

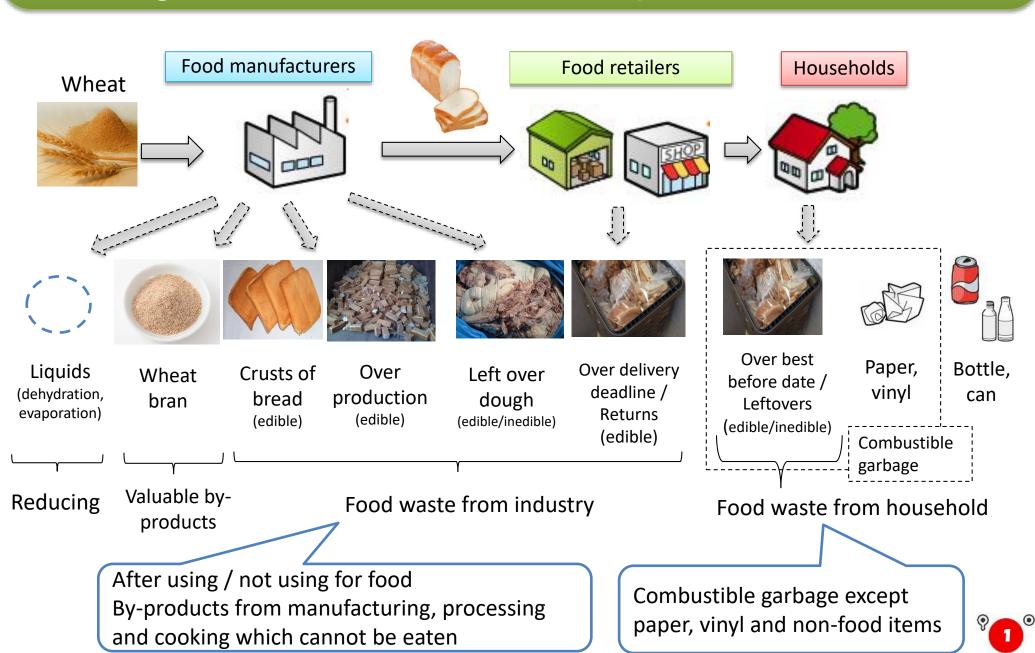
#### Reducing food loss and waste in Japan

- Accounting and Reporting system-

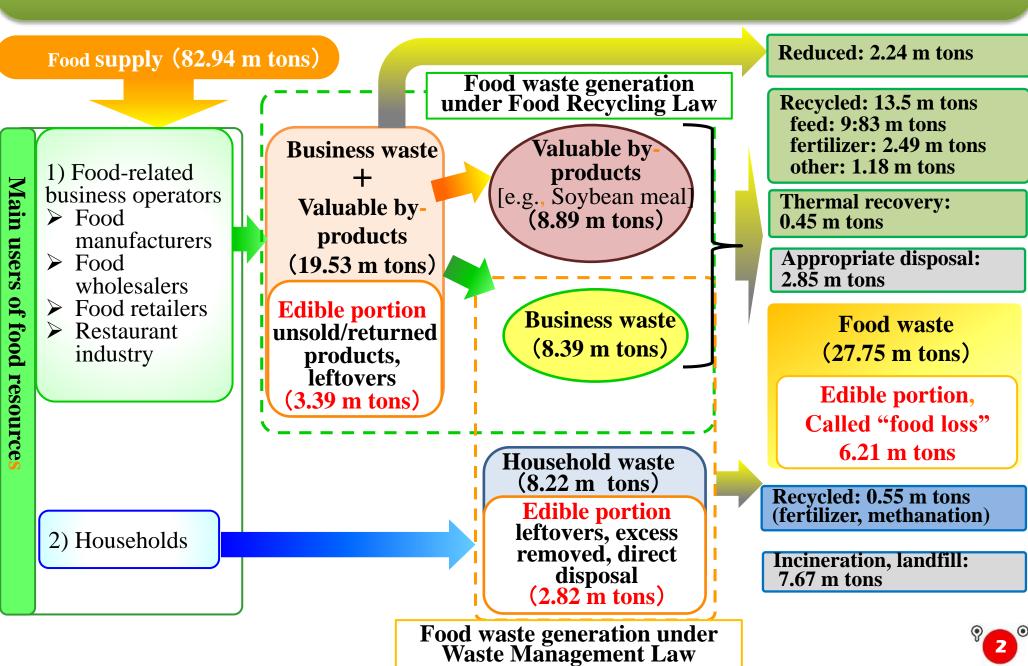
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### Meaning of Food waste / loss in Japan



#### Usage situation of food waste generation (FY2014) < Conceptual diagram>



### Food loss generation in Japan

- ✓ Food loss generated in Japan (6.21 million tons) is about twice the food assistance amount offered by the World Food Program (WFP) for the entire world.
- ✓ Weight of food loss per person per day in Japan is about that of a bowl of rice.

