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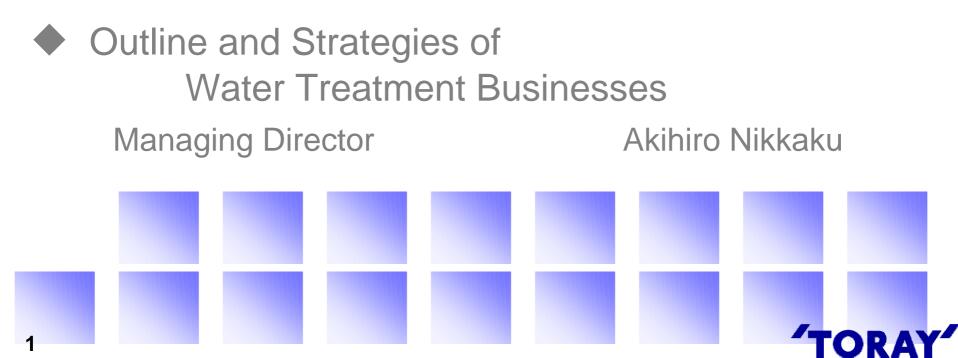
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#### **Toray's Approach in Environmental Issues**

### **Global Warming Control-conscious Businesses**

**Toray Group** 

Eco-efficiency Index =



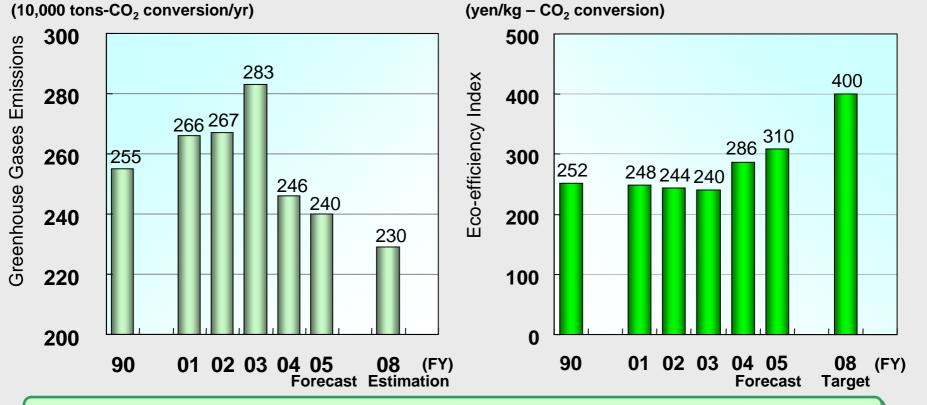
**Net Sales** 

**Greenhouse Gases Emissions** 

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Greenhouse Gases Reduction Measures

- **1.** Natural Gas Cogeneration Facilities
- 2. Conversion of Boiler Fuel

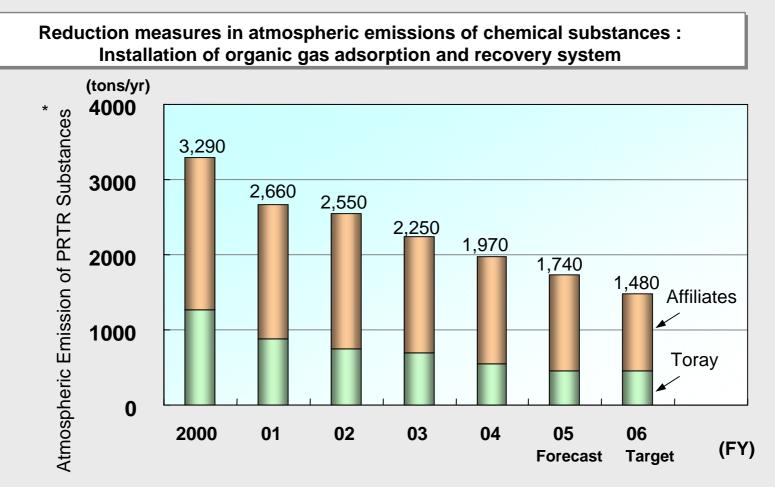


- Toray reduced its greenhouse gases emissions by 6% over 1990 result (ahead of Kyoto Protocol goals) during 2005 and will reduce 10% before 2008.
- As a group, Toray will further promote reduction of greenhouse gases emissions.
- The Group will control eco-efficiency index and expand businesses while reducing environmental burdens.

# **Reducing Chemical Substances Emissions**



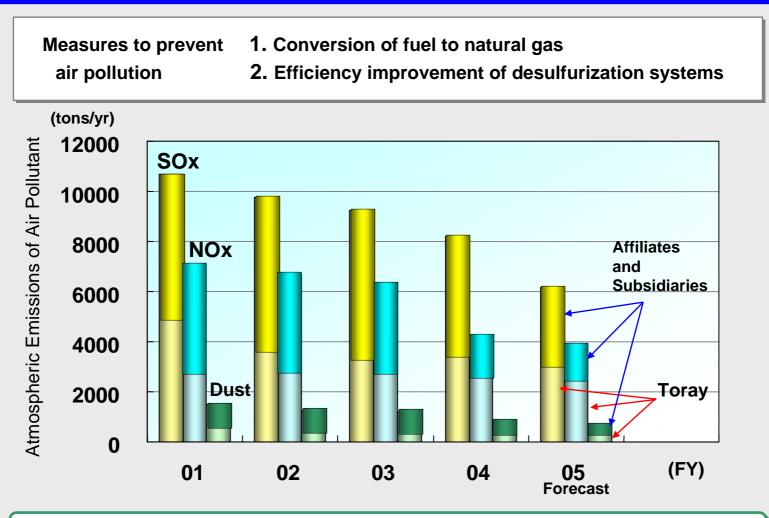
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\* PRTR (Pollutant Release and Transfer Register) : system for chemical substances dealing companies of reporting the volume of chemical emissions as well as the volume transferred as waste

We are steadily reducing chemical substances emissions and will set up further targets and tackle to achieve new goals.

# **Preventing Air Pollution**



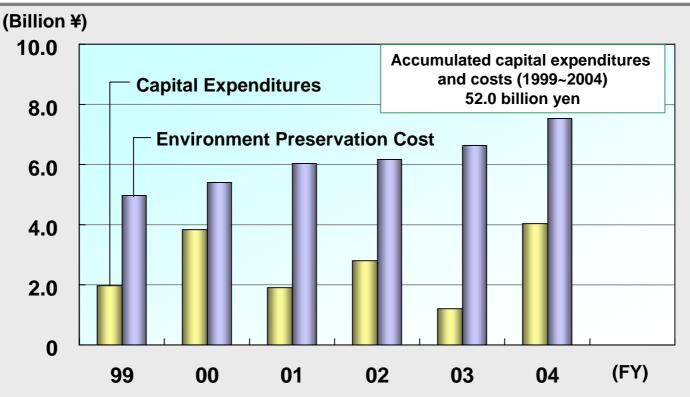
We are steadily reducing emissions of air pollutants and will further work on such measures as conversion of fuels and efficiency improvement of desulfurization systems and others.

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### **Environmental Preservation Investments**



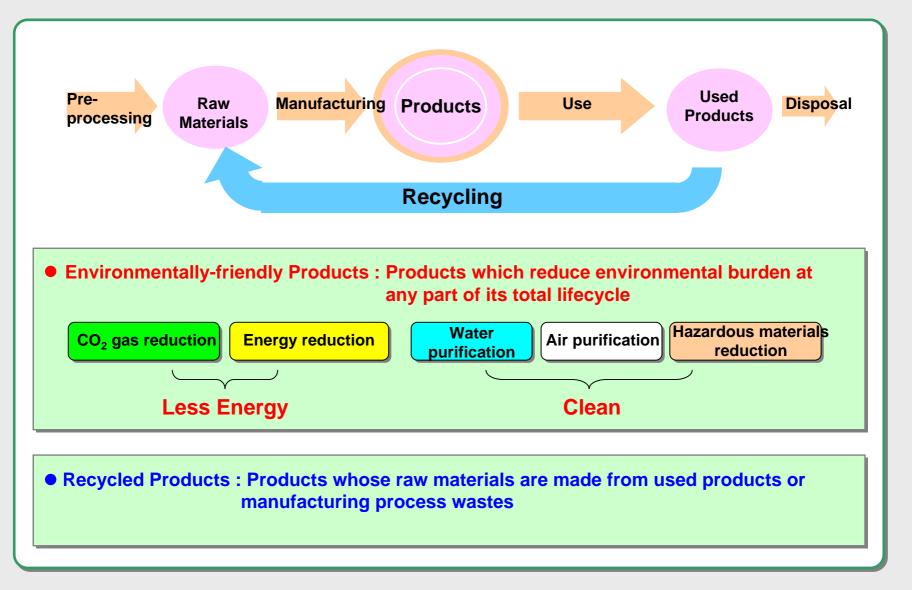
Toray has disclosed environmental accounting data in accordance with the Ministry of the Environment's guidelines since 1999 which includes environment preservation cost, energy conservation cost, and recycling and other costs.



We will further invest in necessary environmental preservation matters which leads to steady environmental improvement.



### **Environmentally-friendly and Recycled Products**





#### Toray's Approach in Environmental Issues Basic Policies of Stepping Up Environment and Recycling Efforts





"Ecodream" is Toray's overall brand to describe our advanced activities in resource saving and global environment conservation for the goal of developing a sustainable recycling-oriented society.

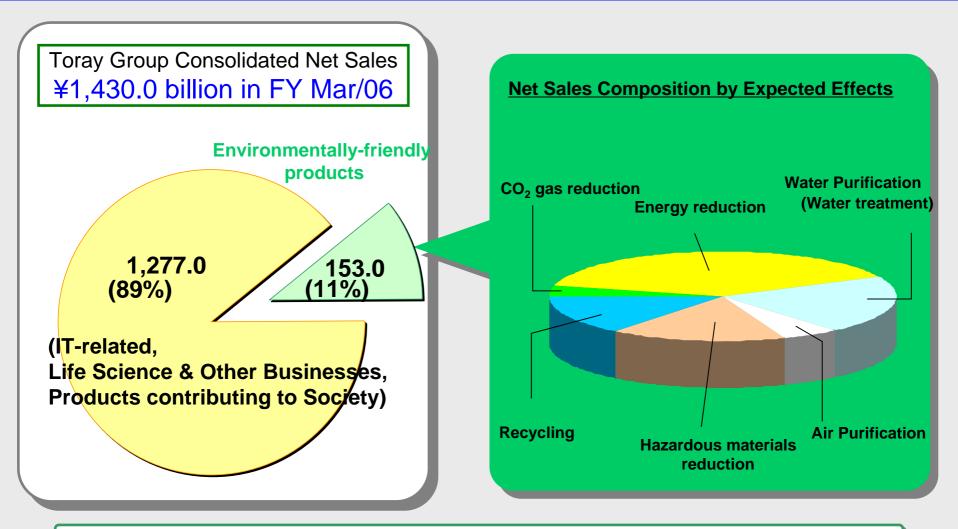
### **Clean & Less Energy**

- "Ecodream"——— Prevention of global warming,
  - contribution to environment preservation
  - Expansion of environmentally-friendly products
  - Promotion of recycling activities
  - Promotion of CSR activities
- Ecodream" plan : Double the sales of environmentally-friendly products within five years
- Establish exclusive department for environment and recycling as well as company-wide committee to conduct environment-related activities (Global Environment Committee, Recycling Committee)



#### Toray's Approach in Environmental Issues Present State of Toray Group Environmentally-friendly Products





Sales of environmentally-friendly products are estimated to be ¥153.0 billion, 11% of total Group sales in FY Mar/2006.



