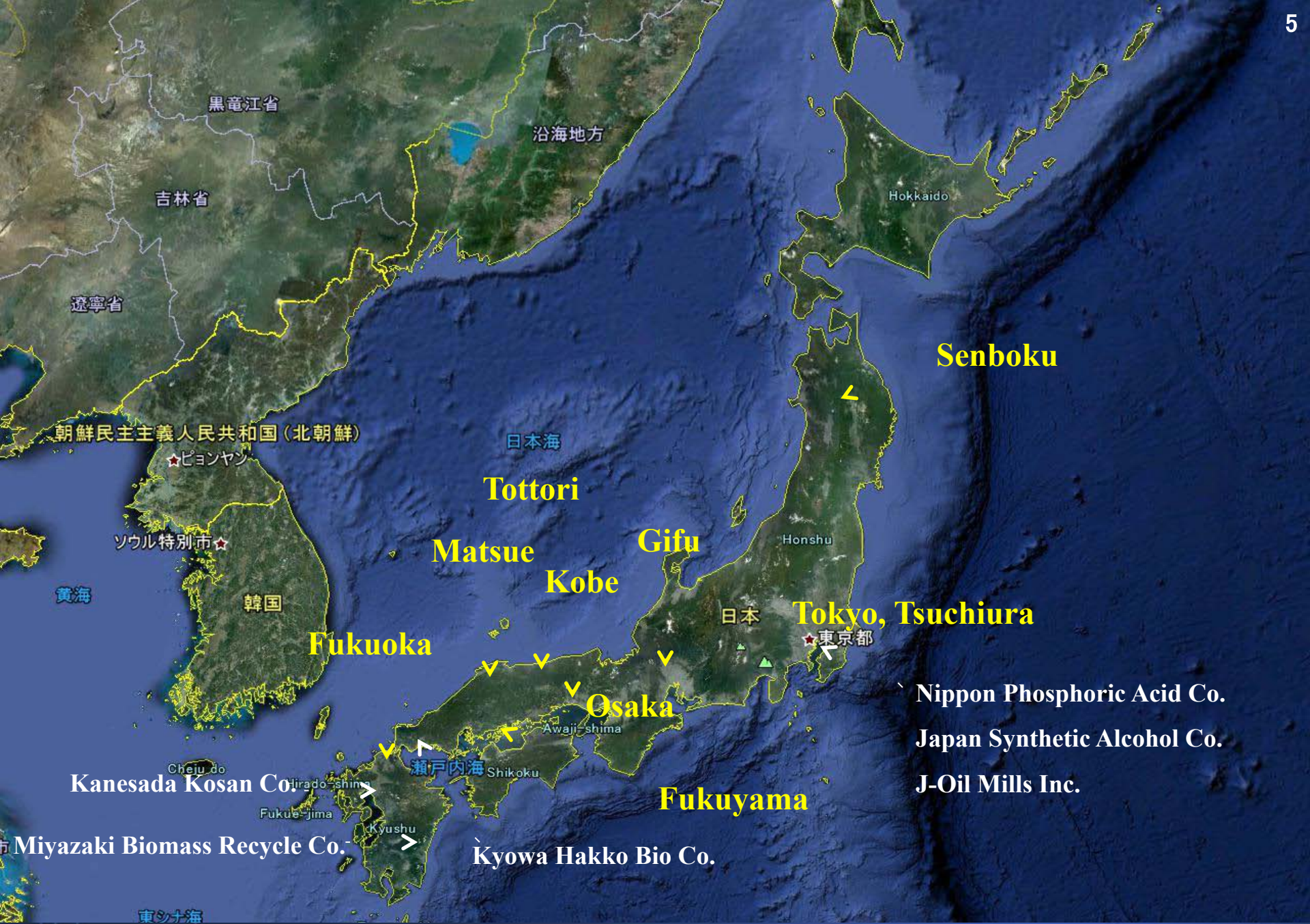
**PRPCJ\***

**Osaka University**

**Technologies are available for P recycling.  
However, they are not well implemented.**

**Japan has a lot of experience  
and good practice in P recycling.**

- **Gifu and Tottori WWTPs (Sludge incineration ash)**
- **Fukuoka and Matsue WWTPs (Sludge digestion liquor)**
- **Senboku Sludge Treatment plant (Human waste)**
- **Nippon Phosphoric Acid Co. (Sludge incineration ash)**
- **Japan Synthetic Alcohol Co. (Spent chemical catalyst)**
- **Kyowa Hakko Bio. Co. (Fermentation waste)**
- **J-Oil Mills Incorporation (Food waste)**
- **Miyazaki Biomass Recycle Co. (Poultry manure)**
- **Kanesada Kosan Co. (Used extinguishing agent)**



