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Class 1

New Inagi City

Inagi city is located in the southern part of the Tama area in Tokyo. Inagi is famous for its pears, and Yomiuri Land amusement park, is located nearby. In this area, there are many difficulties for the citizens living, such as many slopes and few restaurants. Considering the living needs of the citizens in Inagi city, students of group one discussed some solutions to revitalize Inagi City. Main problems discussed were the declining birth rate, and making the local infrastructure accessible for all households. We came up with some ideas to solve the question.

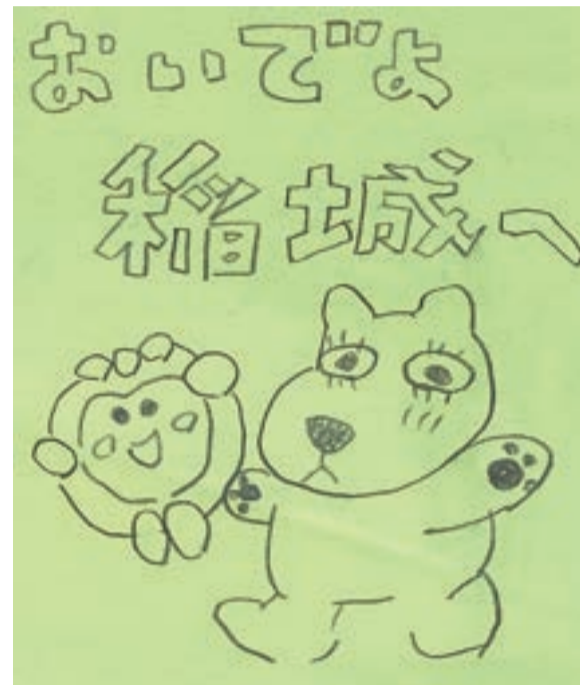
Firstly, it is necessary to

increase children's house and playgrounds. Secondly, building a shopping mall and shops in front of the station are substantial. Thirdly, the city can try to attract tourists for pear-picking tours, and lastly, advertising Inagi city more. Figure 1. is such an example.

We thought it would be good to create a commercial facility to realize the idea to solve the problem. Building a commercial facility will allow parents and children and the younger generation to consider their choice of living in Inagi city. It may hopefully help somewhat reducing the declining birthrate. In order to realize this innovation

plan, Inagi city would need land large enough to build commercial facilities.

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Everybody come on INAGI / Drown by Tukumi Tomisawa

In Order to Make Tachikawa Lively

Tachikawa city is a city located in the central part of the Tama region in Tokyo. There are a lot of attractions such as commercial facilities, culture, and rich natural environment. One of the famous parks in Tachikawa city is Showa Kinen Park. There are a lot of

ginkgo trees, and the autumn illumination became a hot topic on SNS. Everyone can see the beautiful scenery at Showa Kinen Park such as cheery blossoms in spring and fireworks in summer, and colored leaves in Autumn. In addition to illuminations, Showa Kinen Park also has a barbecue

area and playground equipment, such as children's playgrounds that families can enjoy it.

Regardless of such charms of Showa Kinen Park, the place is not well known by many people. One of the ways to attract more people to Tachikawa city is advertising the park using SNS.

If more people come to post their impressions of the park on SNS, the hidden charms of Tachikawa city may attract more tourists to Tachikawa city.

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showa kinen park / <https://www.showakinen-koen.jp/>

Local Project

The Road to Chofu Development



The cityscape of Chofu
<http://gentosha-go.com/articles/-/26860>

Chofu city has a large population and is characterized by good access to the city center. On the other hand, there are multiple problems such as the large number of elderly people and the population imbalance within the city. According to a survey conducted in 2022, about 40% of citizens were over 60 years old in Chofu city.

In order to solve these problems, creating a restaurant in an area where the number of people is decreasing may help. If the restaurant serves Chofu city's specialty dishes, it may attract more people. A specialty of the area is Jindai soba, buckwheat noodles. The place, Jindai-ji was historically famous for locally-grown buckwheat and locally-made soba. By putting

out advertisements, people will get to know the area, which is under redevelopment. Even if the redevelopment takes some time, starting advertisement can be a good opportunity to let people knows about Chofu City.

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Make Shopping Easier for the Elderly

In recent years, Oimachi has seen a gradual aging of its population. As a result, more and more seniors are finding it difficult to go shopping because they can no longer drive or have trouble walking. This is a social problem, as the number of people nationwide increased by about 1.5 million from 2005 to 2015. Therefore, we thought it was necessary to create a shopping environment where the elderly could live healthily. One possibility is to provide an environment where people shop without moving. That's where people can take advantage of mobile supermarkets. A mobile supermarket is a system in which products sold at a supermarket are arranged in a mobile sales

vehicle, and the shops visit their homes to sell their products while the staff talking to them. Even if the elderly does not move, they can shop while talking to the seller, while seeing, touching and choosing products directly. In other words, the joy of shopping is retained. There are also several other advantages to using a mobile supermarket, besides allowing customers to buy goods without having to move them. For example, people who buy goods can connect with each other and form a human network. And sometimes talking to people is good for your health because it helps maintaining and improving their cognitive function. The mobile supermarket also reduces the risk of contracting the

coronavirus during shopping, which has been prevalent in recent years. As a result, the more mobile supermarkets are used, the more comfortable shopping environment for the elderly will

be created.