# Products and Technologies by Expected Effects



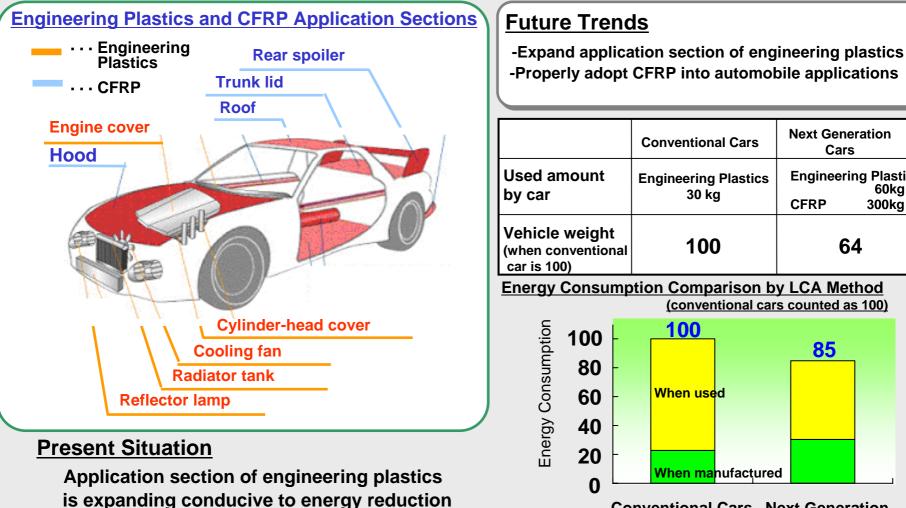
Expected Effects	Products							
CO <sub>2</sub> Gas Reduction	PLA (Polylactic Acid) fibers, plastics, films 3GT fibers & textiles Bamboo composite fibers Cellulose fibers Soybean protein-fibers Flexible and heat resistant films							
Energy Reduction	Torayca* for transport machineries Engineering plastics Components for turbine generators Components for fuel cells Films for solar cells Capacitor films for hybrid cars							
Water Purification (Water treatment)	RO (reverse osmosis) membranes UF·MF membranes Immersed membranes for MBR Water treatment system businesses Torayvino*							
Air Purification	Heat resistant bag filters (PPS, PTEF fibers) Air filters							
Hazardous Materials Reduction	Non-halogen fire-retardant (fibers & textiles, plastics, films) Waterless CTP plate Non-halogen circuit materials Heavy metal-free color filters							
Recycling	PET Nylon 6 PBT ABS PPS CFRP Toraysurou* DMSO							



through weight reduction

### **Energy Reduction through** Weight Reduction of Automobiles





#### **Conventional Cars** Next Generation

When manufactured

**Conventional Cars** 

30 kg

100

100

When used

Cars

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85

Next Generation

Cars

CFRP

(conventional cars counted as 100)

**Engineering Plastics** 

64

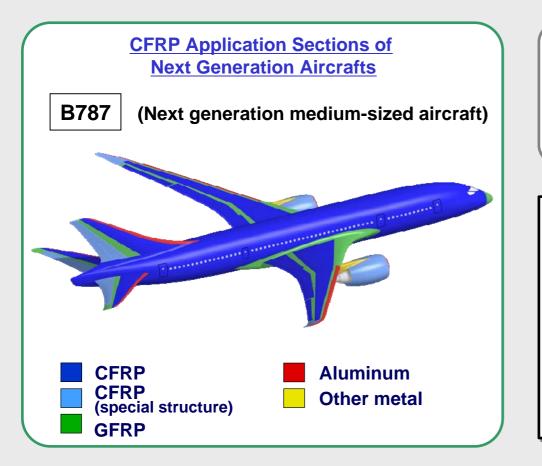
60kg

300kg

Expand application section of engineering plastics and CFRP for the benefit of energy reduction (green house gas reduction).

### **Energy Reduction through** Weight Reduction of Aircrafts





#### Future Trends

- Increase CFRP as structural materials
- Select CFRP as primary structural material in large quantity

#### **Next Generation Aircrafts**

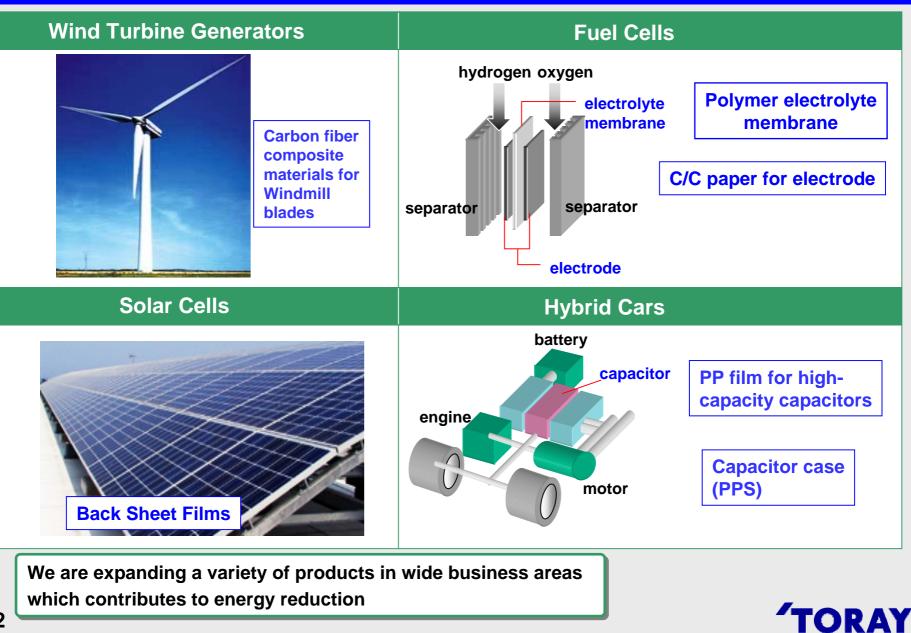
- Tare can be reduced by 20% when usage of CFRP is extended up to 50%
- Fuel consumption can be reduced by 20% when efficiency derived from advanced engine is included

Usage of CFRP for aircraft application is increasing significantly



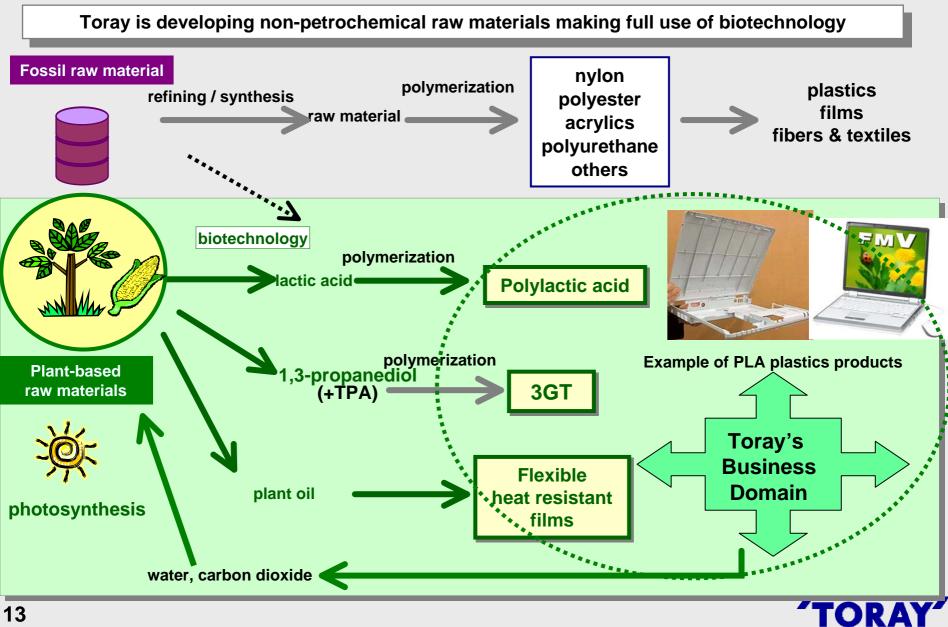
### Toray Products Contributing to Energy Reduction





#### **Environmentally-friendly Products Expansion of PLA Development of Non-petrochemical Raw Materials**



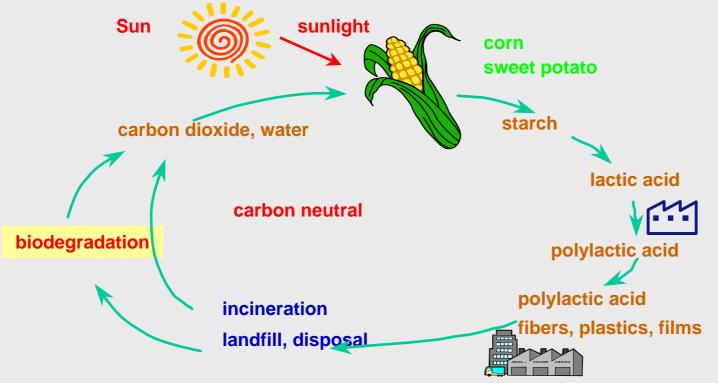


### Environmentally-friendly Products Expansion of PLA Contribution of PLA Products to the Environment



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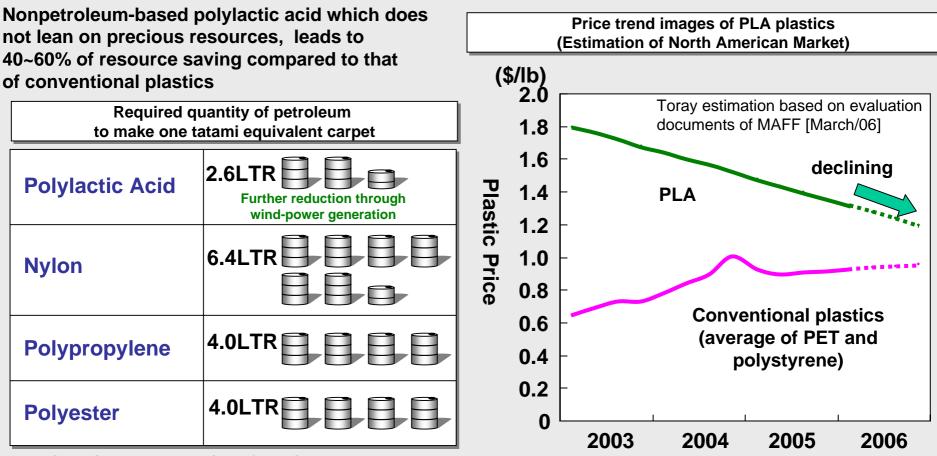
- \* "100% plant-based raw materials" made from corn or sweet potato
- "Biodegradable materials" which gradually degrade into carbon dioxide and water after landfill or disposal
- "Carbon neutral" which prevents CO<sub>2</sub> increase, the cause of global warming, even after incineration



Developing fibers & textiles and plastics products under and overall polylactic acid brand

### Environmentally-friendly Products Expansion of PLA Environment Surrounding Polylactic Acid





\* Oil equivalent conversion of required energy amount to produce BCF yarn for one tatami (about 1.7m<sub>2</sub>) equivalent carpet

The crude oil prices soared from \$30/bbl to about \$60/bbl during this period

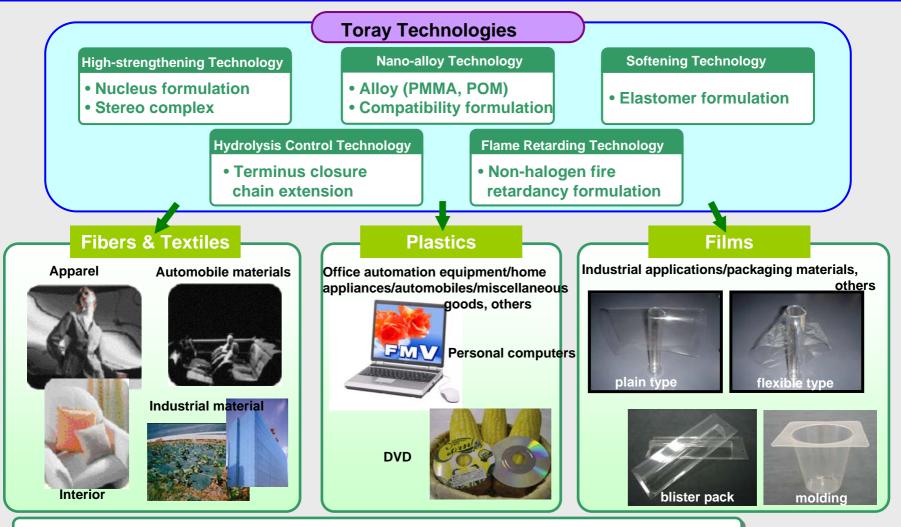
**OR** 

•Plant-based raw materials are expected to expand drastically through growing recognition of global environment issues

•Undisturbed by soaring oil prices, polylactic acid will constantly continue to reduce costs

