Towards a High-tech Environment

Current Situation

GDP at Basic Price by Industries (2006)



Manufacturing industry accounted for 16% of the Canada's GDP in 2006, followed by Finance and Insurance

Canadian industries

 A wide variety of industries service industry, oil industries, agricultural industry and automobile industry.

• G8 & NAFTA





Application of advanced technology

Private Sector

Investments on Research and Development

Public Sector

Governmental Support (Accelerator Centre)

Private Sector

Main Focus: Energy R&D

Two examples

- photovoltaic cells -> convert sunlight to electricity
 SOLAR ENERGY
- Biomass-> convert them and form electric power
 BIOMASS ENERGY



Private Sector

 Spent \$649 million in alternative energy researches in 2003

56% of the total R&D in Canada



A Real Case Example: Toyota Motor Manufacturing Centre



Toyota Guiding Principle

"Dedicate ourselves to providing clean and safe products and to enhancing the quality of life everywhere through our activities."

TMMC -- ISO 14001

A formal environmental policy

 A management system designed to track environmental performance and established mechanisms for continuous improvement

 TMMC increases the environmental awareness of team members through training and the understanding of process control

Protecting the Environment

 Protect the environment and ensure that its automobile manufacturing operations are safe for its team members, the community and the environment

 Toyota and all manufacturing sites have adopted the Toyota 2010 Global Vision

 "Kindness to the Earth" policy, which states: 'Toyota will use outstanding environmental technologies to promote recycling on a global scale.'

 Constitutes a major program for ensuring continuous improvement in the environment

Water Recycling System

- Comprehensive treatment
 → Extensive testing
 → Water recycling system
 - Final hold tank ----- Membranes -



Recycled water

Agitator

→ Agitation for easier filtering
 → Consumption substantially reduced

TMMC: Consumption substantially reduced

ECOPAK

- Environmental Awareness
- Compliance
- Objectives
- Pollution Prevention
- Auditing
- Kaizen



Minimize the amounts of materials, water, and energy continuously

Examples:

- The Lexus RX 330, TMMC uses environmentally friendly waterborne paint cartridge technology →Consumes less water, fewer solvents and reduces emissions
- Fewer carriers on the road
 →Reduced the total distance traveled, the amount of fuel consumed and vehicle emissions
- Use returnable packaging
 →Reduce waste and the impact on the environment

The Public Sector

Accelerator Centre



Background

May 2006
University of Waterloo
~ HKSTP



Theme

 Help high-tech firms to commercialize their products or services

 Maximize potential & Succeed in high-tech business

Esp. early stage of business development

Services & facilities

Support Services

- Education programs
- Networking Opportunities
- Business Advice/ Mentoring
- Administrative Support
- Access to University Research & Expertise

Facilities

Professional office

Meeting room

Networking area

Kitchen

• Free parking

Communication infrastructure



Clients & Tenants



Characteristics

• Government support:

Province of Ontario Regional Municipality of Waterloo City of Waterloo

Community support

• Companion Organization:

Ontario Centres of Excellence and National Research Council

Role

- Not-for-profit organization
- Accelerator
- Helper

Encourage growth of high-tech firms

Transformation

Reasons Behind

Concerns about the environment

- Canada leads in Energy Waste
- Increasing GHG emissions
- Committed to Kyoto Protocol: reduce GHG to 6% below that of 1990 by 2010



Reduce cost in a long run

 High initial cost, but once established, the average cost will be lowered

High oil price COOL SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL WARMING

Nurture of new businesses

- Build up a protective and supportive environment (Hong Kong Science and Technology Park)
- Help systematically evaluate innovations
- Protect the intellectual property
- Accounting, IP management, high-speed internet access and vital business networks

