

ISSUE

TOKYO — Japan's five-year commitment period to **trim down** greenhouse **Gas emissions** under the Kyoto Protocol began on Tuesday as industries, households, and transport and other sectors increase energy-saving efforts to **curb global warming**.

To meet the target, Japan plans to rely on **forest absorption** for a cut of 3.8% and the **acquisition** of emissions credits from broad for a reduction of 1.6%, meaning that the country would effectively be obliged to cut domestic emissions by 0.6%. The six **greenhouse gases** covered by the Kyoto Protocol are carbon dioxide, methane, dinitrogen monoxide, hydrofluorocarbon, perfluorocarbon and sulfur hexafluoride.

Vocabulary

trim down
gas emissions
curb
global warming
forest absorption
acquisition
greenhouse gasses

Comprehension Questions

1. What is a Kyoto Protocol?
2. What will Japan do to meet the target?
3. What are the six greenhouse gases covered by the Kyoto Protocol?



Express Yourself

- 1 What is your idea about Global warming?
2. What causes Global warming?
3. Do you think forest absorption is enough to save us from being cooked in our own planet?
4. As an individual, how can you help prevent Global warming from getting worse?