#### **Environmentally-friendly Products Fundamental Technologies and Example of Product**



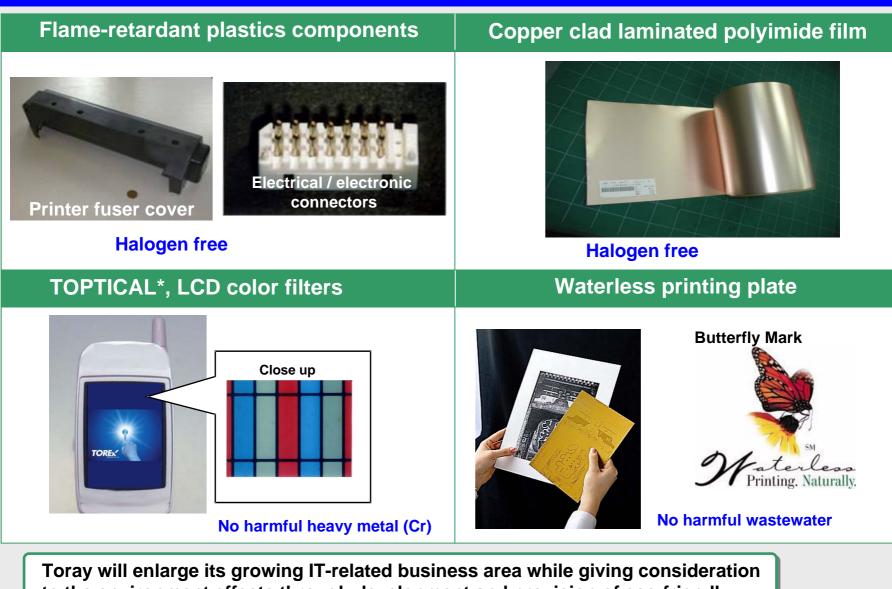


- Develop various applications utilizing Toray's unique fundamental technologies
- · Promote expansion of PLA businesses as company-wide project through establishment of exclusive in-house conference

**Expansion of PLA** 

# **Environmentally-friendly Products in the IT Areas**





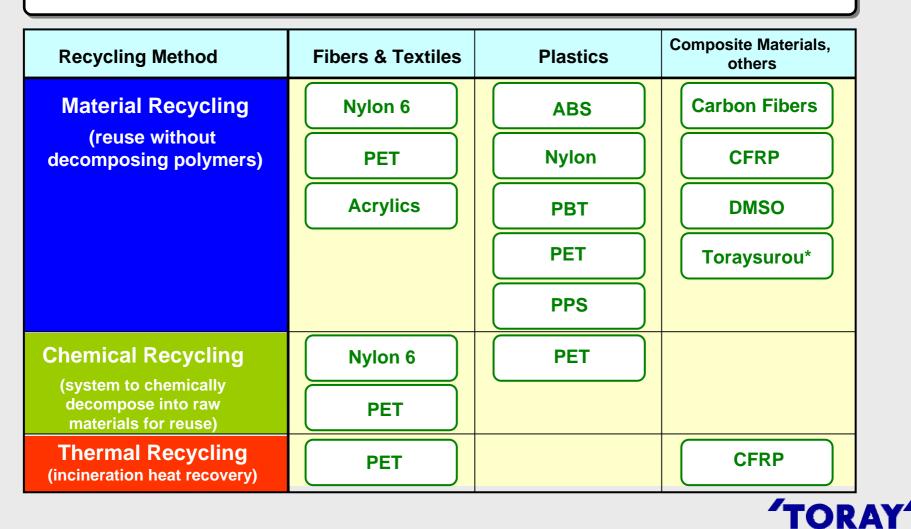
to the environment effects through development and provision of eco-friendly materials.

### Promotion of Recycling Basic Policies and Present States of Recycling



**Basic Policies : - Positively expand and promote recycling activities** 

- "Less energy recycling" is the bases where appropriate recycling technologies are applied according to the materials

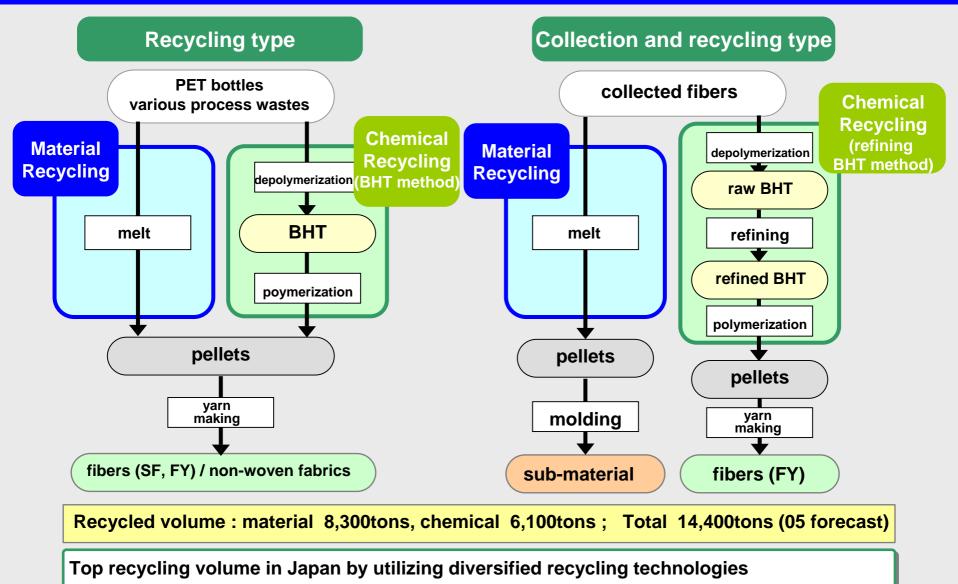


#### **Promotion of Recycling**

# **Recycling of Polyester Fibers**



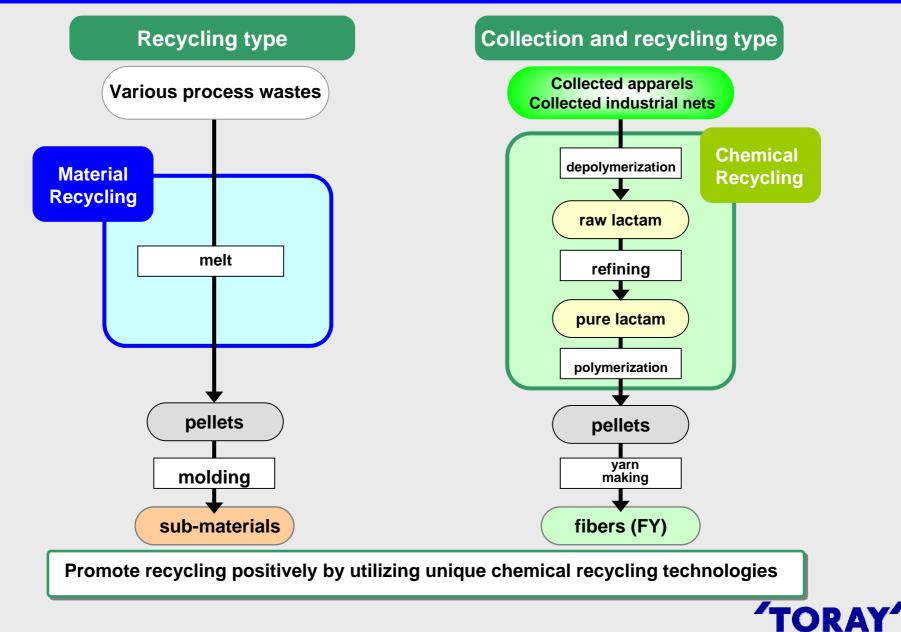
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#### **Promotion of Recycling**

# **Recycling of Nylon 6 Fibers**

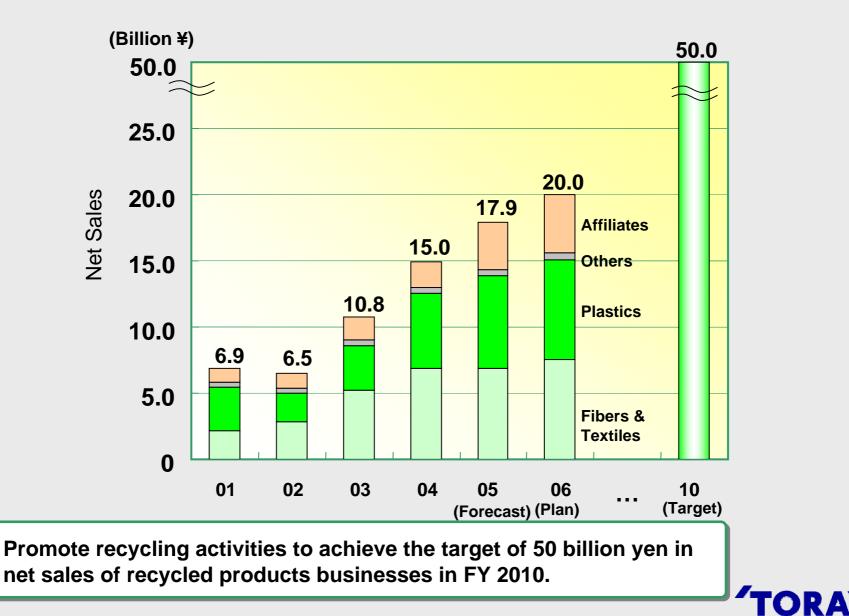




#### **Promotion of Recycling**

# **Expansion of Recycling Activities**

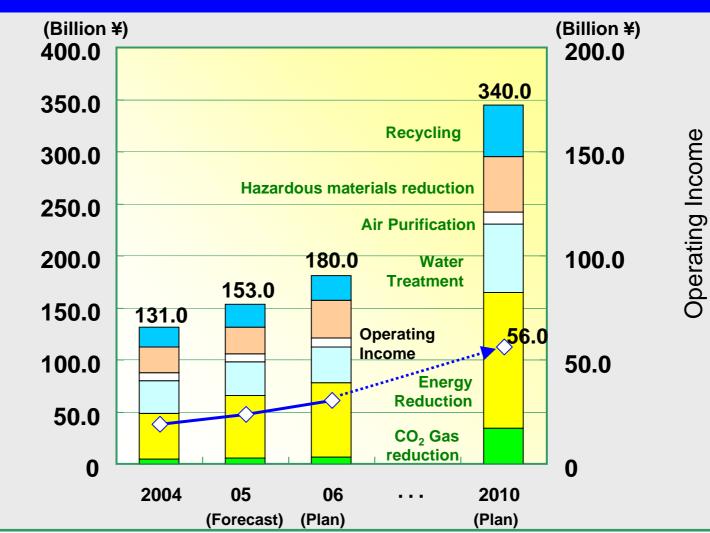




#### Summary

### **Expansion of Sales through Ecodream\* Plan**





Expand environmentally-friendly products businesses to double or more the FY 2005 results in FY 2010 where net sales target is 340.0 billion yen and operating income to be 56.0 billion yen.

Net Sales

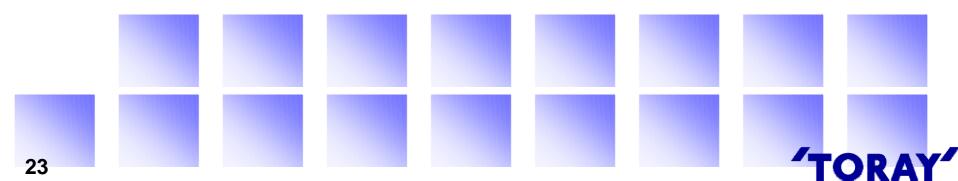




Summary

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# Outline and Strategies of Water Treatment Business Managing Director Akihiro Nikkaku



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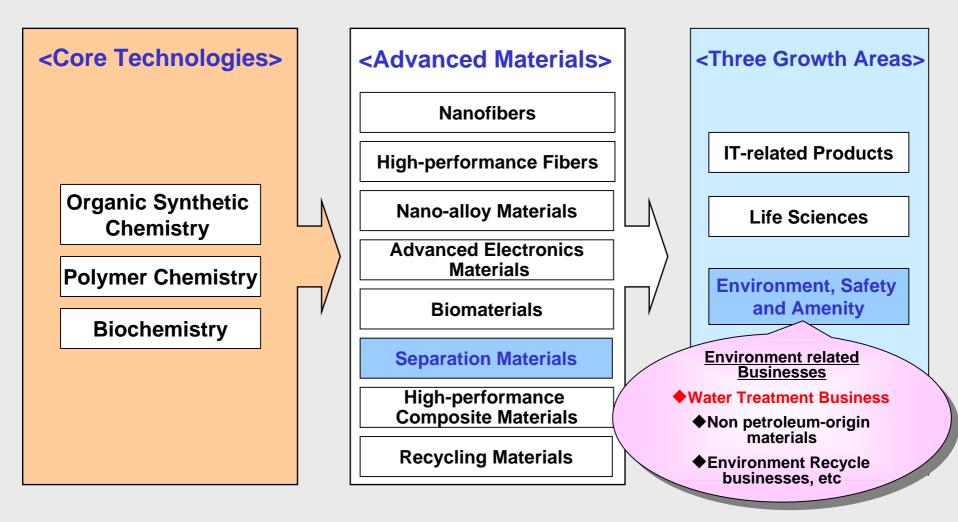
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### **Position of Water Treatment Business in Toray Group**