**Senboku**

**Tottori**

**Matsue**

**Gifu**

**Kobe**

**Tokyo, Tsuchiura**

**Fukuoka**

**Osaka**

**Fukuyama**

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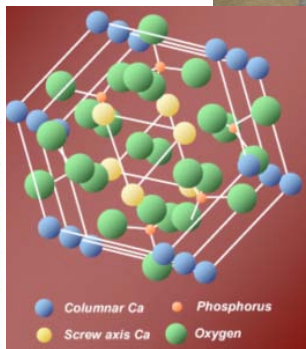
From Mr. K. Goto, Gifu City Office



**P fertilizer supply: 500 ton/year**

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**岐阜の大地**  
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**HAP**



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100-140 t MAP/year

The full-scale plant started running in 1997 at Fukuoka.

# Struvite recovery

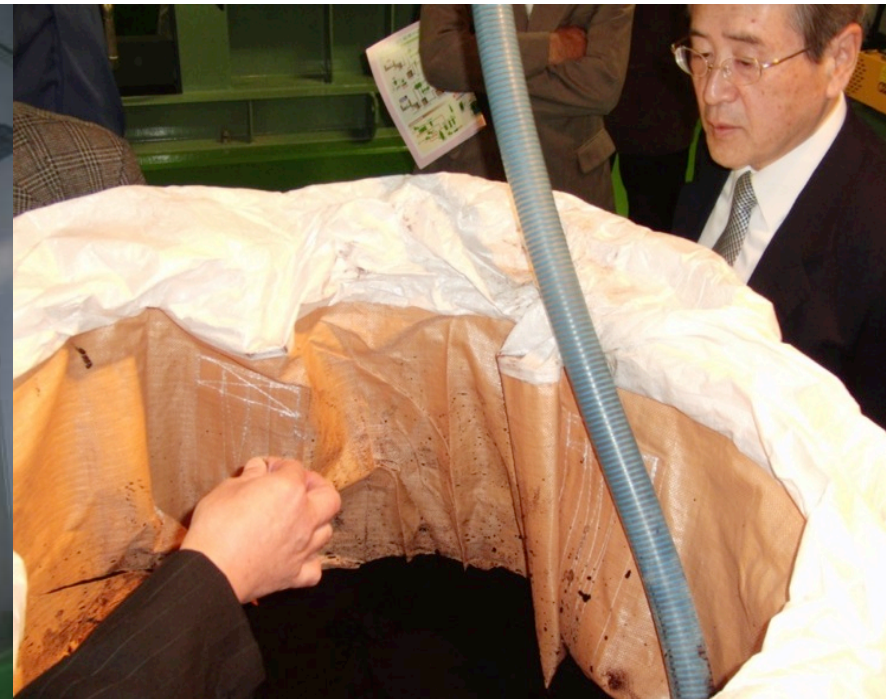
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100-150 t MAP/year

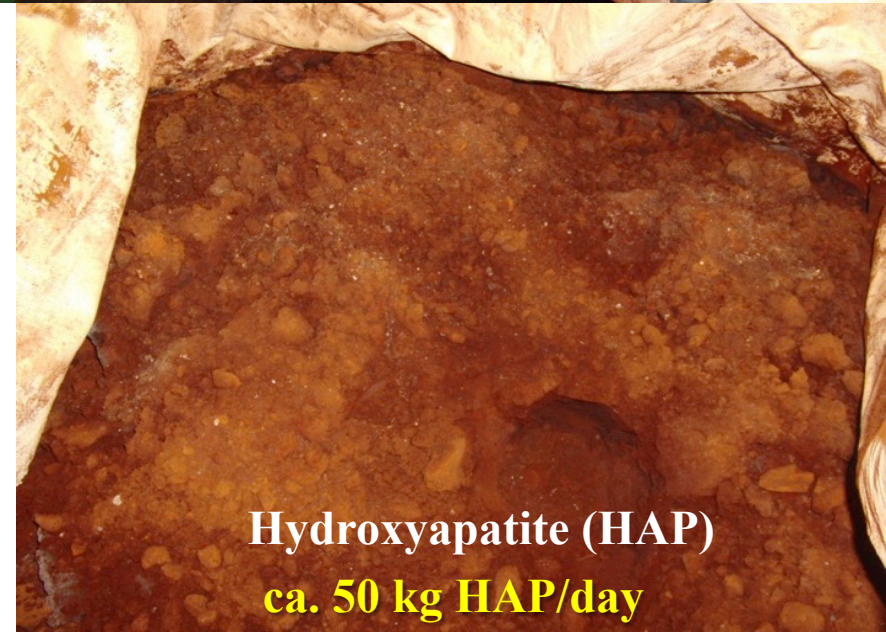


The full-scale plant started running in 1998 at Matsue.



