Chapter 16

Mutual impact on Economic and Environment by ETS and carbon tax scenarios between Japan and Korea.

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Aims of this chapter

• This chapter explores carbon policy implications for environmentally-sustainable growth in Japan and Korea.

• It also makes recommendations for coordination of carbon reduction policy among the two countries.
Recently Japan and Korea set the mid-term GHG emission reduction goals. In 2012 Japan became the first Asian country to introduce a carbon tax in the form of an additional tax on oil, coal, and natural gas. The tax rate is set at 289 JPY per ton of CO$_2$ (around $3/tCO_2$) and the revenue is not explicitly designed for lowering other existing taxes in Japan.

South Korea will implement an emissions trading scheme in 2015. Moreover, the Korean government review is now under way to assess the feasibility of a levy on carbon emissions where the tax rate is about 3,000 KRW per ton of CO$_2$ (around $3/tCO_2$). Such policies could help provide economic incentive to achieve a low-carbon economy in both countries.
This chapter analyzes the impacts on economy and environment of the carbon tax and/or ETS policies in Japan and Korea, using CGE. By comparing the cases in which the two countries do and do not coordinate their carbon reduction policies, it examines the effects on GDP growth, employment, trade flows, and carbon emissions in Japan and Korea.

This study then suggests a desirable carbon policy design and cooperation in the two countries to contribute sustainable low-carbon economy in this area.
Using GTAP-E

– Basic Model is GTAP-E
– Refer to KERI and CGE of GIR
– Use GTAP in GAMS/MPSGE
– Data version 8
Base line scenario

– Period : 2007~2020
– GDP growth late

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– Energy & Emission Coefficient
  • Coal(3.0), Refined Oil(2.7), Natural Gas(2.1)
– Base year Energy data : GTAP v8
Policy Scenario

1. Japan: BAU, Korea is
   - S1k→ GHG 30% reduction in 2020 comparing to BAU
   - S2k→ GHG 10% reduction in 2020 comparing to 2005 (carbon tax rate for this target)
   - S3k→ GHG 15% reduction in 2020 comparing to 2005

2. Korea: BAU, Japan is
   - S1j→ GHG 3.8% reduction in 2020 comparing to 2020
   - S2j→ GHG 10% reduction in 2020 comparing to 2005 (carbon tax rate for this target)
   - S3j→ GHG 15% reduction in 2020 comparing to 2005

3. Korea and Japan
   - S1a → S1k and S1J
   - S2a → S2k and S2J
   - S3a → S3k and S3j
• 국가별 시나리오별 배출량

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  - 국가별 배출량, 에너지 data와 파라미터
• 향후 일정
  - 시나리오 보완 및 확정
  - 파라미터 및 시나리오 데이터 보완(시나리오 확정시)
  - 정책 분석을 위한 필요한 결과 도출
  - 시나리오 확정이 9월에 가능한다면, 10월 모형작업 완료 가능