

Response to Adverse Effects on Health Caused by Living Environment

Environmental factors that are damaging to human health, such as air pollution, indoor environments or chemical ingredients in food or cutlery nowadays raise serious concerns. Various health-care projects and research are being conducted in order to prevent adverse effects on human health.

Subsidization of Medical Expenses

The TMG subsidizes the medical expenses for those who are under 18 years old and suffer illnesses that are believed to be caused by air pollution, such as bronchial asthma, asthmatic bronchitis, pulmonary emphysema, or chronic bronchitis, and meet certain requirements such as having lived in Tokyo for a year or longer (six months or longer if the person is under 3 years old).

For those whose birth date is before April 1, 1997 and who have a valid medical treatment coupon, the TMG subsidizes the medical expenses.

Chemical Exposure Research

One of the main pathways for intake of chemicals by human beings is said to be through food. Surveys aiming to prevent damage to health are implemented to establish the estimated daily intake of dioxin, heavy metals, radioactive substances and others through meals.

Measures for "Sick House" Syndrome

The TMG receives many inquiries concerning the chemical materials used in homes and buildings. The TMG provides information and consultation on chemical substances in residential homes to improve indoor environments.

Sick House: The name given to the detrimental health effects of caused by chemical substances, mold or mites and other allergen contained in residential buildings, which cause irritation to the eyes/nose/skin, or headaches and sickness.

Research for Adverse Effect of Air Pollution on Human Health

The TMG conducts research to establish the relationship between air pollution and asthmatic symptoms and possible health damages caused by photochemical smog.

Health Checkups for Asbestos-related Health Disorder

Public Health Centers in Tokyo offer health consultation regarding disorders that it is suspected are caused by asbestos. Related bureaus cooperate to provide the latest Asbestos-relat-

Measures for Allergic Diseases

ed information on their websites.

The TMG promotes comprehensive measures based on the "Measures for Allergic Diseases Promotion Plan".

It provides lectures for patients and their families and training for staff of childcare centers, etc. on emergency responses. It also distributes comprehensive information on allergic diseases via the portal site "Tokyo Allergy Information Website", which contains information on basic knowledge of diseases, training materials, emergency response manual, medical institutions, etc.

Furthermore, it strives to establish a network of medical institutions providing medical services for allergic diseases so that a person with an allergic disease can receive appropriate medical care according to his/her conditions, and to improve the quality of medical care staff by providing training, etc.

Comprehensive Hay Fever Prevention

In order to prevent the development of hay fever and alleviate its symptoms, the TMG observes and analyzes the situation of pollen dispersal mainly for cedar and Japanese cypress continu-

ously and provides information on the start date and quantity of pollen dispersal through the Internet.

In addition, a booklet titled "Clipping Note on Hay Fever" has been distributed to spread knowledge on preventing hay fever and on its treatment.





Radiation Measurement System and Promoting Dissemination of Information

OMeasuring Air Radiation Dose

Monitoring posts installed in eight locations in Tokyo continue to measure the air radiation dose.

The TMG also supports measurement efforts by municipalities by lending measuring devices and offering technical advice.

OConducting Inspections of Radioactive Materials in Foodstuffs

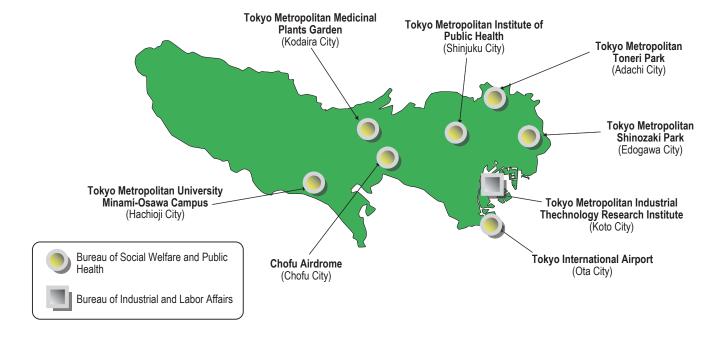
Monitoring inspection is conducted for foodstuffs distributed in Tokyo, with a primary focus on foodstuffs that residents consume daily and those that children consume on a continuous basis.

OPromoting Dissemination of Information

Measurement and inspection results regarding radiation are consistently disclosed on the website.

Information is also provided in English for foreigners.

Monitoring Posts Installed in Tokyo



Securing Environmental Sanitation

The TMG monitors and supervises business facilities used by many people such as entertainment facilities, hotels or public baths and public facilities such as water utilities to secure environmental sanitation.

