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# Introduction of TBM

Innovative Sustainable Material Mainly Made from Limestone  
And Material Circulation

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# Company Introduction

Company Name	TBM Co., Ltd.
Established	August 2011
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CEO	Nobuyoshi Yamasaki
No. of employee	313 *as of December 2023
Capital	100 million yen *including capital reserve of 12,035,460,000 yen
Business	Develop ecological materials and promote material circulation.



Tohoku LIMEX Factory (Tagajo City, Miyagi Prefecture)



Yokosuka Circular Factory (Yokosuka City, Kanagawa Prefecture)

# Business Introduction

To realize a decarbonized, recycling-oriented society, we encourage using new environmentally friendly materials and promote resource recycling of waste plastics and

## Carbon Neutral

## Resource Circulation

- Purchasing and recycling of valuable plastic
- Recycling plant operation for LIMEX and plastic recycling
- Providing resource recycling platform "Maar"

## LIMEX

- Research and development of sustainable materials
- Manufacturing of sustainable materials and products
- Delivering sustainable materials and products

## Circular Economy



**LIMEX**



# What is LIMEX ?

LIMEX is an inorganic filler composite material, which can be used as **plastic and paper alternatives**.

CaCO<sub>3</sub> (Limestone) 50%≦



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Plastic Resin



LIMEX Pellet



LIMEX Sheet



**Blown Film Molding**

- Shopping Bag
- Waste Bag



**Thermoforming**

- Food Container
- Cup



**Injection Molding**

- Daily Goods
- Industrial Goods



**Extrusion Molding**

- Sheet
- Film



**Blow Molding**

- Bottle
- Tube



**Spunbond**

- Bag

# Why Limestone?

Abundant natural  
resource worldwide



Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

Economical and  
stable price

Limestone

# Environmental Impact of LIMEX

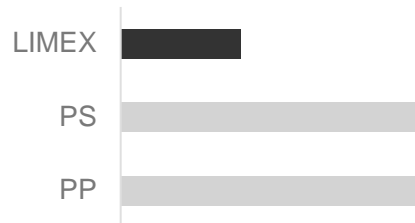


## As alternative to plastic

Reduce oil consumption



Plastic consumption



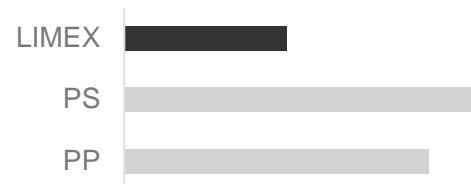
\* Per kg (PS=100)

Reduce GHG emissions



GHG emissions \* 1

Raw material sourcing ~ incineration  
(production of final product is excluded)



\*Functional Unit/System Boundary

1 kg pellets

Evaluation of raw material procurement (including pelletizing), material transportation, product transportation, and disposal process

Assumed that disposal process is incineration as general waste

Product manufacturing is omitted since it depends on molding processes

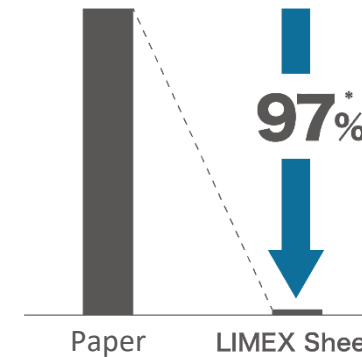


## As alternative to paper

Reduce water consumption



Water consumption at manufacturing



Save Forest



Manufactured using 100% renewable energy



\*1 Simplified LCA conducted by TBM Co., Ltd. (2020) | Calculation Method Life Cycle Inventory | Inventory Database: LCI Database IDEA version 2.3 (2019/12/27), National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, Safety and Scientific Research Department and Society and Research Laboratory for IDEA, SuMPO (Sustainable Management Promotion Organization) | Impact Assessment Method: Climate change IPCC 2013 GWP 100a \*2 Water use divided by the production volume(weight) during the trial production period of 2022 at Tagajo Plant | Source: Japan Paper Association, "New Water Usage Intensity per 1 ton of Paper and Paperboard Please note that these are estimates for reference only and the values may change depending on the recipe, manufacturing conditions, and the data availability.

# Introduction Cases

More than **10,000** companies and municipalities use various LIMEX materials and products.



