Unit 9

Requiring Companies to Produce Less CO2

STEP 1: VOCABULARY PREVIEWS

企業のCO2排出量規制

地球温暖化は国境を越えた全人類や動植物を含めた地球の全住民にとって深刻な問題です。温暖化の主因と考えられている二酸化炭素の増加は、経済活動を営む上で避けられないかも知れませんが、ひとりひとりが自覚を持って消費電力や化石燃料の消費を減らすべきと言われています。とりわけ、工場などの産業からの排出量は莫大なものです。米国ではいま企業に対して排出量を削減するよう強く求められている実態を紹介します。

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One of the top issues at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, was climate change. But the business and political leaders gathered for the yearly event in the Swiss Alps were not the only ones talking about the subject. (1) California recently passed rules to require industries to release less carbon dioxide and other gases blamed for trapping heat. (2) Some companies believe it is just a question of time before the federal government could do the same. So they are positioning themselves to have a voice in the policy-making.

Recently, leaders of ten big companies proposed setting rules to limit the release of greenhouse gases. The companies are members of the United States Climate Action Partnership. One possibility for the country is a trading system like the European Union has. Companies would have credits to release a set amount of greenhouse gases into the air. Businesses that stay within their limits could trade their surplus credits to bigger polluters.

Since 1995, the United States has had a trading system for sulfur emissions that cause acid rain. But some companies think other ideas, like new taxes on fossil fuels, are a better way to cut greenhouse gases.

Any new rules would hit some industries harder than others. For example, 40 percent of the carbon dioxide from American industry comes from power producers, especially those that burn coal. (3) <u>The United States is the world's biggest producer of carbon dioxide</u>, followed by China.

On February 2nd, in Paris, a scientific group established by the United 5 Nations plans to issue a major report on climate change. (4) The report is expected to take the strongest position yet about the influence of human activity. (5) The group is said to be at least 90 percent sure that human activity is the main cause of global warming in the last half-century. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change puts most of the blame on 10 the burning of fossil fuels. And the report is expected to say that scientists around the world believe temperatures will continue to rise.

STEP 4: QUESTIONS

本文の内容に関して、以下3つの質問に対して英語で答を書いてください。

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| 1. | What did the leaders of ten big companies propose? | | | | | | |
| 2. | What causes acid rain? | | | | | | |
| 3. | Which industries would be hit hardest by the new rules? | | | | | | |

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| 1. | カリフォルニア州のCO2排出規制は全米に広がると多くの企業が見ている。 | T / F |
| 2. | 欧州式の企業間の排出量取引も導入を模索している米企業がある。 | T / F |
| 3. | 化石燃料に課税したほうが温暖化ガスの削減に有効と見る企業もある。 | T / F |
| 4. | CO ₂ の排出量は米国が世界一で中国が第2位だがその差は縮まってきている。 | T / F |
| 5. | 地球温暖化は今後加速するであろうと世界中の科学者が予想している。 | T / F |
| STE | P 6: TRANSLATION | |
| 本 | 文にある (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) の英文を参考にして以下の和文を英訳してください。 | |
| 1. | 市議会は家の前の除雪を全家庭に義務付ける条例を可決した。「除雪する = remove sn | ow⅃ |
| 2. | その喫茶店が閉店するのは時間の問題だ。「閉店する = close down」 | —· |
| 3. | 米国は世界最大の米の生産国であり、中国がその次である。 | · |
| 4. | 同報告は携帯電話の悪影響について強固な立場をとるものと予想される。 「携帯電話 = cellphone; mobile」 | · |
| 5. | 彼は電磁波がパソコン使用者の頭痛の主因であるとことについて少なくとも80%の確る。「電磁波 = electromagnetic waves」 | ・ 言があ |
| STE | P 7: WRITING | · |
| | 下の質問に対して英文で答えてください。 | |
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STEP 5: TRUE OR FALSE