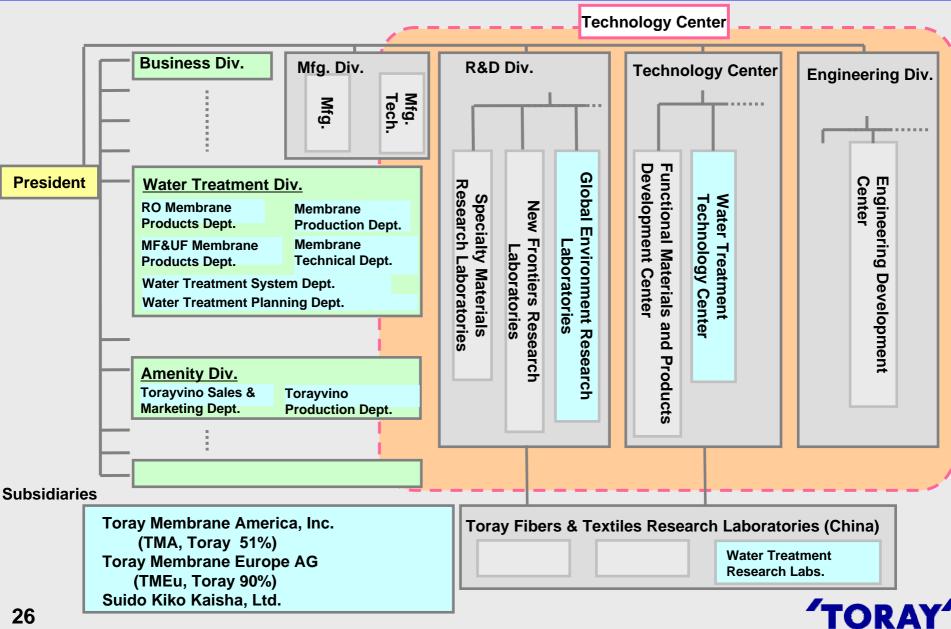
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Cultivate Water Treatment Business

as a core of Environment related Businesses

### **Organization of Toray's Water Treatment Business**



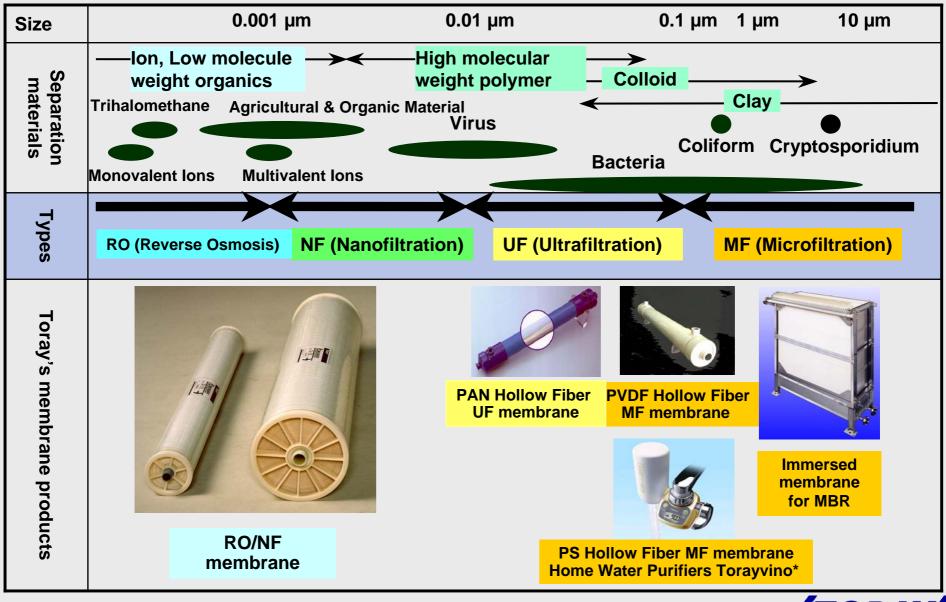
### **History of Toray Water Treatment Business**



Fiscal Year	~1980	1981~1990	1991~2000	2001~				
RO/NF membranes		ed research on R0 1980 Started mar	keting ROMEMBR ♦ 1996	A* for ultra pure water plants Installed in a large brackish water desalination plant ♦ 2001 Installed in a large seawater desalination plant				
Hollow Fiber UF/MF membranes		•		earch on UF membrane 2000 Started research on MF membrane ◆ 2002 Started trial marketing MF membrane				
MBR			◆ 1996 S	tarted research on MBR membrane				
Water treatment systems	◆ 1975	i	◆ 1994 Star	ess and human waste treatment facilities) ted seawater desalination technology elopment project				
Torayvino*		◆ 1986 Sta	arted marketing T	orayvino*				
Subsidiaries			•	2000 TMA established ◆ 2003 Took control of Ropur (TMEu) ◆ 2004 Took control of Suido Kiko ◆ 2004 Established water treatment Research Labs				
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### **Types of Membranes and Toray's Products**





### **Policies of Toray's Water Treatment Business**

- Expand and Strengthen global sales system utilizing superior membrane technologies and variety of products
  - Global operations in Japan, US, Europe and China
- Strengthen profit structure by arrangement of production systems and increasing production capacity
  - Membrane production in Japan; Element and Module production in suitable places
- Expand Sales of home water purifiers Torayvino\*
- Utilize Suido Kiko and enlarge water treatment systems business
- M&A



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membrane

business

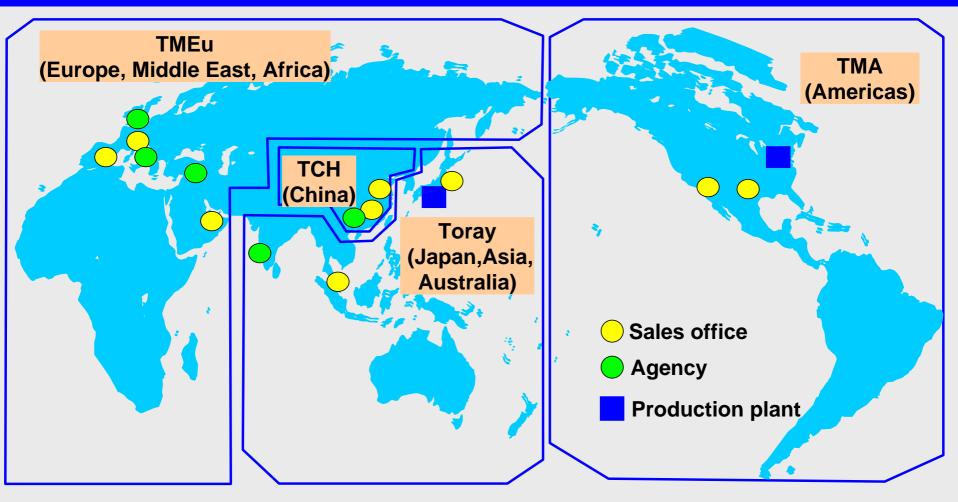
Expand business areas by utilizing membranes



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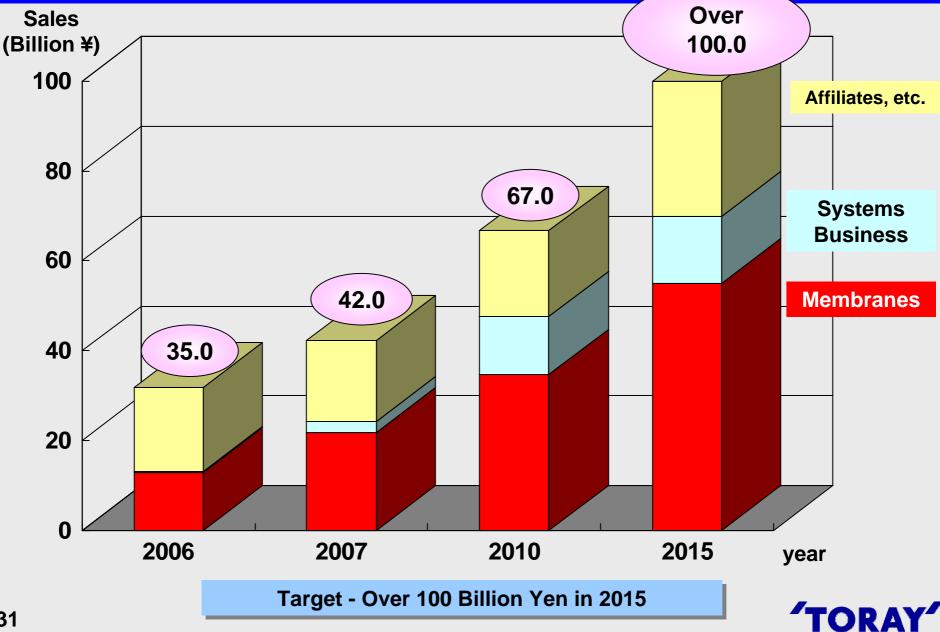
### **Global Operations of Toray's Water Treatment Business**



Established global sales & marketing team Develop membrane business in world wide market Strengthen global operations **1.Overview and Policies of Toray's Water Treatment Business** 

### **Business Plan of Toray's Water Treatment Business**





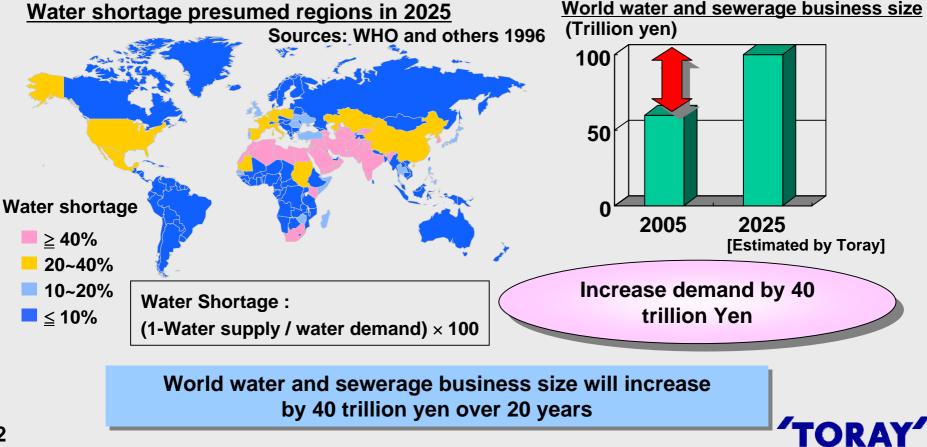
### **World Water Shortage - Now and Future**



> 1.1 billion people do not have good drinking water (including water for daily life)

2.4 billion people do not have sanitary accommodations

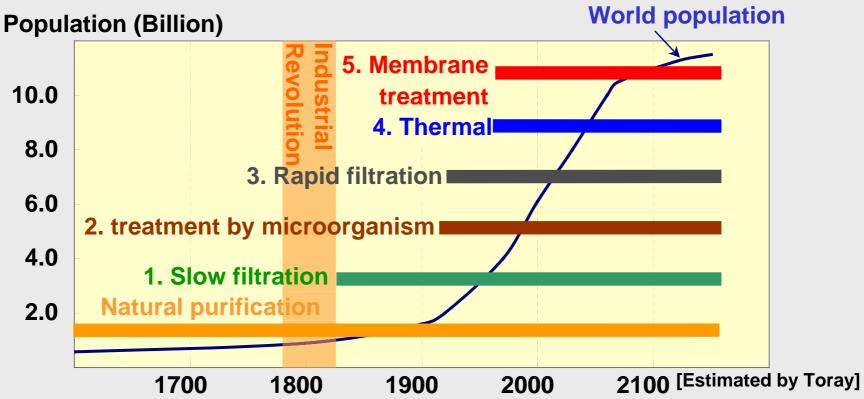
(wastewater and human waste treatment)



2.World Water Problems and Water Related Markets

### Increase of World Population and Development of Water Treatment Technologies





Difficult to secure quantity and quality of water only by natural purification due to the rapid increase of population

Membrane technology, which enable precise control of water quality and high speed treatment, is essential in 21<sup>st</sup> century