## Crystallizer of HAP process

Capacity 60 m<sup>3</sup>/d (equivalent to 60,000 people)



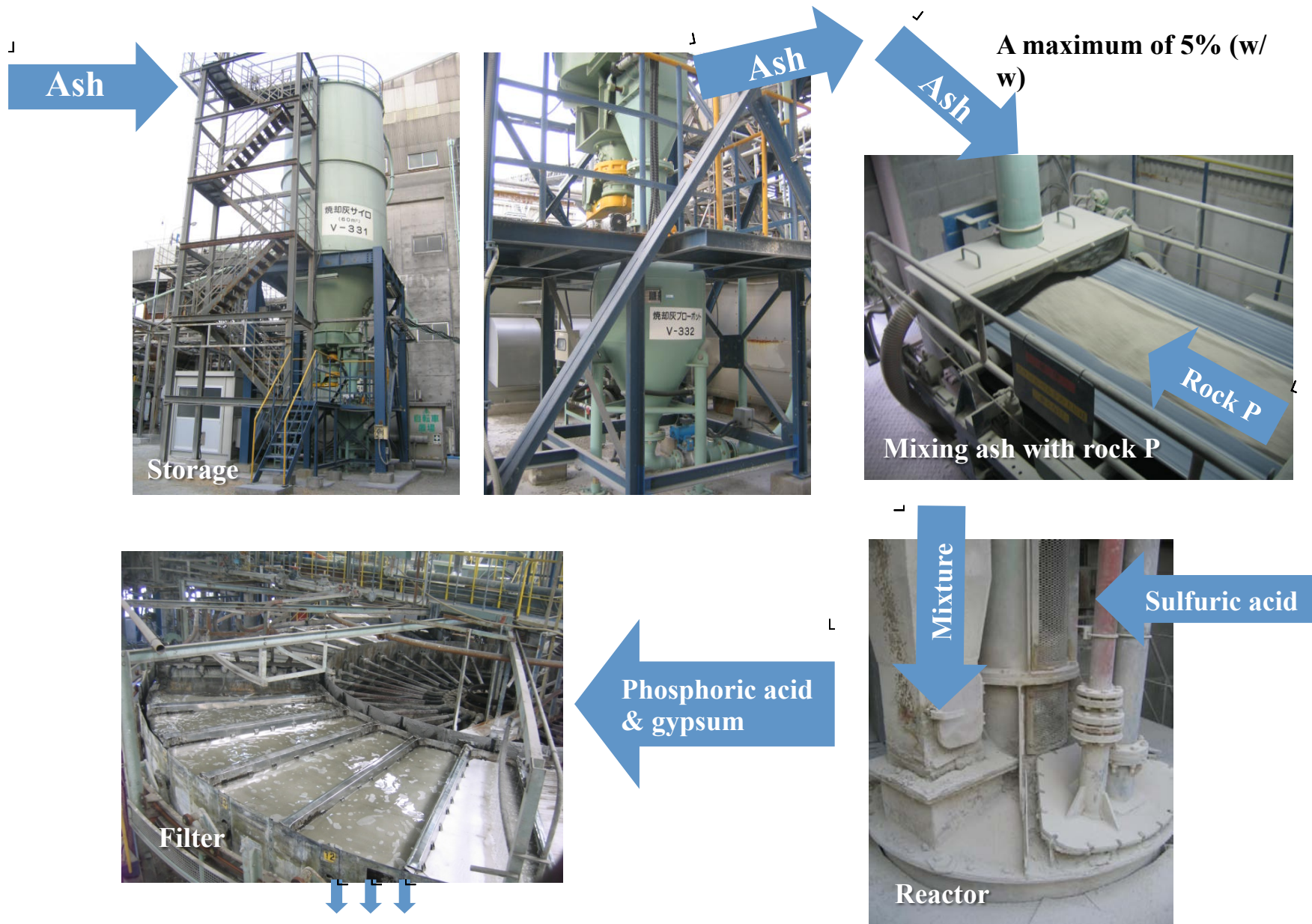
**Plant construction cost**

**50% government subsidy**

**50% municipal bond**



# Phosphoric acid from sludge incineration ash



**Diversify P sources**

**Reduce raw material costs**

# Direct hydration of ethylene to ethanol



Catalyst: phosphoric acid  
300°C 60 atm. JAPAN SYNTHETIC ALCOHOL CO., Ltd.





$P_2O_5 = 29\%$

$CaO = 59\%$

Organic matter = 12%

Recovered P is sold as by-product P fertilizer.



