

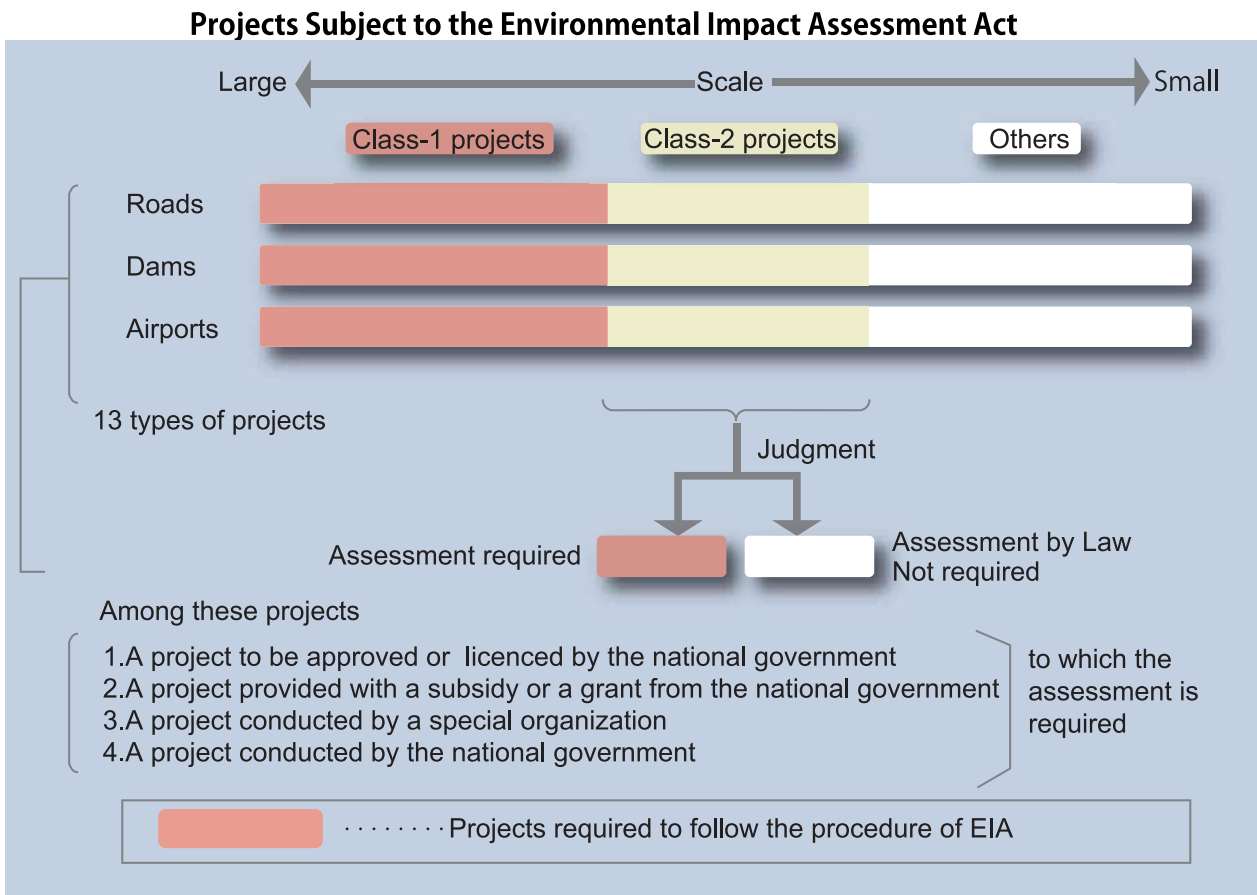
(3) Projects subject to EIA

13 types of projects are subject to the Environmental Impact Assessment Act including the construction of roads, dams, railways, airports and power plants.

Among them, large-scale projects that could have a serious impact on the environment are categorized as “Class-1” projects and are required to follow the procedure of the Act. The projects ranked next to the Class-1 projects in scale are grouped as “Class-2” projects for which the judgment whether to follow the procedure for EIA is determined individually. In other words, all Class-1 projects and the Class-2 project judged to be subject to EIA must follow the procedure for EIA in the Act.

Large scale port and harbor planning is subject to the EIA as well.

The types and sizes of projects are described in the table on the next page.



TOPICS : Addition of solar battery power plant to the projects subject of the EIA Act

There is need to promote the activity for smooth and wide introduction of the power generation project using renewable energy as to be sustainable, long-term and stable major power source.

The solar battery power generation plant is relatively introducible project at good location of the sun and already introduced nationwide. On the other hand there are environmental problems like sediment outflow, occurrence of turbid water, impacts on landscape and reflected light.

Based on this situation, the installation of solar battery power generation plant was added into the target projects of EIA Act since April in 2020.

By the proper environmental impact assessment for solar battery power generation plant is carried out, it will be assured that the business is performed in the harmony with environment. The local resident could understand and accept the project and it is expected that the solar battery power generation will be promoted.