### Water Treatment Business Market and Target Areas for Toray Group



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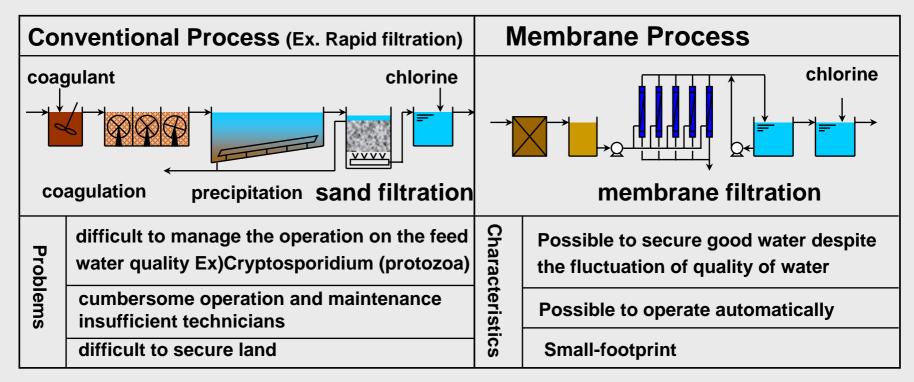
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		Main cor	npanies	Toray- G Business Area		Market	
		World	Japan	Present	Target	size (2025) t	
Water service (water /sewerage)	Management (possession of property)	Public	Public			100 trillion yen	
	Operation (operation & maintenance)						
Engineering Procurement &	Construction	Veoria G Suez G Thames G	MHI Hitachi Zosen			10 trillion	
∝ Construction (EPC)	Engineering	Thanles G	Kurita Organo			yen	
Equipment / Materials supply	Equipment	GE, Dow				1 trillion yen	
	Chemicals						
	Membrane	Dow, US Filter	Toray, Asahi				

By utilizing membrane business, develop business in equipment facilities, chemicals, engineering and operation & maintenance areas



### Why Membrane Processing Method is Required?





Remove pathogenic microorganisms very well

(high quality and safe processed water)

Compact facilities and fast processing (suitable for decentralize processes)

Membrane process makes possible water treatment which are suitable for any targets and regional conditions and to secure safe water with low environment load

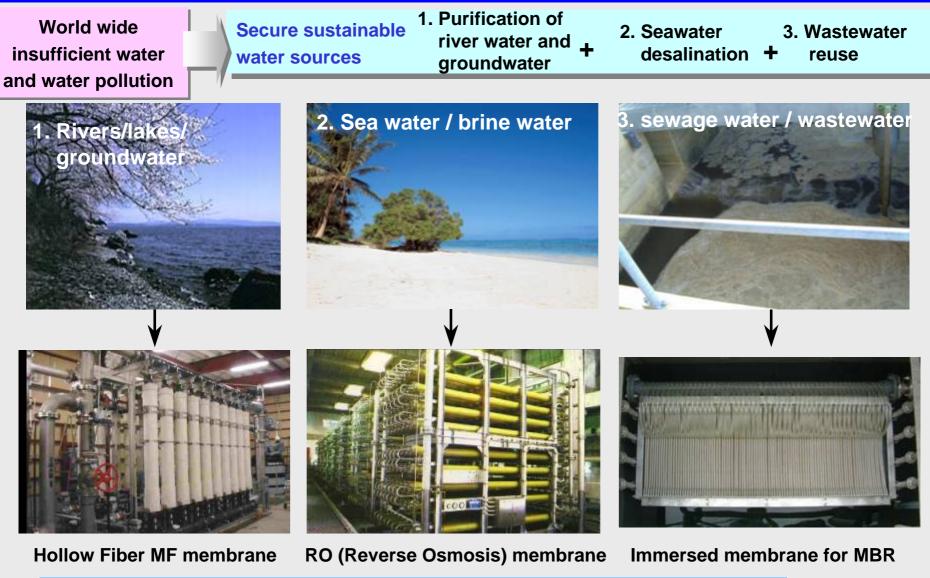


**3.Membrane Technologies and Toray's Membrane Products** 

#### **Practical Use Fields of Membranes**



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Processed water is utilized for drinkable, industrial and agricultural use

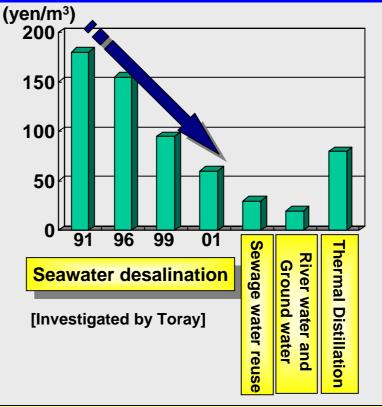
# Water Production Costs by Membrane Processing



Water Production Costs by Membrane Processing				
Water Production Method	Water production costs (yen/m <sup>3</sup> )			
Purification of river water and ground water (MF membrane)	20~30			
Sewage water reuse (MF+RO membrane)	20~40			
Seawater desalination (RO membrane)	60~80			
(Ref.) Seawater desalination (Thermal Distillation)	90~140			

#### (Reference) World consumer prices of water

Type of Water	Supply price (yen/m³)
Tap water (*)	10~700
Industrial water (*)	10~70
Ultra pure water	500~1000
Bottled water	20,000~300,000



\*The consumer prices of tap water and industrial water reflect delivery costs and service costs besides production costs. However, the prices are decided with policy and are not necessarily calculated with actual costs.

Development of membrane technologies and process technologies decreased water production cost of membrane process (especially seawater desalination), and became competitive.

#### **Membrane Manufacturers in the World**



[Investigated by Toray]

RO NF UF MF **MBR**  $\bigcirc$ **DOW / Filmtec (US)**  $\bigcirc$ Overseas  $\bigcirc$ Koch (US)  $\bigcirc$  $\Delta$ ()() $\bigcirc$ Zenon (Canada)  $\bigcirc$ **US Filter (US)**  $\bigcirc$  $\bigcirc$  $\bigcirc$ **Norit (Netherlands)**  $\bigcirc$  $\bigcirc$  $\bigcirc$ Toray  $\bigcirc$ ()()Nitto Denko /Hydranautics (US)  $\bigcirc$  $\bigcirc$ ()Japanese Toyobo Δ  $\boldsymbol{\wedge}$ **Daicel Chemical**  $\bigcirc$ Asahi Chemical / Pall (US) ()Mitsubishi Rayon  $\bigcap$  $\bigcirc$ **Kubota** 

 $\odot$ :High share product  $\bigcirc$ :product in the market  $\triangle$ :under development **TORA** 

## **Toray's Membrane Products**

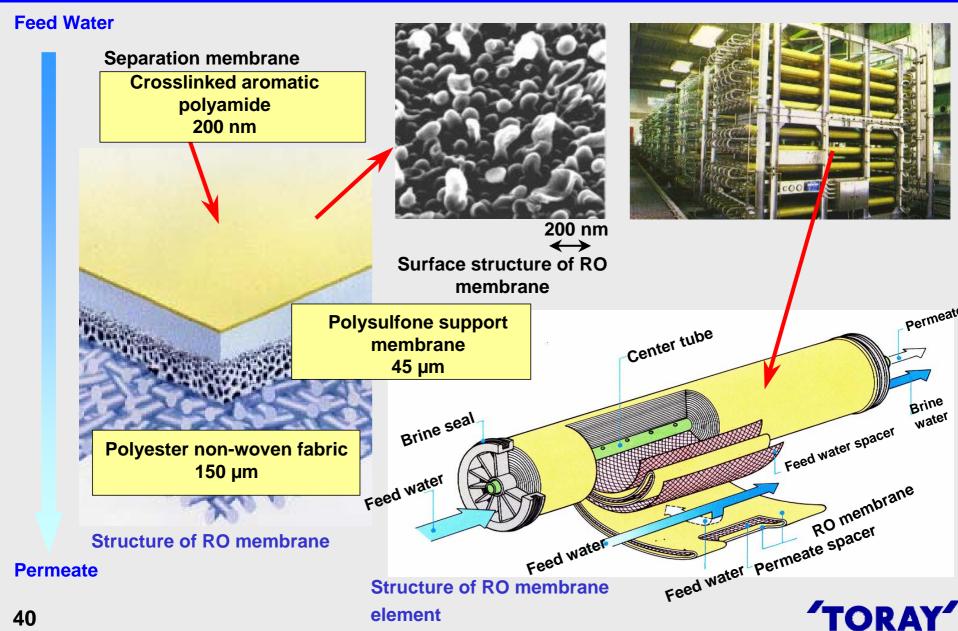


Types	RO/NF membrane	UF/MF membrane	Immersed membrane for MBR	Torayvino*
Appearance of product				
Removable material	lon, Dissolved organic matter	Suspended solid, Bacteria, Virus	Activated sludge	Wastes, rust Residual chlorine, Lead
Application	Seawater desalination, Brackish water desalination Wastewater reuse, Ultra pure water production	Drinking water production, Treatment of wastewater, Pre-treatment for RO membrane, Industrial process water production	Treatment and reuse of wastewater	Home water purifier



## **RO (Reverse Osmosis) Membrane**





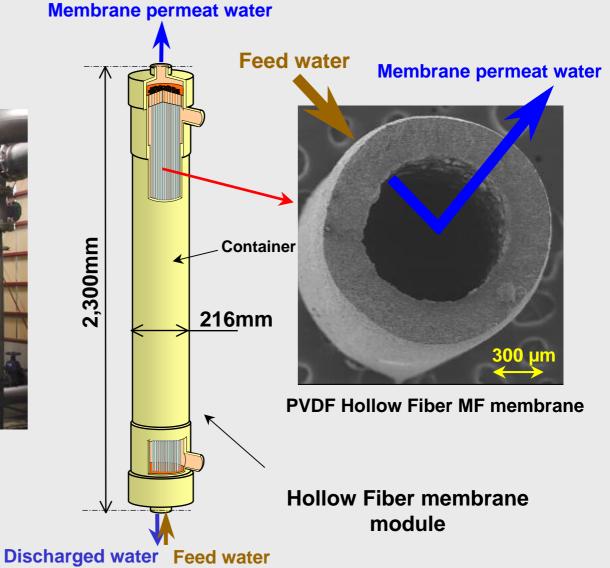
# Hollow Fiber MF (Microfiltration) Membrane



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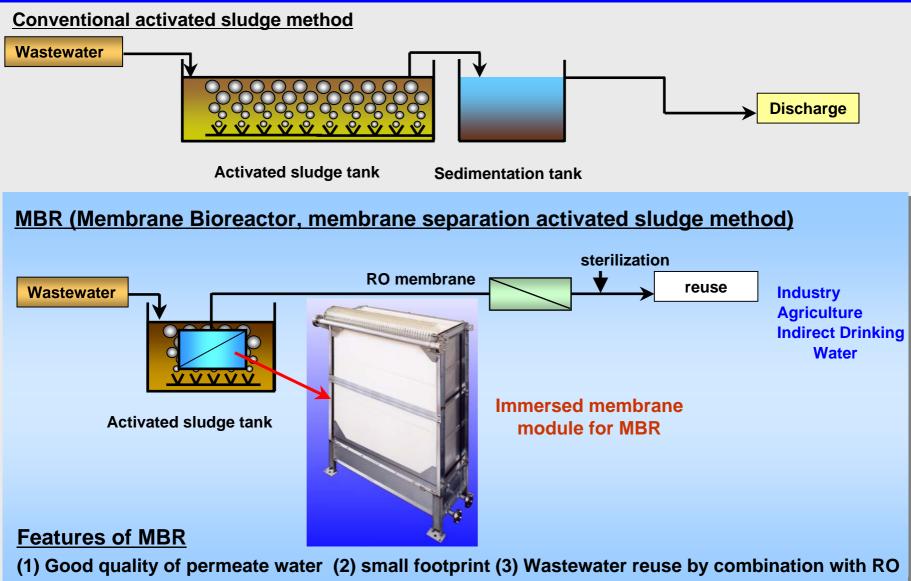


Water purification plant by membrane treatment



#### **Immersed Membrane for MBR**





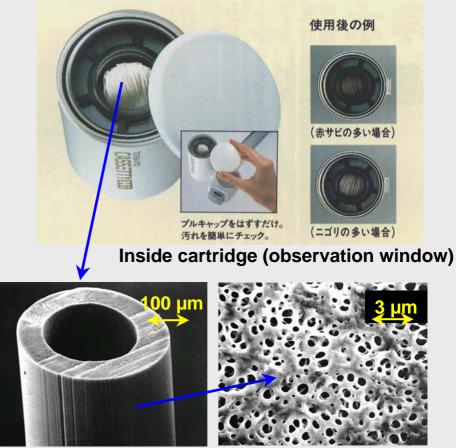


### Home Water Purifiers, Torayvino\*

- Removes the micro level dirt, bacteria, and red rust mixed in drinking water through MF Hollow Fiber membrane
- Removes chlorine and mold odor through simultaneous use of granular activated carbon