KYOWA HAKKO BIO CO., LTD.



**Meet stringent effluent standards**

**Reduce waste disposal costs\***

**No active policy support**

**No established market**

**Take action without delay**

**Try everything possible**

**Bring benefits to Industry**

- **Tight regulation of waste disposal\***
- **Collaboration among industry, academia, and government (PRPCJ)**
- **Big companies' participation (CSR)**
- **Many SMEs in the fertilizer industry\*\***
- **Government subsidies for technology innovation**

\* Land filling and land application of biosolids are prohibited.

\*\*Principal end users of recovered P.

**MAFF**

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries



**経済産業省**

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry



**MLIT**

Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

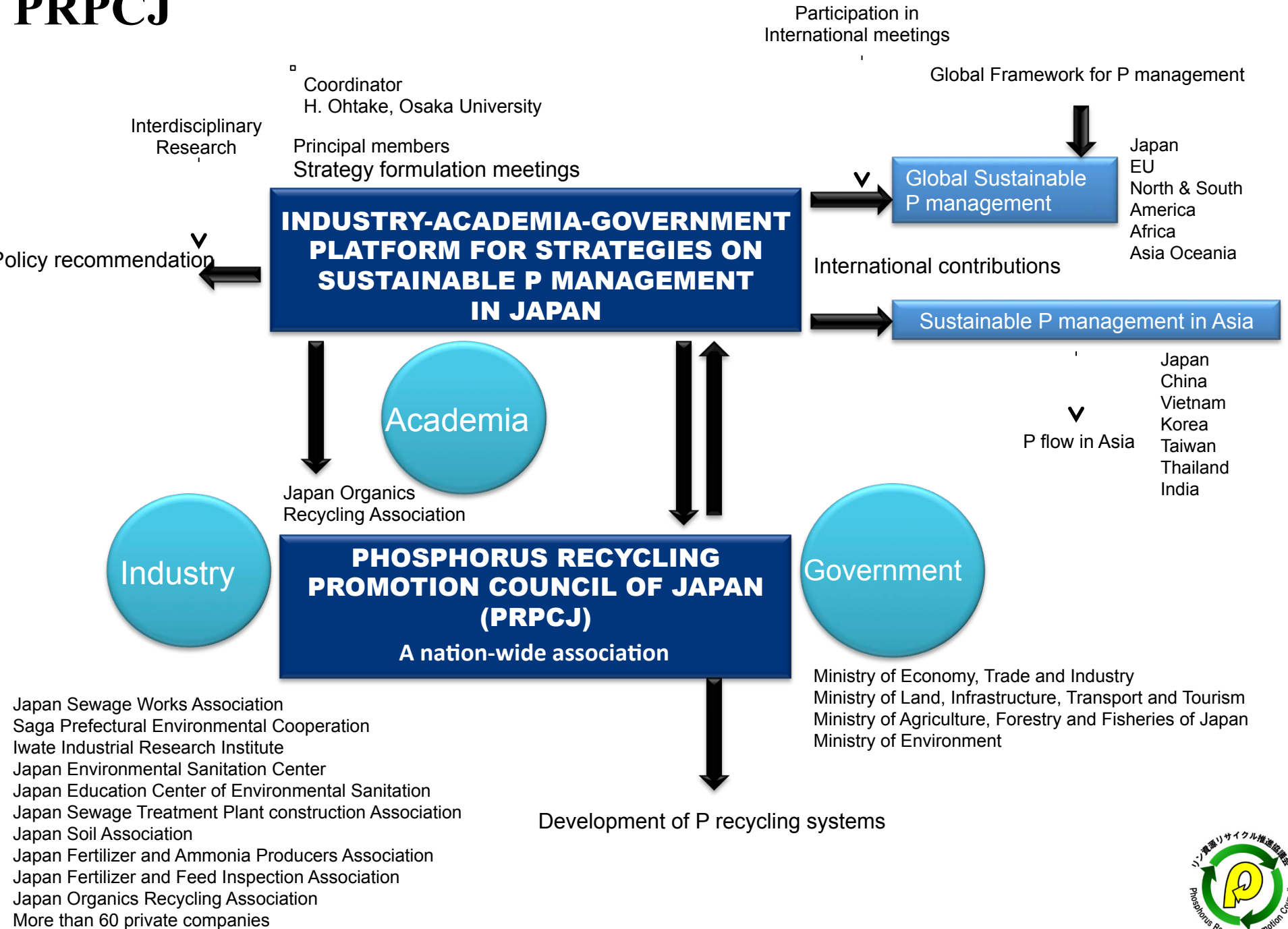


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Government of Japan



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- **Bring together stakeholders**
- **Fill the gaps in knowledge**
- **Provide right information**
- **Raise public awareness**
- **Develop strategy for implementing P recycling**
- **Stimulate research and technology innovation**
- **Promote international cooperation**
- **Cooperate with local governments**
- **Create business opportunities**