Food loss generation in Japan (FY2014) ( 6.21 million tons )

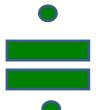
Businesses
Edible portion
( 3.39 million
tons )

Households
Edible portion
( 2.82 million tons )



food assistance amount offered by the World Food Program (WFP) for the entire world (2014):

About 3.20 million tons



Weight of food loss per person per day: About 134g (about that of a bowl of rice)



#### The amount of food business waste (FY2014)

- ✓ The total amount of food waste from the food-related industry was 19.53 million tons (FY2014). Manufacturers accounted for 83% of this.
- ✓ The edible portion of this waste was 3.39 million tons (FY2014).

  Manufacturers accounted for 42%, and restaurants accounted for 35% of this.
  - ◆ Food waste generation
- Restaurants
  1.94Mt(10%)

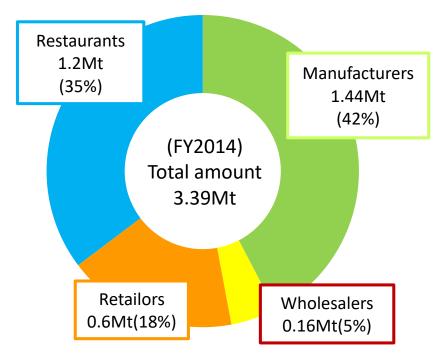
  Retailors
  1.27Mt(7%)

  (FY2014)
  Total amount
  19.53Mt

  Wholesalers
  0.27Mt(1%)

  Manufacturers
  16.06Mt
  (82%)

◆ Edible portion (food loss)



#### Overview of Food Recycling Law (established in 2000, amended in 2007)

# Responsibility of relevant ministers (Minister of the Environment, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, etc.)

#### Formulation of basic policy

- Numerical targets - Measures to promote recycling

#### Development of criteria for food-related businesses

- Criteria for reducing the generation of waste
- Criteria for reducing waste volume Criteria for recycling, etc.

#### **Priorities of initiatives**

- i) Restraining waste generation
- ii) Recycling (highest priority: animal feed)
- iii) Thermal recovery iv) Reduction in weight

#### Recycling rate targets

Food manufacturers (95%) Food wholesalers (70%)

Food retailers (55%) Restaurant industry (50%)



#### **Promotion of 3R**

- •Set <u>targets on food waste reduction for each industry group.</u>
  E.g. Meat product manufacturing industry: 113kg/1 million yen of sales.
- Mandatory regular reporting on the amount of food waste

  From food-related businesses which produce large quantities of food waste (100 tons of food waste or more in the previous year) to the relevant minister
- •Promote recycling in the private sector.
  - Foster recycling business operators through the <u>"Registered Recycling Business"</u>
    Operator System"
  - Formulate good practices (food recycling loop) through the <u>"Recycling Business</u> Plan Approval System"