Directly tap-connected water purifier



PS Hollow Fiber MF membraneSurface structure of membrane





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# Large scale Seawater Desalination RO Plants in the World

	Country	Plant Site	Capacity <sup>*</sup> (m <sup>3</sup> /d)	Operation	RO membrane manufacturer	
1	Israel	Ashkelon	272,520	2005	Dow	
2	UAE	Taweelah	227,300	(2009)	(to be determined)	
3	Saudi Arabia	Rabeeg	205,000	(2008)	Тоуоbo	
4	Algeria	Hamma	200,000	(2006)	Toray (informally appointed)	
5	California, USA	Huntington Beach	190,000	(2006)	Hydra	
6	UAE	Fujairah	170,000	2003	Hydra	
7	Trinidad and Tobago	Point Lisas	136,000	2002	Toray	
7	Singapore	Tuas	136,000	2005	Toray	
9	Australia	Perth	130,000	(2006)	Dow	
10	Saudi Arabia	Yanbu	128,000	1998	Тоуоbo	
11	Spain	Carponeras	120,000	2001	Hydra	
12	Saudi Arabia	Jeddah	113,600	1994	Тоуоbo	
13	Florida, USA	Tampa Bay	95,000	(2006)	(to be determined)	
14	Israel	Palmachim	92,250	(2006)	Toray	
15	Saudi Arabia	Al Jubail	91,000	2000	DuPont** / Toray (25%)	
*10.000m <sup>3</sup> /d of water is againstoned to deity life water of 40.000 people						

\*10,000m<sup>3</sup>/d of water is equivalent to daily life water of 40,000 people

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44 \*\* DuPont withdrew from RO business in 2001

4. World Large Water Treatment Projects

Largest Seawater Desalination Plant in the Asia-Pacific Region - Tuas, Singapore





Photo credit : Hyflux (Singapore)

Using Toray's high boron rejection RO membranes Production capacity is 136,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day



#### 4. World Large Water Treatment Projects

#### Large Scale Membrane Treated Wastewater Reuse Plants in the World



Secon	Wastewater Secondary effluent (was discharged) UF/MF membrane						
	Country	Plant Site	Capacity (m³/d)	Operation	UF/MF membrane Manufacturer	RO membrane manufacturer	
1	Kuwait	Sulaibiya	320,000	2005	Norit	Toray	
2	USA	Fountain Valley	220,000	2007	US Filter	Hydra	
3	Singapore	Ulu Pandan	140,000	(2006)	Asahi Kasei	Hydra	
4	USA	West Basin	75,000	1997~2001	US Filter	Hydra	
5	Singapore	Kranji	40,000	2003	US Filter	Hydra	
5	China	Tianjin	40,000	(2006)	US Filter	Dow, Toray	
7	Singapore	Bedok	32,000	2003	Zenon	Hydra	
8	Singapore	Seletar	24,000	2004	Hyflux	Toray	
9	USA	Scottsdale	22,700	1998	US Filter	Koch	
10	Australia	Luggage Point	14,000	2000	Pall	Dow	

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#### 4. World Large Water Treatment Projects

# World's Largest Wastewater Reuse Plant Sulaibiya, Kuwait





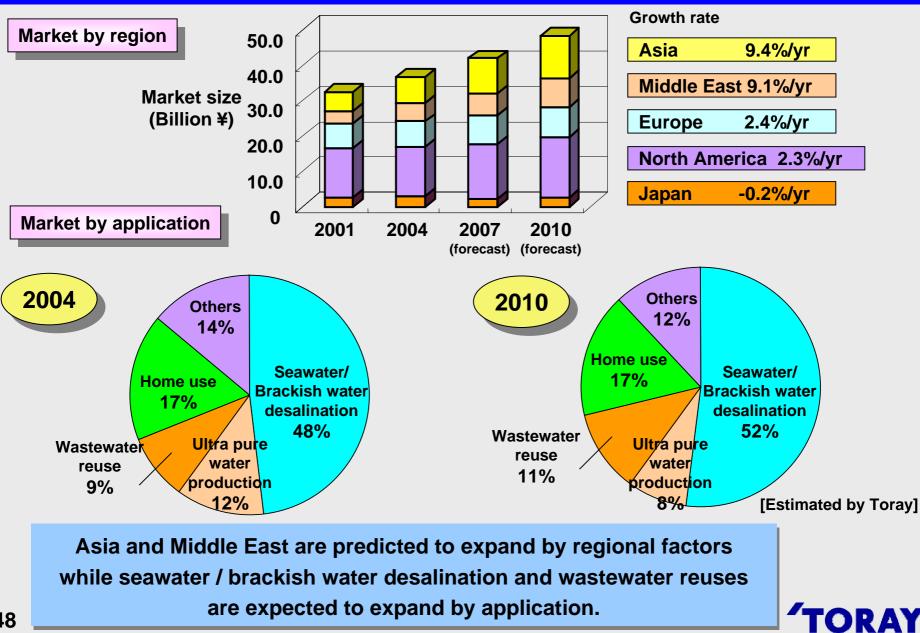
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Using Toray's low-fouling RO (reverse osmosis) membranes Production capacity is 320,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day



#### **Market Size of RO Membranes**





#### **Business Strategies of RO Membranes**

2005

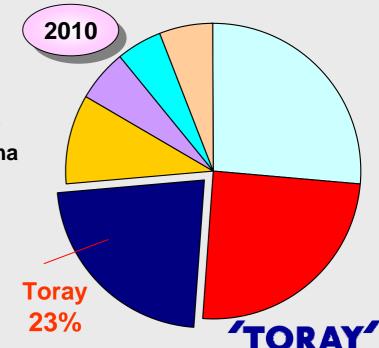
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16%



- Expand business utilizing high performance membrane
  - Seawater desalination application
    (high boron rejection membrane)
  - Wastewater reuse (low-fouling membrane)
- Strengthen marketing competitiveness
  - Develop global marketing system
  - Strengthen engagement with major engineering-related companies
- Enlarge marketing area
  - Arrange bases in USA, Europe, and Middle East
  - Increase personnel and business agents in China
- Strengthen cost competitiveness
- Develop and commercialize new products

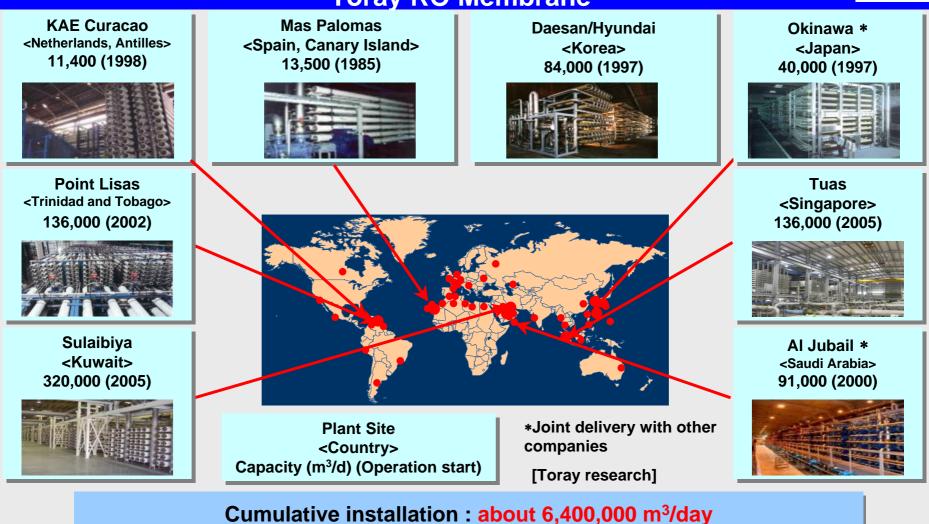




5. Outline and Strategies of Toray's Water Treatment Business

#### Water Treatment Plants in the World using Toray RO Membrane





(as of seawater desalination over 1,000,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day

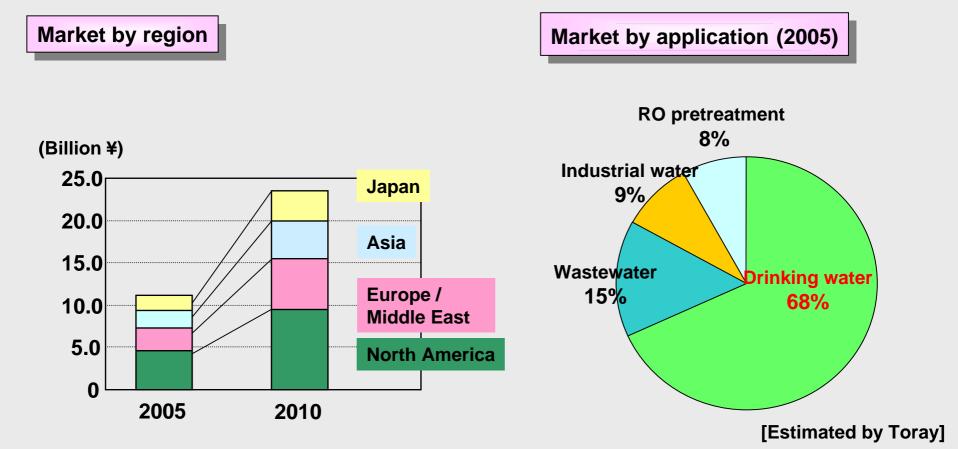
•About 10% of world's seawater desalination RO

• Equivalent to water for daily use of 4,000,000 people

#### Hollow Fiber UF / MF Membranes Market



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Drastic expansion mainly in USA and Europe (annual growth rate : about 15%) Drinking water application accounts for about 70%

#### **5. Outline and Strategies of Toray's Water Treatment Business**

# Superiority of Toray's Hollow Fiber MF Membrane



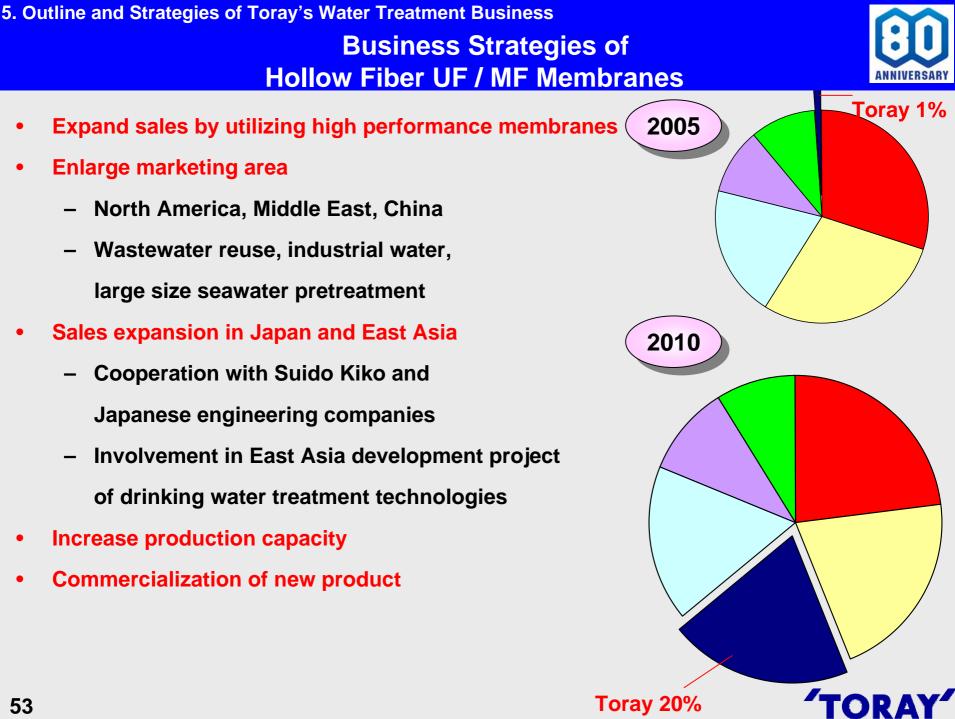
		Α	В	С	D	Toray
Material		PP	PVDF	PES	PVDF	PVDF
Permeability* (m³/m²/day)		4.8	1.5	3.0	5.3	6.7
Membrane area (m²)		30	56	35	50	72
Test results at overseas water purification plant	Recovery (%)	-	90	-	90	95
	Electric power consumption rate (kWh/m³)	-	0.38	-	0.31	0.15
	Frequency of chemical cleaning	-	once in 3 months	-	once in 2 months	once in 6 months or more