- **P recovery from steel-making slag**
- **Low-cost technology for P recovery**
- **Tailor Japan's policy to P recycling society**
- **Raise public awareness**
- **Bring economic benefits to industry**
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# P recovery from steel-making slag

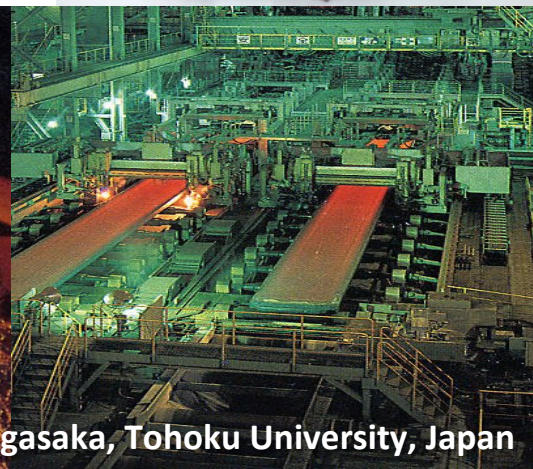
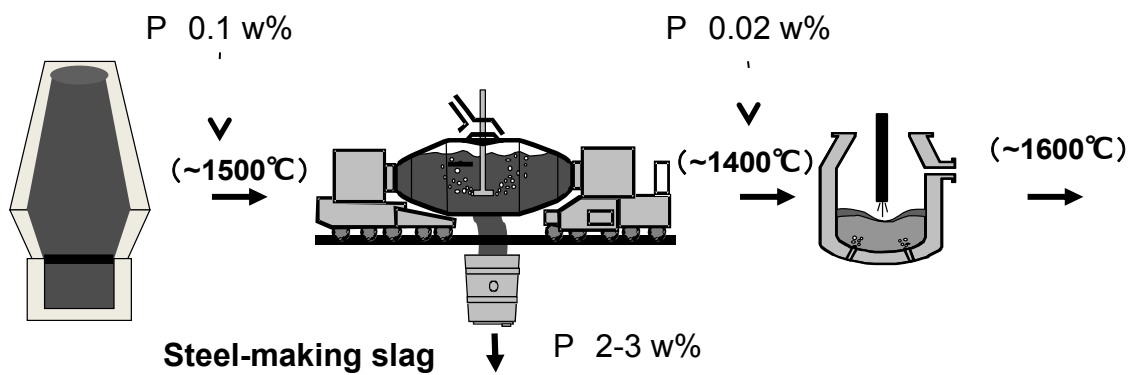