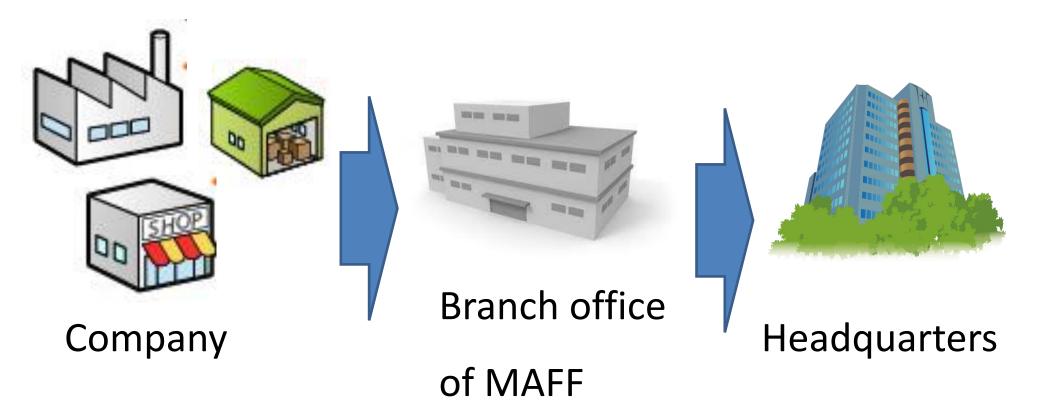
### Role of the national government

- To all food-related business operators
  - Guidance and advice
- To operators of recycling who generate food waste over 100t
  - Advice, announcements, orders, penalties

### Mandatory regulatory reporting categories

- Amounts of food waste
- Volume of production or sales for manufacturers
   Sales for retailers and wholesalers
   Guests in restaurants
- Number (above) per unit
- Amounts of reduction / recycling / thermal / dehydration and evaporation / incineration and landfill
- Recycling rate

### Reporting method



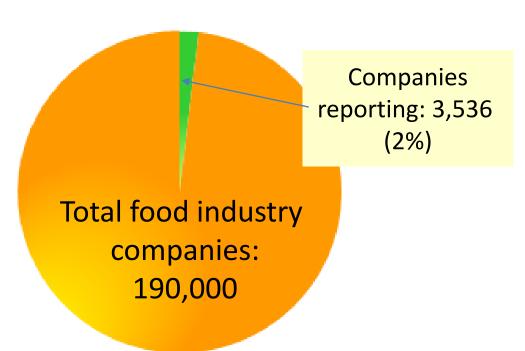
### Recycling rates (2014)

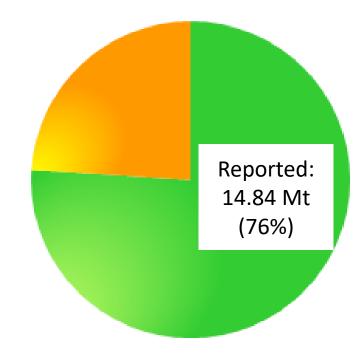
Business Type	rate	Recycling rate (%)									
		, ,	Control of waste generation	( use application )							
				Recycling	Feed	Fertilizer	Others	Heat recovery	Reduction in weight		
Manufacturer	95	95	12	69	76	17	7	2.2	12		
Wholesaler	70	57	9	43	33	45	25	0.6	4		
Retailer	55	46	13	32	43	34	23	0.1	0		
Restaurant	50	24	6	15	23	35	42	0.1	3		
Total		85	12	61	73	18	9	1.9	10		

### Coverage rate in food industry (2014)

> From number of companies

> From amount of waste





Amount of waste from all industries 19.53 Mt



### Targets for the control of food waste generation

Tofu/fried tofu

manufacturers

packed food

manufacturers

Precooked frozen

2,560 kg/1 million yen of sales Cafés

363 kg/1 million yen of sales Fast food stores

■ Targets for the control of food waste generation (April 2014 - March 2019)											
Business type	Target	Business type	Target	Business type	Target						
Meat product manufacturers	113 kg/1 million yen of sales	Prepared food manufacturers	2		108 kg/1 million yen of sales						
Milk/dairy product manufacturers		Sushi/lunchbox/sandwich smanufacturers	224 kg/1 million yen of sales	Takeout/delivery food service (other than school lunch, etc.)	184 kg/1 million yen of sales						
Canned/bottled seafood manufacturers		Food/drink wholesalers ( mainly drinks )	14.8 kg/1 million ven of sales	Wedding halls	0.826 kg/ 1 person (user)						
Pickled vegetable manufacturers	668 kg/1 million yen of sales	Various food retailers	65.6 kg/1 million yen of sales	Hotels	0.777 kg/1 person (user)						
Miso manufacturers	191 kg/1 million yen of sales	Snack/bread retailers	106 kg/1 million yen of sales		( July 2015 )						
Soy sauce manufacturers	895 kg/1 million yen of sales	Convenience stores	44.1 kg/1 million yen of sales	Ruginess type	Target						
Sauce manufacturers		Diners/restaurants (mainly offering noodles)	175 kg/1 million yen of sales	1	501 kg/1 ton of sales						
Bread manufacturers	Diners/restaurants (other than those mainly offering noodles)		152 kg/1 million yen of sales		252 kg/1 million yen of sales						
NT 11	270 kg/1 million	noodles)	152 kg/1 million	Confectionary	249 kg/1 million yen of sales						
Noodle manufacturers	yen of sales	Bars, etc.	yen of sales		429 kg/1 ton of						

yen of sales

product

332 kg/1 million

manufacturers

School lunch and

hospital food, etc.

