

UBC recycling rate comes to 92.4% in FY2016

The Aluminum Can Recycling Association (Chairman Mr. Yasuo Tominaga, Director of Universal Can Manufacturing Corp.) recently revealed some results on used aluminum beverage can recycling in fiscal 3016, started in April 2016 and ended in March 2017. According to the announcement,

(A) consumption of aluminum beverage can	341,015ton	(22.38billion can)
(B) recycled UBC domestically	259,559ton	(16.98billion can)
(C) export of UBC	55,406ton	(3.62billion can)
(D) recycling rate = (B+C) / A	92.4%	
(E) domestic recycling rate = B/A	76.1%	
(F) can to can rate	62.8%	

The association pointed that the recycling rate in fiscal 2016 increased to 92.4%, which was the second high record following the highest 94.7% in fiscal 2012. Can to can rate shows the rate of shipment for can sheet and recycled UBC domestically.

Furthermore, the association remarks that the export of UBC increases year by year. In every month this year, 5,500ton or more of UBC is exported. This volume shows a 20% increase from the previous year.

The chart on page one shows the progress during past ten years. The upper line is recycling rate, and the below line shows can to can rate. The light is consumption of aluminum beverage can, and the dark shows recycled volume.

Our summer holidays

We are pleased to notify our coming summer holidays as follows.

13 Sunday August ~ 20 Sunday August

Memorial Mr. Kiyomi Yanagida

Mrs. Kiyomi Yanagida notified us recently that her husband passed away on May 4, and the funeral service was over by family under his wish. He was 95 years old.

In 1965 Mr. Yanagida was elected an instructor of the second Asuka Seminar. At that time he was Chief of Applied research section of Sumitomo Chemical Industry, Nagoya Plant, which was one of the greatest primary aluminum smelting plants in Japan.

Since then, he had been instructor really 14 times for Asuka Seminar, until the last lecture, the 25th. Seminar held in 1988. At that time, he served at Nichiatsu Industry Company Limited as Managing Director. Especially during 11th ~14th seminars, he would be extremely busy as Vice Plant Manager of Sumitomo Nagoya, however he gave lectures continuously for Asuka Seminars with fiery zeal for aluminum technology.

All students of Asuka Seminars have been holding "Yanagida-ism, better quality invites bigger demand" today. We express the greatest respect, gratitude and condolence for the shining aluminum life of Mr. Kiyomi Yanagida.

The photo on page two is the late Mr. Kiyomi Yanagida, lecturing at 24th Asuka Seminar held in 1987.

The 4th Metal Osaka is held

The first Metal Japan was held at Tokyo in 2014, and since then, it has been held every year in Tokyo and Osaka. The 4th Metal Osaka is going to be held on September 20 ~ 22 at the Intex Osaka in Suminoe Osaka, where 810 producers and traders display their newest products and technical services of all metals, copper, aluminum, special metals and rare metals.

The addresses on aluminum are scheduled by Japan Aluminum Association as follows.

(1) September 20, 10:30 ~ 11:15

“Engineering trend of aluminum for thermal transaction”

Mr.MasakazuEdo, Mitsubishi Aluminum Ltd.

(2) September 20, 15:45 ~ 16:30

“The newest trend of aluminum usage for transportation”

Mr. Youichirou Totsugi, UACJ Engineering Ltd.

(3) September 22, 13:15 ~ 14:00

“The future of car weight reduction by aluminum”

Mr. Takeo Sakurai, Kobe Steel Corp.

The organizer, Lead Exhibition Japan Ltd. expects that the total visitors to this exhibition amount more than 55,000 guests.

Ohbu City sends us the second observation mission

Environment Dpt. of Ohbu City Aichi Prefecture makes efforts to improve environmental sense and awareness for citizens, and as one of their enforcements the City sent us the first observation mission on June 1st.

It had a good reputation and the City sent us the second mission, 28 members, on July 5. They observed around our plant at first, and at meeting hall, they watched video on beverage can recycling . Then President Takashi Amano explained the actual situation of aluminum recycling.

At last questions and answers with Director Masanao Okada was very informative, and all visitors enjoyed this plant tour.

The photo on page three is Ohbu mission listening to President Amoano’s words.

Two local summer festivals

On August 26 and 27, the big lantern festival is held at Suwa Shrine in Ishiki. The legend says this very interesting festival is originated by a huge bonfire that the people prayed to turn devil out on the seashore. So many spectators are in the shrine on the very days as the photo on page three shows.

On August 21 ~ 26, the Hawaiian Festival is held at Kira Waikiki Beach, where Hawaiian pro dancers team come to perform their proper Hula, and at the same time, some hundreds of Japanese pro and amateur Hula dancers enjoy to perform with Hawaiian dancers. The photo on page four is Kira Waikiki Beach.

From editor

It seems to be the hottest summer this year. Please take care of yourself thoroughly.