Securing Environmental Sanitation at Business Facilities

The TMG handles approval/licensing of business facilities such as barbers, beauty salons, dry cleaners, entertainment facilities (movie theaters or theaters), hotels, public baths or pool facilities, as well as monitoring and supervision including on-site inspections.

Securing Environmental Sanitation at Specified Buildings

The TMG monitors and supervises the air environment, water supply/drainage management and other items of buildings exceeding a certain size, when such buildings are used as offices and retail stores.

Approval/Licensing and Monitoring/Supervision for the Use of Hot Spring Water

The TMG issues business licenses to facilities using hot spring water as well as conducting monitoring and supervision for such facilities. It also monitors and supervises the registration of organizations conducting component analysis of hot spring water

Drinking Water Safety

The TMG secures the safety of drinking water by conducting monitoring and guidance, and water quality inspection at water utilities. It also provides technical and financial support for small water utilities businesses.

Consultation and Supervision of Mice/Hygiene Pests

The TMG is raising awareness of appropriate pest control methods and provides consultation to Tokyo residents in order to prevent damage caused by mice or other unhygienic pests.

Prevention Measures for Legionnaires' Disease

In order to prevent the infection of Legionnaires' disease by users of public baths, Japanese-style inns, pools, etc. the TMG monitors, supervises, and provides advice on the sanitation management of circulation-type bathtubs and other facilities.

Animal Welfare and Management

In recent years, the number of animals such as dogs and cats being kept and bred as pets are increasing. At the same time, lack of moral has led to various problems related to pets. In addition, as the connections between people and animals grow closer, the prevention of animal-derived infectious diseases (zoonosis) such as rabies and highly-pathogenic avian influenza is becoming increasingly important.

Based on the "Animal Welfare and Management Promotion Plan", the TMG is steadily advancing measures with the aim of realizing a well-balanced cohabitation between humans and animals.

Reducing the Number of Collected Animals/Increasing the Number of Animal Adoption

The TMG aims to reduce the number of animals we collect and make the put-to-sleep-animals number to be zero. We work for this goal through various measures including the education of residents on the correct way to foster a pet throughout its life and supporting to deal with stray cats in municipalities. Furthermore, in order to increase opportunities for rescued and collected animals to be adopted, we work on this in various ways such as hosting PR events in November as the "promotion month for adoption", providing information on the adoption opportunities through a new Tokyo Metropolitan animals information website "Wan-Nyan Tokyo", fostering and finding new homes for pre-weaning kittens in partnership with volunteers and supplying the necessary goods to organizations that assist the adoption of injured animals.

Animal Welfare Promoters

As of October 1, 2021, there are 297 commissioned animal welfare promoters. The animal welfare promoters provide advice as well as support the promotion of animal welfare and appropriate animal feeding in the communities.

Restrictions on Animal Handling Business

The TMG implements registration of animal-handling businesses including those engaged in the sale, custody, training and display of animals. Additionally, the TMG conducts inspection and guidance including the actual animal condition checks and face-to-face explanations at the time of sale and the handling of young cats and dogs.

Restrictions on the Regulation of Dangerous Animal Care

Approval for the breeding and possession of dangerous animals (specified animals) such as lions, eagles or alligators, and supervision based on the care facility regulations, are administered by the TMG. To prevent any harm to humans, the TMG conducts on-site inspections for monitoring and guidance.

Animal-derived Infectious Diseases (Zoonosis)

In order to prevent human infection to animal-derived infectious diseases such as rabies and highly-pathogenic avian influenza, the TMG conducts research and implements preventive measures. Additionally, we organize our system in order to swiftly react and deal with the case at time of infectious disease emergence.

Animal Rescue during a Disaster

From the perspective of preventing damage and caring for animals, TMG coordinates a cooperative system between municipalities and veterinarians, etc., so that evacuation centers are able to accept pets and pet rescue services can be implemented as swiftly as possible. We support the coordination of temporary evacuation centers for pets, the preparation of food and cages for use in disasters, the provision of emergency supplies and education for pet owners in regard to disaster response.

Animal Care and Consultation Center

As the administrative office for animal services within the TMG, this office deals with;

- protection and rescue of stray dogs,
- taking-over of unwanted dogs and cats, returning to owners, adoption,
- rescue and treatment of injured animals,
- registration, guidance and monitoring of animal handlers,
- authorization and permission of keeping dangerous animals,
- preventions of disease transmission from animals to humans.



Treating a wounded animal