yen of sales

yen of sales

108 kg/1 million

108 kg/1 million

### The way for estimating the amount of edible FLW

#### Industry

Ministry of agriculture Companies

- Questionnaire about
   Method of measuring the edible/inedible
   amount of food loss waste (FLW)
- Calculating the ratio of edible portion by each industry group

#### Households

Ministry of environment





and waste from combustible waste.



Municipality

(grasp & estimate)



Use the answer



Municipality

(not grasp & estimate)



Use the estimation data from the remaining data & its combustible waste

Amount of the edible FLW

Total FLW x ratio of edible portion)

+

Industry group

 $\sum$ 

Municipality

(FLW from combustible household waste)



### Underway Project for detail survey for mandatory report

#### Industry

Present target

Edible Inedible part part

Total amount in Business category

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#### Survey for setting target of edible part

- Definition and range of edible part
- Measurement for separating edible / inedible part
- Obtain the problem in measuring

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#### Investigate and examine the target

- Select business category for setting target
- Investigate the target by business category

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#### Household

No food-related target

◆ Only reducing total amount of garbage

#### Research the situation in local government

Grasping edible part by investigating garbage composition



Improve the accuracy by increasing local government



Edible Inedible part part

Set a new target for edible part



### Proposal to APEC MEs

#### Discuss the definition of

- food loss and waste (edible / inedible)
- measurement method (extraction survey / regular report)
- range of reducing action (which method can be counted?)

<animal feed / fertilizer / anaerobic digestion / thermal usage>

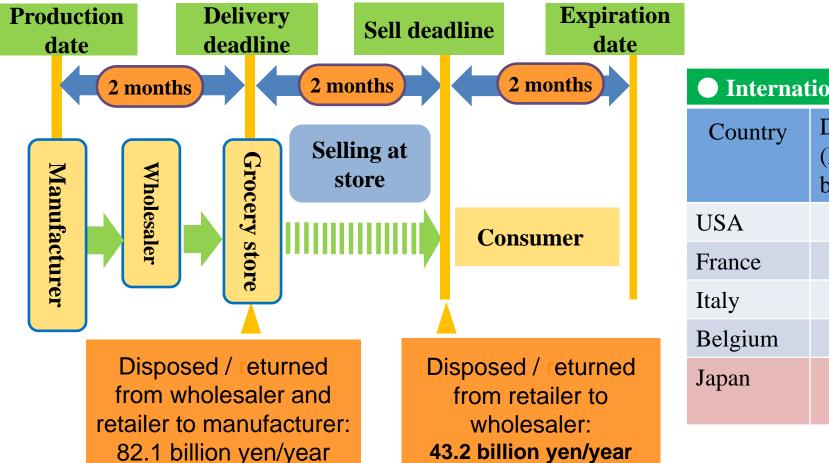
Discuss the base year for the target



### Efforts in the food industry (1) Review of delivery deadline

✓ The so-called "one-third rule" is one of the factors that create food loss.

Conceptual diagram of deadline set by the "one-third rule" (in the case of a six-month expiration date )



