

UBC recycling rate declines to 77.1% in F 2015

On June 7, the Aluminum Can Recycling Association (Chairman, Mr. Masahiro Endou) revealed the used beverage can recycling rate in fiscal 2015, started in April 2015 and ended in March 2016, which declined 10.3 points to 77.1 per cent. It showed the lowest level in past ten years.

The association pointed that the revised real recycling rate after the addition of exported volume of used beverage can is 90.1 per cent. The export volume of aluminum scrap began to increase in the latter half of 2012. In fiscal 2015, the export of aluminum scrap amounted to 159,000 ton, in which 52,800 ton, or 33 per cent, was used beverage can.

The chart on page one shows various changes in past ten years. The upper line is recycling rate and the below line is can to can rate. The light is the consumption of beverage can and the dark shows recycled volume. Unit is 0.1 billion.

School recognition for used beverage aluminum can collection

The Aluminum Can Recycling Association has rewarded some leading schools which contributed used beverage aluminum can collection every year since 1973. The association recently opened the proposal of recommendation in 2016 as follows.

- (1) Target: elementary school and junior high school.
- (2) Closing date: July 31.

Asuka Industries, Inc. is appointed as one of recommenders by the association, and this is one of the best opportunities to campaign aluminum recycling against younger generation.

Import of aluminum and silicon metal dwindles in F 2015

The Ministry of Finance recently revealed the customs clearance report of primary aluminum ingot, aluminum alloy ingot, aluminum and aluminum alloy scrap and silicon metal in fiscal 2015, started in April 2015 and ended in March 2016.

According to this report, the comparison with the previous same period is as follows.

primary aluminum ingot	79.4%	aluminum alloy ingot	92.6%
aluminum and alloy scrap	65.2%	silicon metal	94.0%

The declines of primary aluminum ingot and aluminum and alloy scrap stand out. As the consumption of primary aluminum didn't show a big change, it is thought that the stock at every stage would curtail thoroughly reflecting the weaker market through the year.

Also it is thought that the abundant origination of aluminum scrap prevented the import of aluminum scrap. The import of silicon metal decreased as same as the production decline of aluminum alloy ingot. A sudden increase of silicon metal from Australia stands out.

The table on page two shows customs clearance volume in metric ton in fiscal 2015, left side, and in fiscal 2014, right side.

Notes for table on page two

- A. Primary aluminum ingot (1) Australia (2) Russia (3) Brazil (4) South Africa (5) U.A.E. (6) New Zealand (7) Saudi Arabia (8) Argentine (9) Malaysia (10) Oman (11) others (12) total
- B. Aluminum alloy ingot (1) China (2) Russia (3) U.A.E. (4) New Zealand (5) Australia (6) Qatar (7) Nigeria (8) Canada (9) Ukraine (10) Vietnam (11) others (12) total
- C. Aluminum and aluminum alloy scrap (1) U.S.A. (2) Thailand (3) Taiwan (4) U.K. (5) Australia (6) Malaysia (7) China (8) Israel (9) Hong Kong (10) Singapore (11) others (12) total
- D. Silicon metal (1) China (2) Norway (3) Australia (4) Brazil (5) South Africa (6) France (7) Malaysia (8) Korea (9) Sweden (10) Taiwan (11) others (12) total

Shareholders meeting is held

The annual shareholders general meeting of Asuka Industries, Inc. was held on June 17 at the assembly room of head office, at which time the annual financial statement was approved.

President Takashi Amano explained the annual report and the progression of business as shown on the above photo on page three.

Safety Week has come

One week from 1 to 7 July is the Safety Week in whole Japan, during which time the job safety is strongly campaigned. Every company does job training to eradicate accidents. This year's slogan is,

Do you see any danger around yourself?

Let's find it, and let's get it under control.

Nishio Summer Festival opens

The greatest summer event, Nishio Summer Festival, is going to be held on July 15, 16 and 17 on large scale as follows.

July 15, Friday traditional dancing show

July 16, Saturday parade of portable shrine, as shown on the below photo on page three / time-honored parade of feudal lord train

July 17, Sunday all citizens' great dancing show

It has 400 years' history, and whole Nishio City is filled with joy and excitement on the very days.

Company news

On May 29, the wedding ceremony and reception of Mr. Motoo Suzuki, Production Dpt. and Miss Shizuka were held gorgeously at Granshel in Okazaki City. New couple was celebrated by many colleagues as the photo on page four shows.

On June 20, a staff convivial meeting was held, where long service seniors were awarded. Mr. Shigeo Tsuge(40 years) and Jelson Iida(25 years). Congratulations!