Iron making

Hot metal pretreatment



Basic oxygen steel making

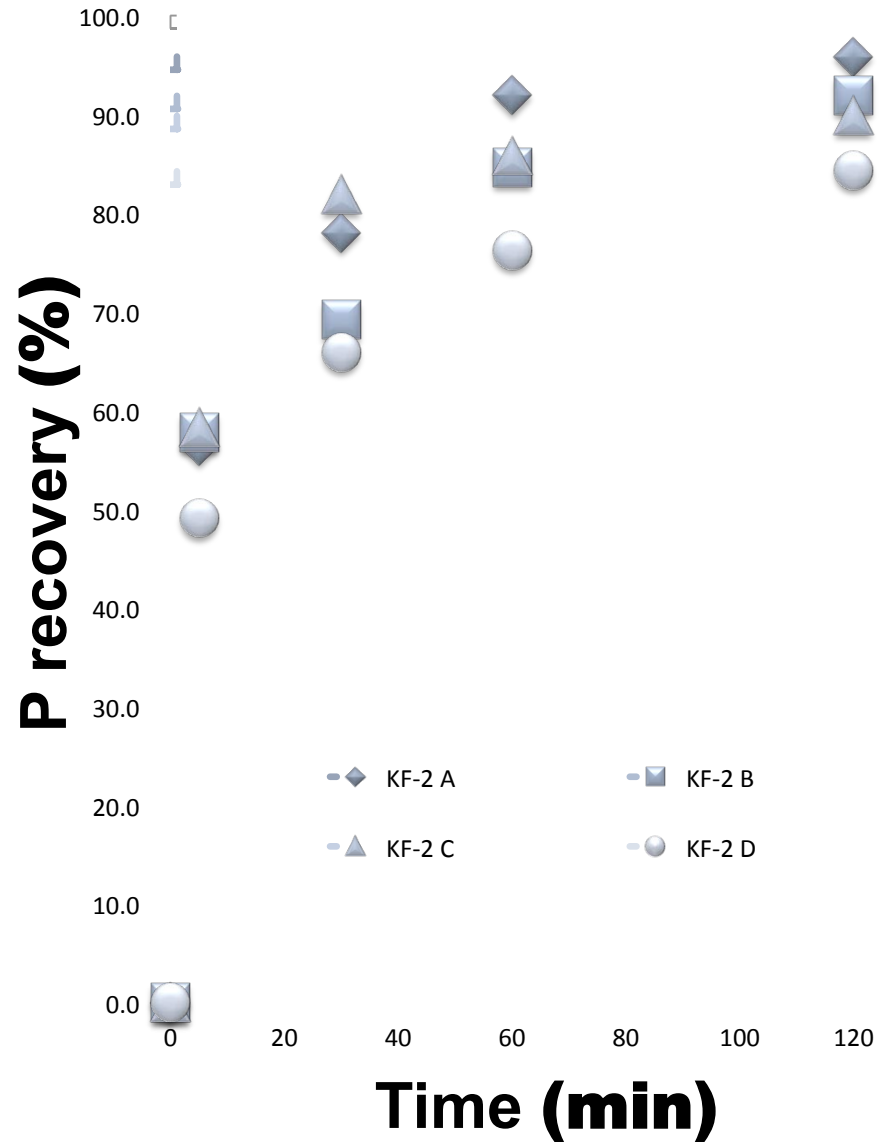
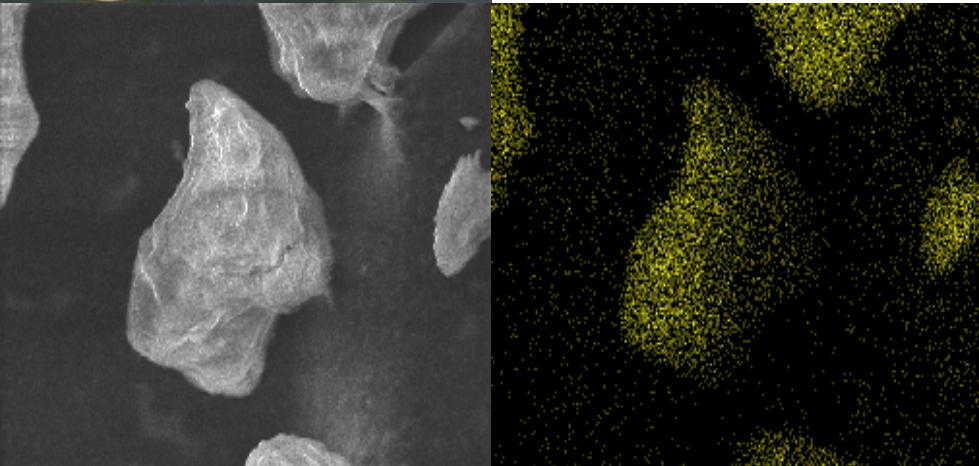
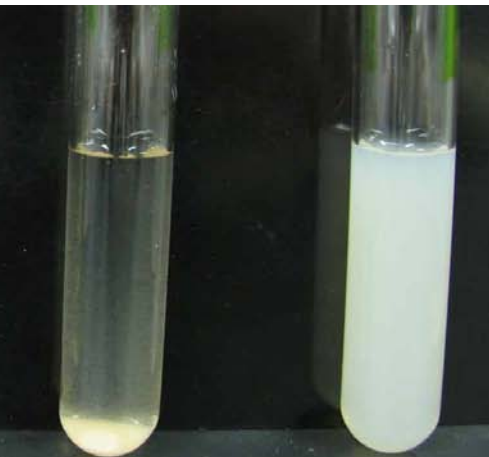


