

Annual Report on Steel Can Recycling 2013



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The Japan Steel Can Recycling Association has conducted several activities mainly to promote steel can recycling as well as litter prevention, the environmental beautification, and public relations activities since the association established in 1973. The activities initially focused on promoting steel can recycling lead to establishment of comprehensive sorted collection system and even the recycle-based society. In FY2012, the recycling rate of steel cans reached 90.8%, which is the highest in the world.

In order to promote steel can recycling activities in Japan, "Steel Can Recycling Annual Report" summarizes the situation of steel can recycling in the municipalities, the trends of recipients of steel can scrap, market forces for steel can scrap, etc. This is the 18th issue. Our association decided to continue to promote our activities in order to establish recycle-based society and help much more people to improve their understanding of steel can recycling. We hope this report is useful for everyone.

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