\*Test condition : pure water, 50kPa

[Estimated by Toray]

World leading in permeability, stain resistance, durability, and in module size Evaluated at overseas water purification plants in terms of high recovery rate, low electric power consumption, and long-term stable operation

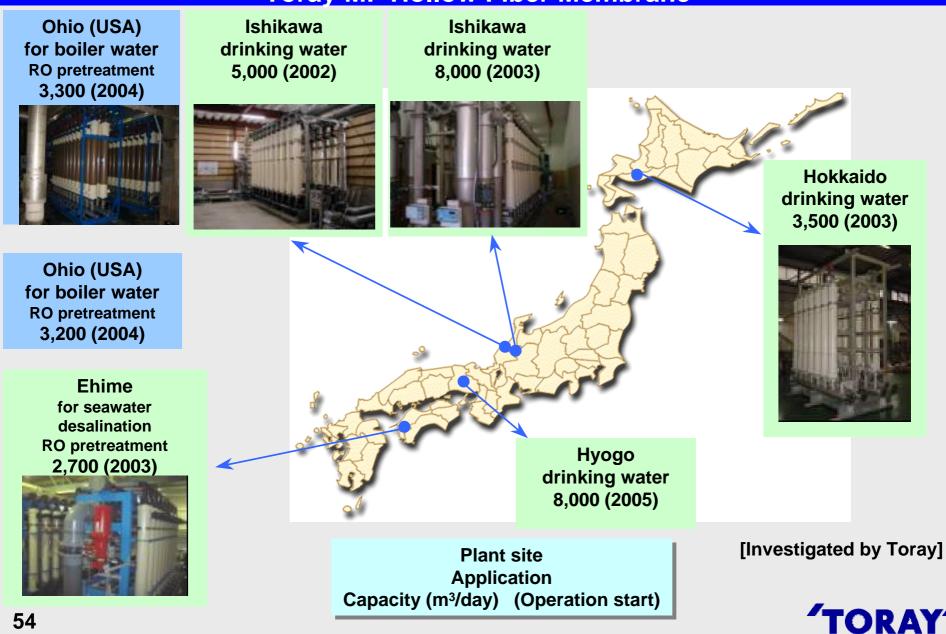




5. Outline and Strategies of Toray Group's Water Treatment Business

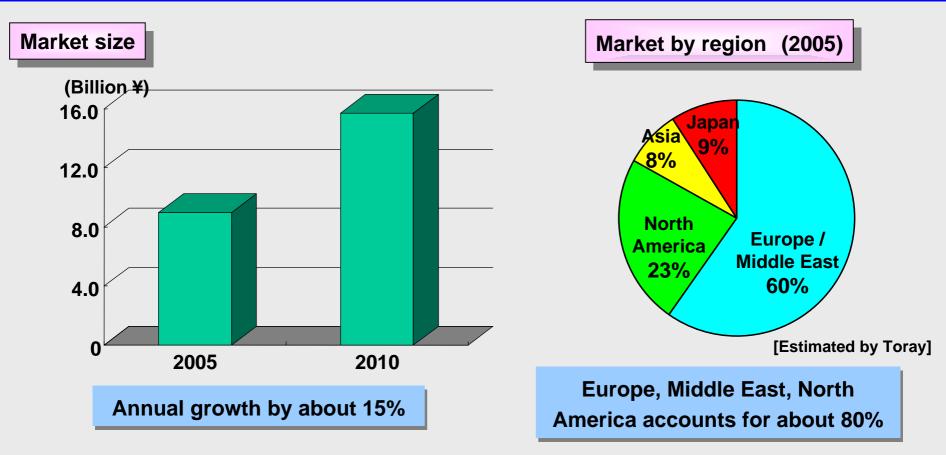
## Major Water Treatment Plants using Toray MF Hollow Fiber Membrane





#### **Market of Immersed Membrane for MBR**





MBR is highly evaluated for its good water quality, small footprint, and ability to reduce excess sludge.

The market is yet undeveloped



#### 5. Outline and Strategies of Toray's Water Treatment Business

# Superiority of Toray's Immersed Membrane for MBR (1) Comparison in Spec.



	Α	В	Toray
Membrane type	Hollow Fiber membrane	Flat sheet membrane	Flat sheet membrane
Material	PVDF	PVC	PVDF
Pore size(µm)	0.04	0.4	0.08
Permeability* (m <sup>3</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> /day)	0.45	0.6	0.75
Flux per-module footprint (m <sup>3</sup> /day/m <sup>2</sup> )	170	103	233
External cleaning	necessary	unnecessary	unnecessary

\*actual operation

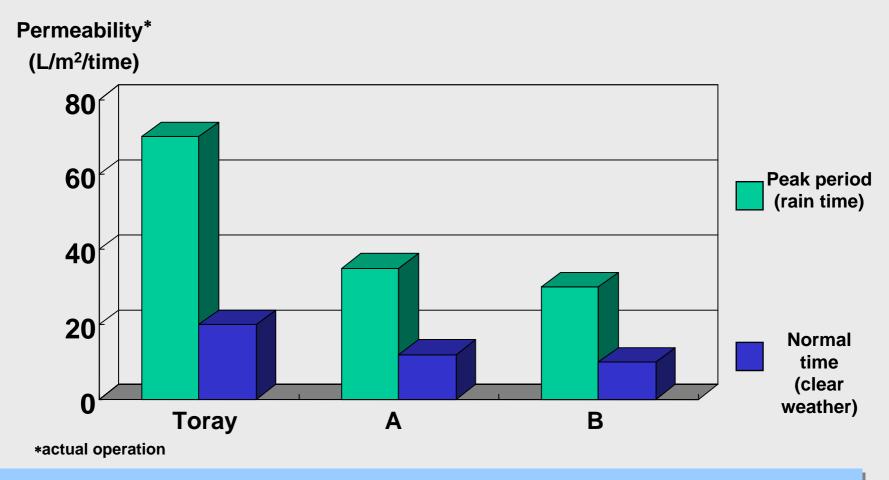
[Estimated by Toray]

Toray MBR is high-durability, high-permeability and less clogging.



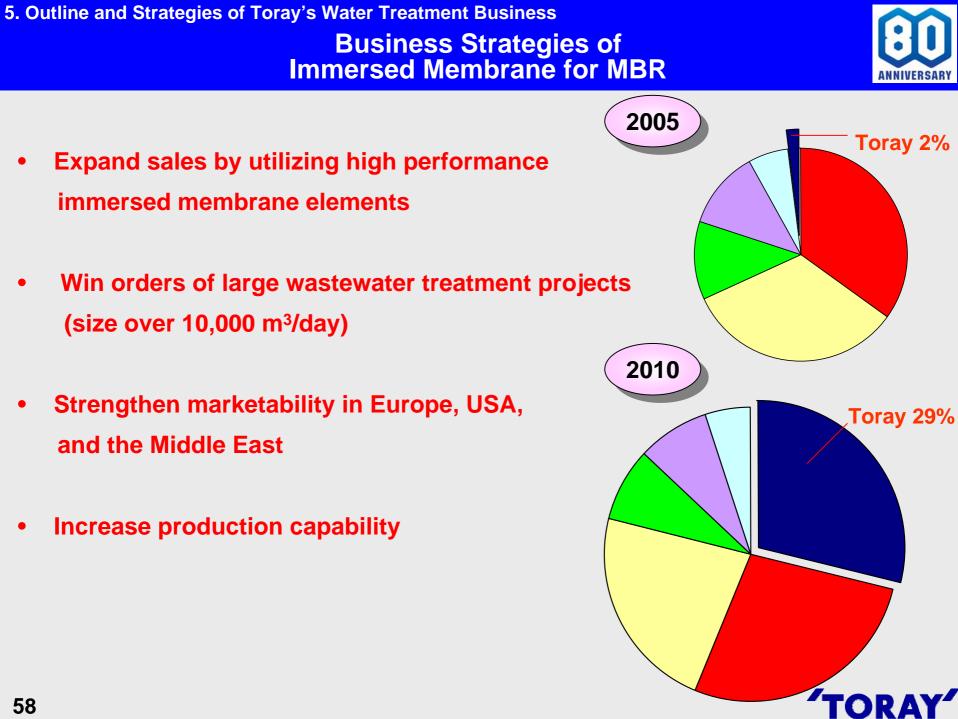
#### 5. Outline and Strategies of Toray's Water Treatment Business Superiority of Toray's Immersed Membrane for MBR (2) Comparison in permeability

#### Test results at Beverwijk (Netherlands) sewage-treatment plant (2003)

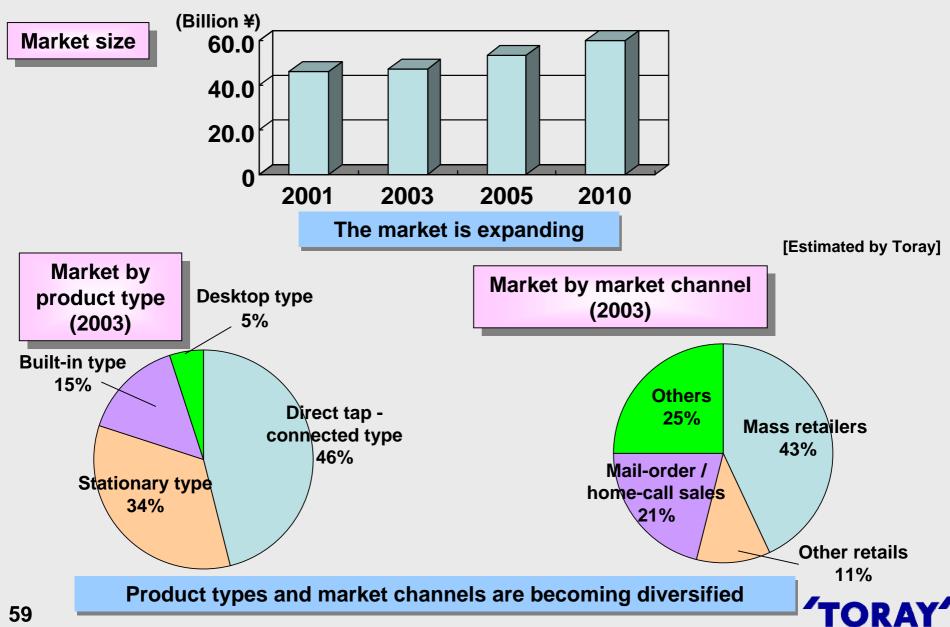


Toray MBR offers twice the permeability proven by direct comparison to others.