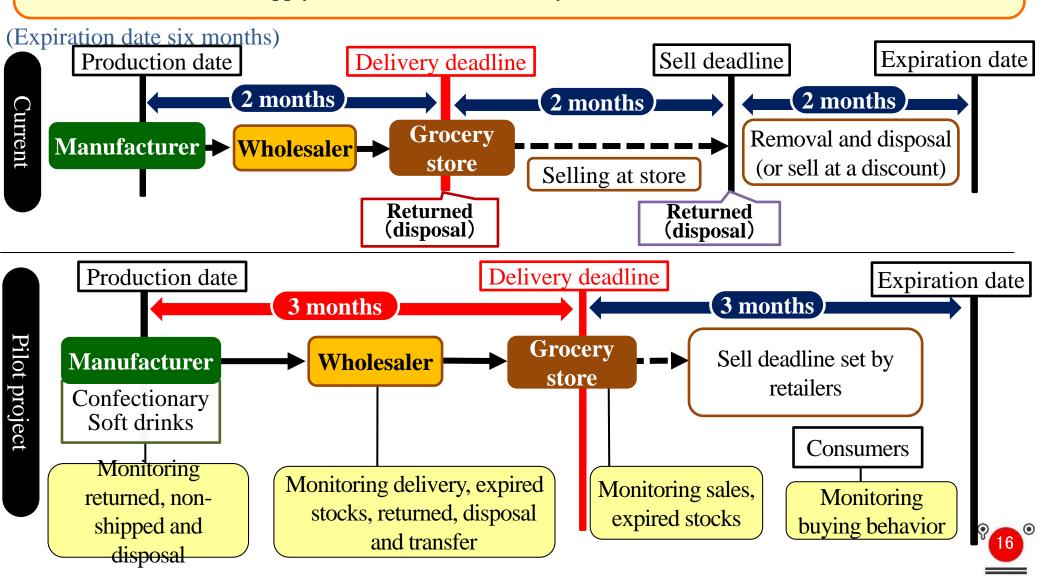
Country
Delivery deadline (Expiration date base)

USA
Leaving 1/2
France
1/3
Italy
1/3
Belgium
1/3
Japan
Leaving 2/3 on average



### Efforts in the food industry (1) Review of delivery deadline

- ✓ Modified delivery deadline for soft drinks and confectionaries in trial projects.
- ✓ Total food loss in the supply chain decreased drastically.