**Global iron ore production = 3.0 bln tn/y**

**P content = 0.03%**

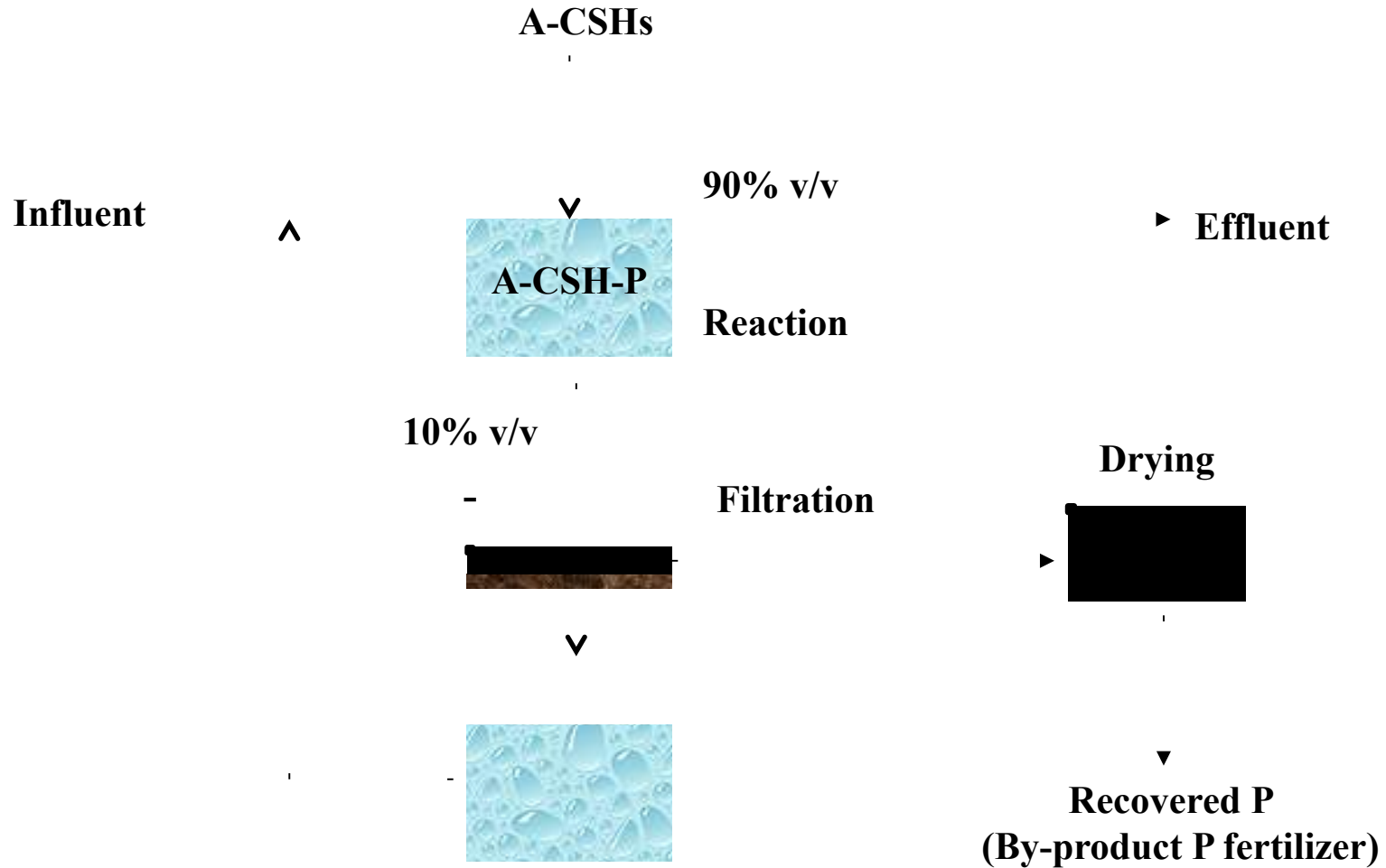
**P in steel-making slag = 1.0 mln tn/y**