#### **Market of Home Water Purifiers (in Japan)**



5. Outline and Strategies of Toray's Water Treatment Business Business Strategies of Torayvino\*, Home Water Purifiers

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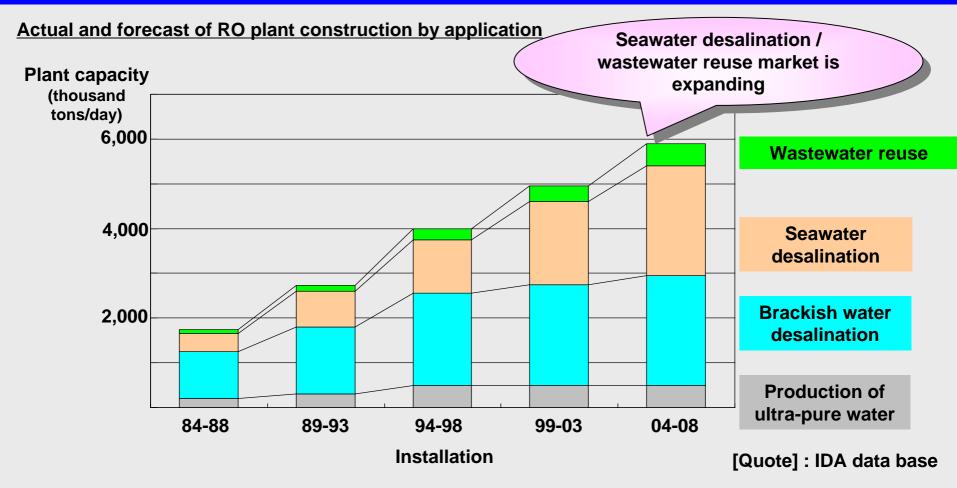
- Increase share in the retailer market which is the revenue base
  - Expand sales for general supermarkets, DIY stores, home appliance retailers, and camera retailers
  - Strengthen product lineups other than current mainstay item, the direct tap-connected type
- Sales expansion to market channels other than retailers
  - Marketing of high-performance products
  - Strengthen sales to department stores, specialty shops, mail-order sales, and home-call sales
- Advance to overseas market
  - Develop products equipped with performance and features matching the different water quality conditions of each country
  - Develop global market centering USA and China to include
    South East Asia and Europe

Market share of retailers 43% (2003) → 48% (2010)



#### **Market in Target of Water Treatment Systems Business**



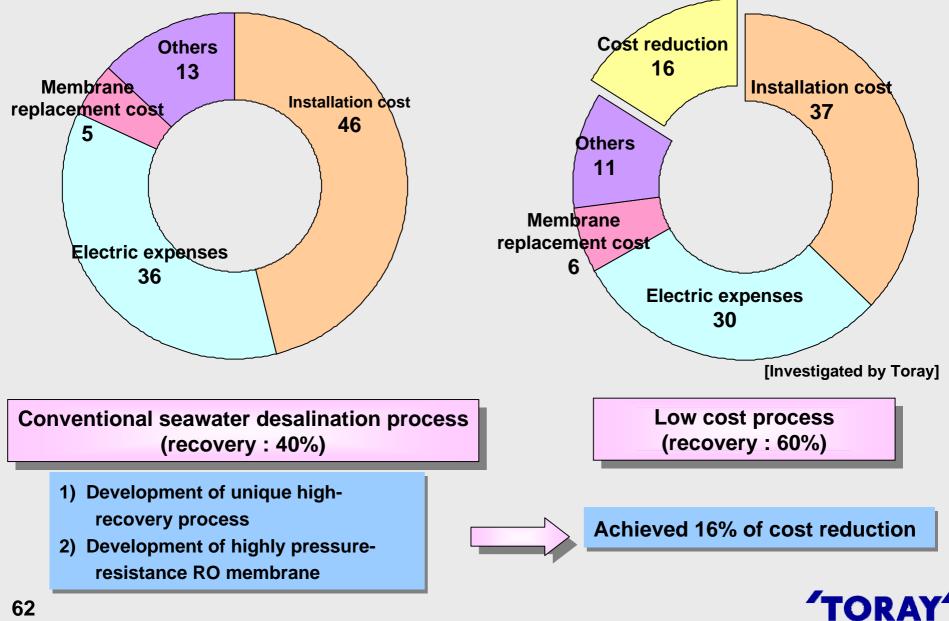


Focus on seawater desalination and wastewater reuse where the market is expanding and Toray has advantage. Focus on the Middle East, China, and South East Asia.



#### **Low Cost Seawater Desalination Process**





5. Outline and Strategies of Toray's Water Treatment Business

Business Strategies of Water Treatment Systems

• Receive orders of large scale seawater desalination

Systems in overseas market

Strengthen ability to respond to large

**EPC** matters

- Collaboration with Suido Kiko
- Develop business in China
  - Utilize local affiliated companies; establish partnership with

local engineering companies

- Strengthen technological competitiveness
  - Strengthen Integrated Membrane System (IMS) technologies
  - Strengthen competitiveness in seawater desalination,

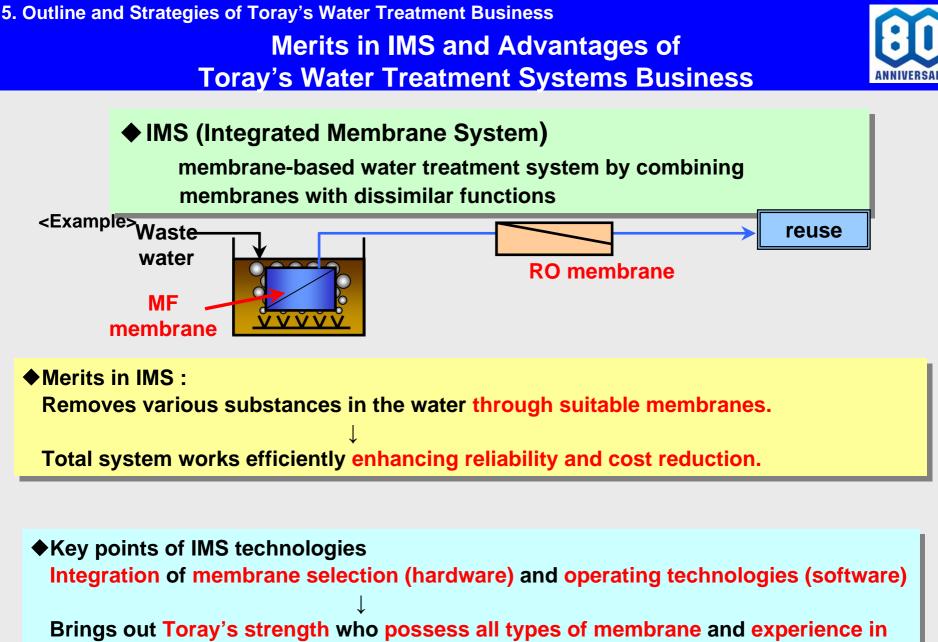
wastewater reuse market

• Full-scale entry into operation and maintenance business

EPC :Engineering, Procurement & Construction (delivery of equipment / construction work on contract)



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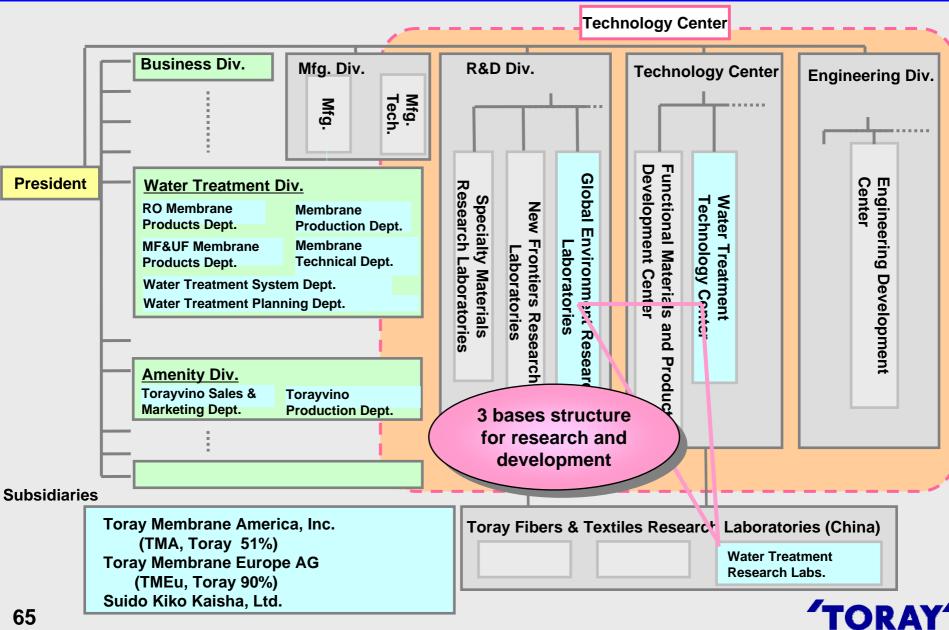


operating technologies of each membrane



#### 6. Organization and Policies of Research and Development

#### **Research & Development System** of Toray's Water Treatment Business



#### **TFRC Water Treatment R&D Laboratories**



#### **Toray Fibers & Textiles Research Laboratories (China) Co., Ltd (TFRC)**



# TFRC

- Fibers & Textiles Research Center (Nantong)
- Polymer Materials Research Laboratories (Shanghai)
- Water Treatment Research Laboratories (Shanghai)

**Operation of Water Treatment Research Laboratories** 

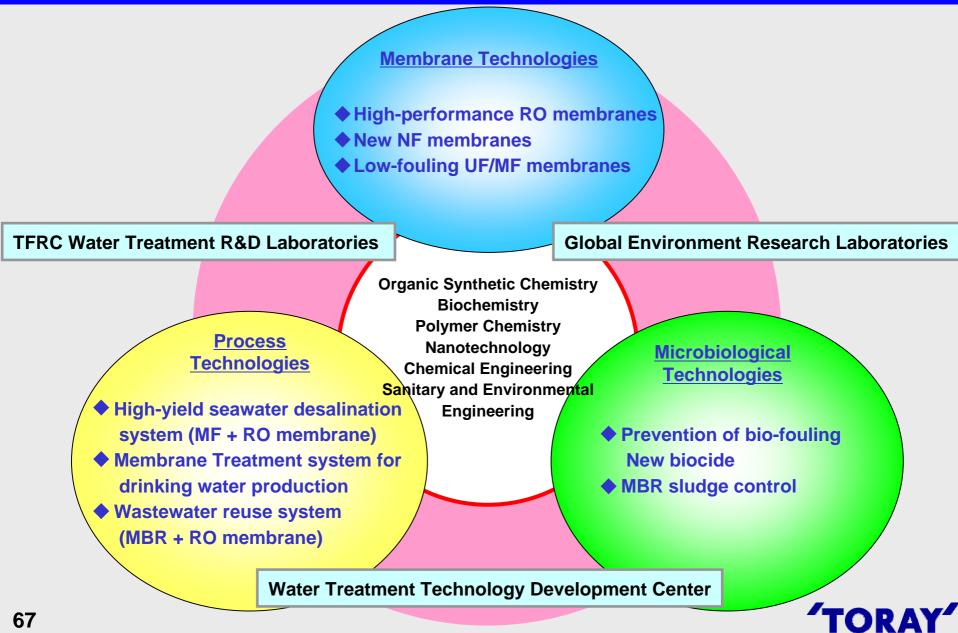
- Funded research from Toray water treatment- related departments (R&D, assistance for technology marketing)
- Collaboration and joint research study with Chinese universities and government research laboratories
- Develop appropriate water treatment systems for China
- Aim to be global base for water treatment research and development, assistance for technology marketing

General Manager, Dr. Yang Yufang Currently 10 researchers, planned to increase to 20 during FY March/2007



#### **R&D Themes of Water Treatment Business**





#### 7.Summary

Expansion of Toray's water Treatment Business



- Appeal the high performance membrane products to the global market
  - Focus on seawater desalination system and

wastewater treatment

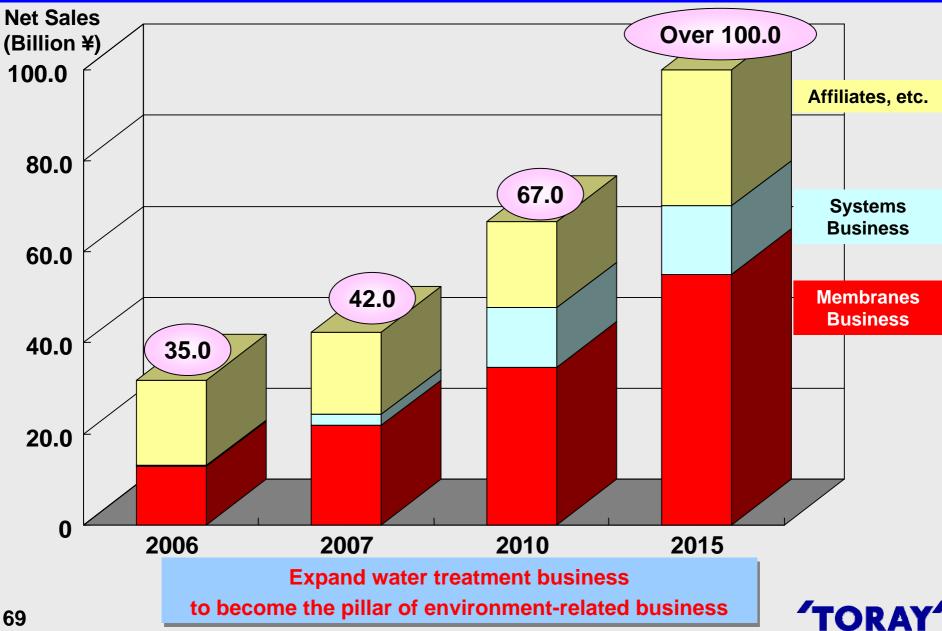
- Aim for No.1 in membrane business by 2010
- Expand sales of home water purifiers
  - Strengthen product lineups and develop new market
- Expand water treatment systems business
  - Integrate membranes and process technologies
  - Strengthen IMS technologies



#### 7. Summary

#### Expansion of Toray's Water Treatment Business





Toray's membrane utilizing water treatment technologies will contribute to secure sustainable water resources and environment protection



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