Poster



Folder



Menu



POP



Waste Bag



Business Card



Guide Map



Backlight Film



# Global Symbolic Cases of LIMEX

Recognized for its environmental benefits, LIMEX was adopted by LVMH group's cosmetic brands and Big C, a supermarket run by a Thai conglomerate



JCDcaux(FR)/ Backlit Signage



Liwayway VN/ Flexible Packaging



KENDO(LVMH)/ Lipstick package



SEVENTEEN(KR)/ Poster



BigC(Thai)/ Basket



Emami Ltd(India)/ Bottle



Thien Long(VN)/ Pen



BioTech(VN)/ Stand Pouch

# The Next-Generation LIMEX (CR LIMEX)

TBM succeeded to develop “Next-Generation LIMEX” using emission gas CO<sub>2</sub> as raw material with **CCU** technology and presented at Davos.



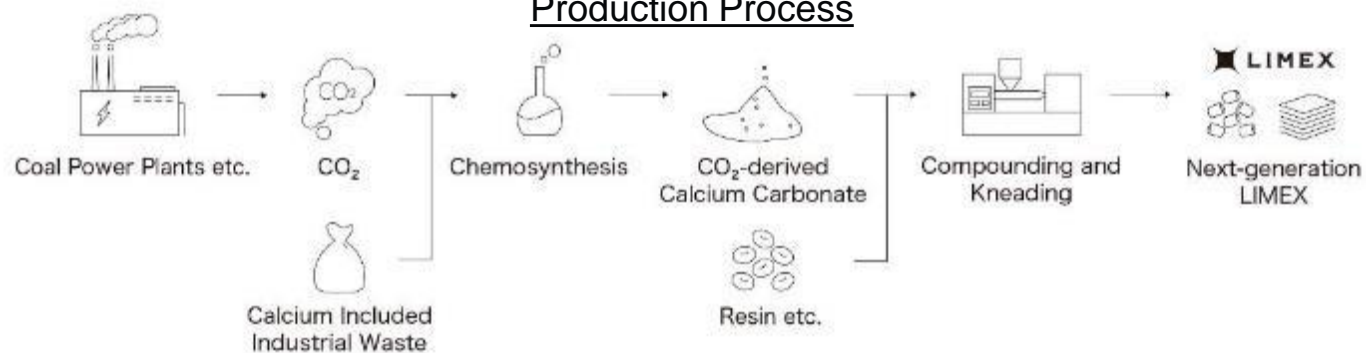
CO<sub>2</sub> gas emission from industries



Next-Generation LIMEX(made from CO<sub>2</sub>)



Production Process



Supported by:







# Material Circulation

# Material Circulation Business in TBM

We promote material circulation from multiple perspectives such as trading plastics and the recycling factory operations.



## 01 Trading waste plastics

Matching business (trading) of waste plastics discharged from business establishments.



## 02 Material circulation digital platform

Visualize traceability and environmental impact by DX. Support efficient procurement and buying/selling of recycled plastics



## 03 Recycling factory

### Mechanical recycling factory operation

We recycle plastic (PP, PE, PS, etc) and LIMEX in mechanical recycling factory. The construction of the factory was completed in November 2022 by collaborating with sorting machine manufacturer in Europe.

Recycling record in Japan is **17,000 tons/year**.



