Environmental education program of producing charcoal from recycled waste wood in the campus of Miyagi University of Edu

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Charcoal production, a traditional forest use in the hilly areas of Japan, rapidly ceased in the late 1950s because common fuel drastically changed from woody biomass to fossil fuel at that time. It means that skilled hands having technique for charcoal production hardly remain in Japan at present. Some kind of social program for handing down charcoal production, an important knowledge about natural resource use, is desired. For the purpose of offering lessons about charcoal production and its background to students, we have just started an environmental education program of producing charcoal from recycled waste wood obtained in the campus of Miyagi University of Education. This presentation gives an outline of the program.

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