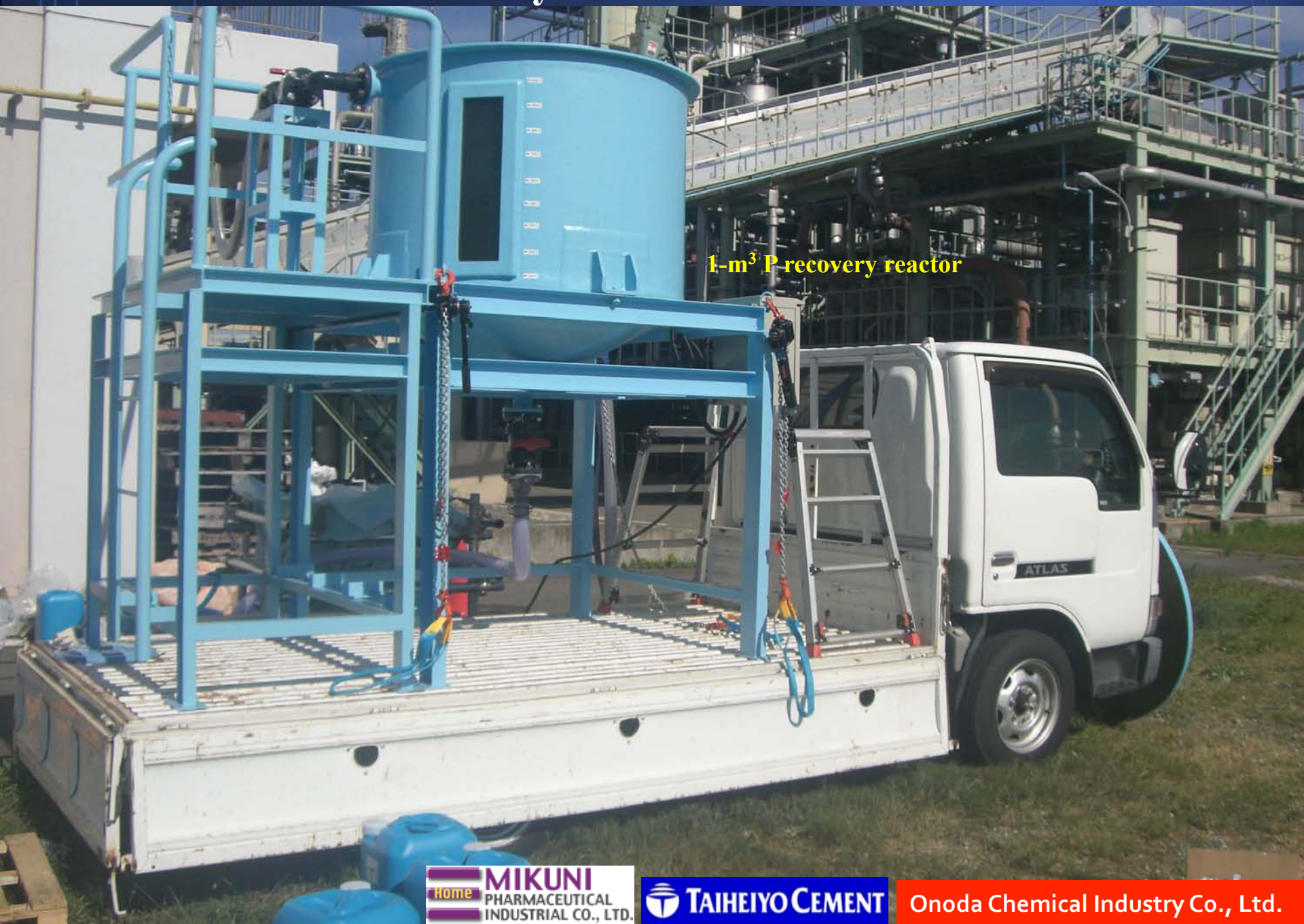
**(global P production = 18.0 mln tn/y)**



N and P contents after P adsorption

	Ca/P = 2	Ca/P = 1.5	Ca/P = 1
N	0.13	0.12	0.19
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	15.6	18.3	22.0





1-m<sup>3</sup> P recovery reactor

UNUSED PHOSPHORUS RESOURCE

Eutrophic lake water and sediments

Sewage sludge and sludge incineration ash

Steel-making slag

Waste from food and fermentation industry

Waste from chemical industry

Garbage and kitchen waste

Agricultural and livestock waste

Waste from high-tech industry

Farmland soil

Low-quality rock phosphate



# PHOSPHATE REFINERY

## QUALITY, QUANTITY, COST, AND MARKET

Yellow phosphorus

Phosphoric acid

Phosphate Refinery is the technology for recovering phosphorus from unused resources .

### SECONDARY PRODUCT

### USE APPLICATION

Surface treatment chemicals

Automobile body  
Steel plate

Etching agent

Computer  
Cellular phone  
Liquid crystal TV



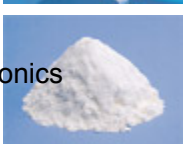
Food additive

Antioxidant  
Flavor enhancer



Flame retardant

Home electronics  
Textile  
Printer



Electronics, Battery

Electric Car Battery  
PC battery



Intermediate of medicine

Antibiotics  
Medicine



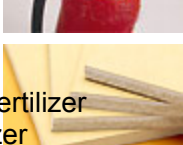
Chemicals, Pesticide

Detergent  
Shampoo



Fertilizer, Feed additive

Phosphate fertilizer  
Mixed fertilizer



Food oil refinery agent

Cooking oil  
Salad oil



- **Steel-making industry (steel-making slag)**
- **Car industry (surface treatment chemicals)**
- **Electronics industry (etching agents)**
- **Food industry (food additives)**
- **Chemical industry (flame retardants)**
- **Alloy industry (exhaust gas)**
- **Fermentation industry (spent culture broth)**
- **Plating industry (plating wastes)**
- **Pharmaceutical industry (chemical wastes)**

(\*): uses, products or wastes

**Industry participation is the key for P recycling.**



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