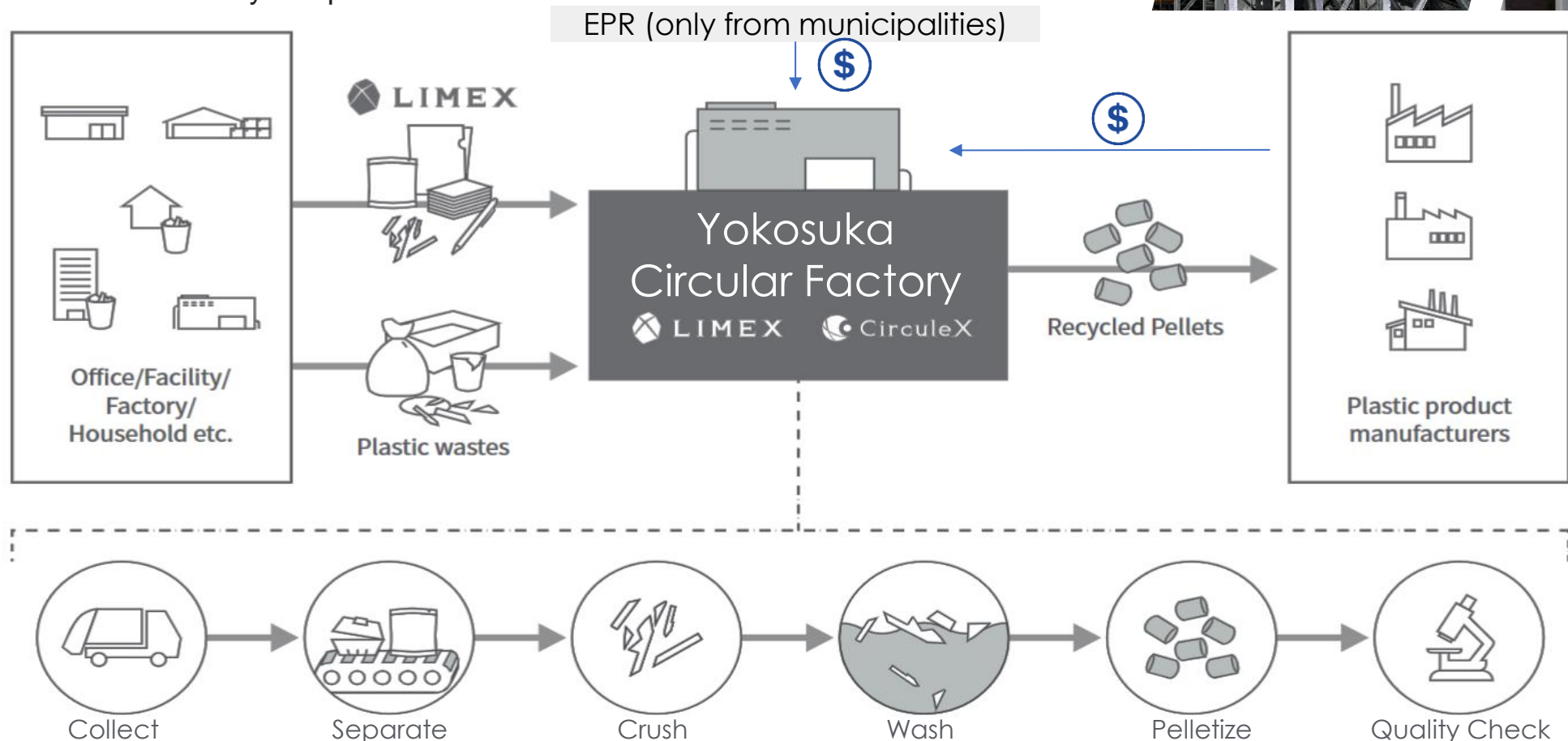
## 04 Development of final product

Develop high-added value final products as a material manufacturer



# Yokosuka Circular Factory | Business Model

The world's first plant to collect and auto-select general-purpose plastics (PP, PE, PS, etc.) and LIMEX for recycling was completed in November 2022. **Double income model:** processing fee and sales of recycled pellets.



# Yokosuka Circular Factory | Processes

Maximum Reception of plastics : 40,000 tons/year

Maximum production of Pellet : 24,000 tons/year

## Sorting



PP, PE, PS were sorted automatically by using European technology. In addition to general purpose plastics, **LIMEX** can be also sorted.

## Crushing & Washing



Sorted plastics are crushed and washed. In addition, they are separated depending on their specific gravity in this process.

## Pelletizing



There are five pelletizing lines. An automatic self-cleaning screen changer can remove contaminants.

# LIMEX Closed-loop recycling

Used LIMEX products (park guides and cups) were collected and recycled into the bakery and employee cafeteria trays.

USE

PELLETIZE

REMAKE

REUSE



Used LIMEX products are collected from customers at Adventure World



Food Tray



Recycled LIMEX pellets are molded at our partner company in Wakayama and recycled.



Used as food trays in the park



Used as trays in the company cafeteria



# Resource Recycling Council (RRC)

TBM launched the Resource Recycling Council (RRC) as an organizer.



Together with more than 190 members from corporates, startups, financial institutions, experts, and local governments etc. Former vice ministers participate as directors and council members. The RRC will carry out policy recommendation and social implementation of the circular economy.

## Board Members



**糸谷 祥輝**  
Senior corporate officer of TOPPAN



**金子 文雄**  
President of DAIEI KANKYO, a major recycling company



**坂田 英人**  
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Chief Sustainability Officer, EY Japan



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New business developer



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CEO of TBM







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# We will realize the “Sustainability Revolution”

Our future we want doesn't just come.

No matter how we predict the future, the future we want will not come.

Only when we take on a challenge with strong will to create the future, we can reach the future we want.

We have experienced the agricultural revolution, industrial revolution, and digital information revolution. The AI revolution is coming next.

So, what is coming after these?

We believe, the “Sustainability Revolution” is coming ... moreover, we have to make it happen.

It is our mission to lead the next coming revolution.

Nobuyoshi Yamasaki,  
Representative director, CEO



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