### Efforts in the food industry (2) Review of Expiration date

#### **Extending the expiration date**

OJanuary 2009 – October 2013

Extended for 958 items

ONovember 2013 – October 2014

Extended for 199 items

ONovember 2014 – October 2015

Extended for 163 items

OFuture plans

Extended for 587 items



Instant noodles in bag packaging

Expiration date: six months is eight months

Instant noodles in cup packaging

Expiration date: five months six months

# Changing display from expiration date to expiration month

OJanuary 2009 – October 2013

Switched for 50 items

ONovember 2013 – October 2014

Switched for 159 items

ONovember 2014 – October 2015

Switched for 115 items

OFuture plans

Switched for 107 items



#### **Before**

Best before: January 24, 2019



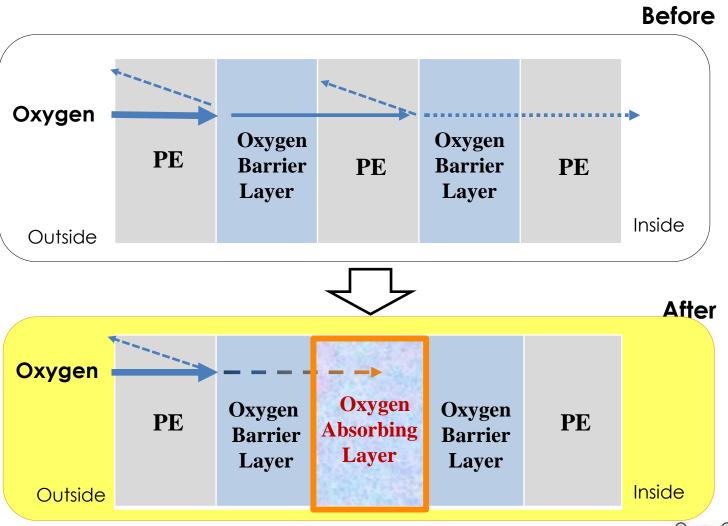
After

Best before: January 2019

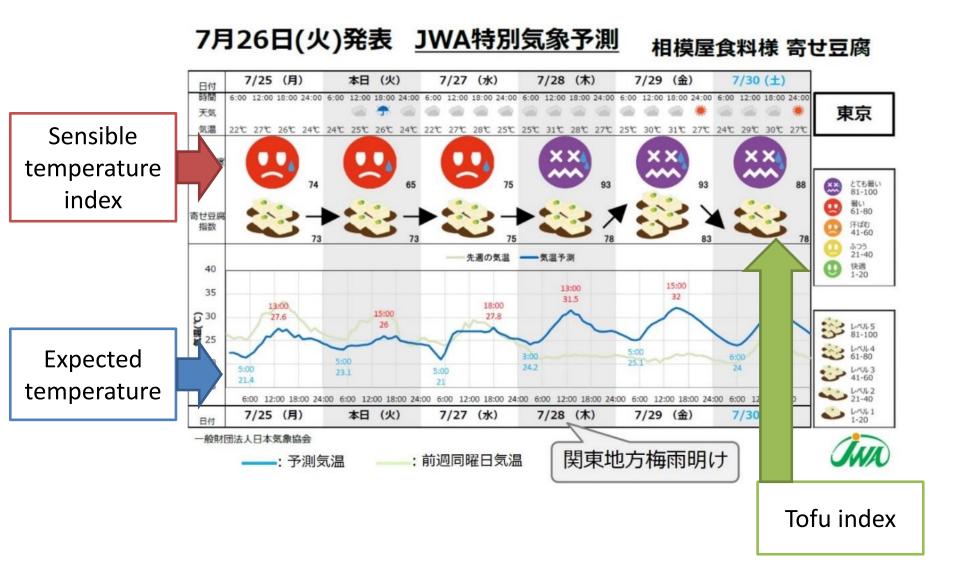
### Efforts in the food industry (3) Improved packaging

✓ By using a bottle with high oxygen barrier properties, the expiration date of mayonnaise can be extended from seven to twelve months.



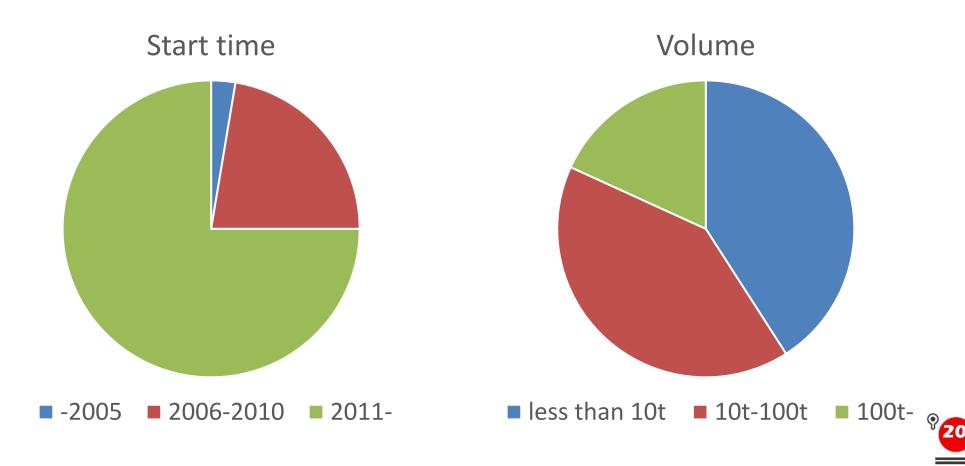


### Collaboration with weather data companies



### Food bank activity in Japan

- ✓ Effectively utilize food as much as possible by donating food to welfare facilities.
- ✓ Donated food consists of mislabeled food, dented cans, products nearing expiration, etc.
- ✓ In Japan, there are about 80 food bank organizations
- ✓ They have a relatively short history. (The first one started operations in 2002)



### Guideline for food bank activity

#### Contents

- ◆Rule on providing and donating
- ◆Rule-making with stakeholders
- ◆Quality and hygiene management
- ◆Record and share information

### Promotion of "NO-FOODLOSS PROJECT"

#### ~ NO-FOODLOSS PROJECT ~



- ✓ Both the public and private sectors are promoting the NO-FOODLOSS PROJECT to raise public awareness and encourage action by supporting activities in each stage of the food chain.
- ✓ Japan publicizes its activities to the world as the origin of the *mottainai* (a sense of regret concerning waste) philosophy.

## [ Manufacturers / Distributors / Retailers ]

- · Test project for reviewing commercial customs
- · Support of food bank activities
- · Mottainai campaign

#### [Restaurants]

- · Ask for "no leftovers"
- · Change serving sizes
- · Promoting doggy bag usage



Raise public consciousness and encourage action

#### (Households / Consumers)

Strategic communication by stores, mass media, SNS, etc.

(E.g. Promote understanding of expiration date labeling, environmentally friendly cooking)

Promote useful and effective use of resources across the entire food chain.



### Collaboration with Loss-non

Use at sales storefronts for household appliances and in sales catalogs







Posting in the beverage sales area





Set up on tabletops in the employee cafeteria to call attention to the "*Tabekiri* (finish the food) movement"







# Thank you