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View of Oimachi Station / Photo by Fu Saito

Turning Chofu's Issue into a Charm

Tokyo has charms as cultural festivals and special products, however, it has been said that people's interaction has decreased due to population decline and the impact of Covid-19. Our research group decided to suggest a concrete solution to the problem ; holding a fireworks display and summer festival in Chofu city. By holding these events, the city will be filled with energy and many people will be energized. In the internet era, people from all over Japan and around the world can see Chofu fireworks. In the summer festival, it is possible to activate local production sales for local consumption by setting up stalls and using vegetables harvested in Chofu. Promoting such summer

events, the city can convey the charm of Chofu City, such as fireworks and vegetables, and it will be a good opportunity for many people to get to know about Chofu city.

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Chofu station / Photo by Nonoka Honda

Local Project

Make New Shibuya

Shibuya which is downtown eminent Japan, and is known as a town of the youth has social problems. Shibuya ward is one of Tokyo's 23 wards, which littering garbage amount is the second largest. As a group of youth, we strongly hope for Shibuya to be a clean town.

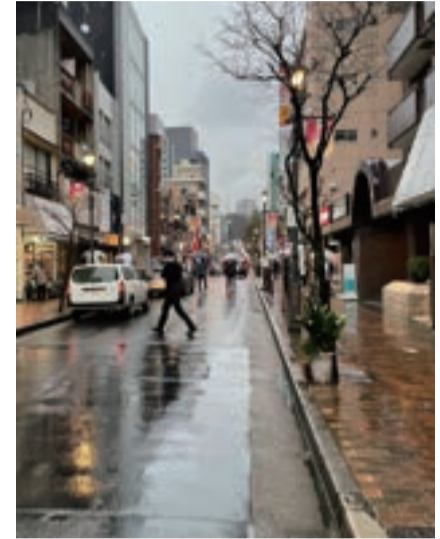
One possible solution for littering in Shibuya is increasing the number of trash boxes. In the district with much littering in particular, installation of trash box in every 40m would improve

the situation. It is expected that people do not feel the necessary to litter if there is a trash box in front of them.

The problem of the plan is the installation costs. For the solution, we suggest to recruit companies and schools to be sponsors. The sponsors put advertisements on the trash box and Shibuya ward gets advertisement charges for trash box installation. In addition, there is many more choices that we can contribute ; producing posters for littering restraint and

cleaning. In this way, we can work together to make Shibuya clean and more attractive.

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Shibuya area / Photo by aito Dan

Turning Fuchu into a Lively City

The area presented here is Fuchu City, a lush green city located in the center of Tokyo. According to a survey by Musashi-Fuchu chamber of commerce in 2019, Fuchu city is experiencing economic stagnation; a decrease in the number of stores in the shopping district, and an increase in the number of people who shop, eat, and drink outside of the city. The recent years, these factors have caused a negative cycle and they has led to depopulation in the city. Considering how to bring people back to Fuchu and spend their holidays are creating the city with charms is necessary; a city where people can get all they need and that meets the needs

of every citizen: children to the elderly.

In order to solve the issues, we came up with two ideas. That are, having regular events where local people can join and meeting demands from the older generation. Another way is opening a website where people of all ages could share their opinions. One of the advantages of a website is that it can be seen by a large number of people. This leads to publicity of the city. It could also create more chances for networking among citizens. It also makes it easier for people to find the information they are looking for.

We believe that this change will allow the city to develop

a city where the citizens of all generations communicate better. If people from inside and outside the city visit Fuchu city frequently, it may have some

effect on Fuchu's economy.

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Keyaki trees in front of Fuchu / <https://www.ookunitamajinja.or.jp/meguri/keyaki.php>

Nishi Kawaguchi and Garbage



Overflowing garbage
<https://westriverm.hatenablog.com/entry/2019/11/08/004126>

In recent years, Nishi-Kawaguchi has been experiencing a garbage problem. Why is the garbage problem becoming serious? There are two reasons.

First, the increasing number of foreign residents is causing the

garbage problem. The population of Nishi Kawaguchi in Saitama Prefecture is approximately 600,000, but the foreign population is about 30,000, making Nishi Kawaguchi as the municipalities with the highest percentage of foreign residents in the prefecture. Many of these foreign residents do not understand the rules for garbage disposal. As a result, on the morning of garbage collection day, garbage collection sites overflows with garbage. In addition, sanitary conditions of garbage collection sites are

poor. This has caused damage to neighboring residents.

The solution to this problem is to install signs written in various languages for foreigners to remind the rules. Another cause is the lack of clear rules on how to dispose of garbage. In Nishi Kawaguchi, garbage is collected twice a week, which is no different from other municipalities. However, while most municipalities divide garbage into combustible and noncombustible garbage, Nishi Kawaguchi divides it into general garbage and hazardous garbage.

Therefore, not only combustible garbage but also noncombustible garbage can be disposed of as general garbage. The solution to this problem is to make the rules clearer and impose fines on those who do not follow the rules. By imposing fines, the rate of illegal dumping will be greatly reduced. By taking these measures, Nishi Kawaguchi will become a cleaner town.

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Local Project

Make Kawasaki Better

View of Kawasaki city / <http://4travel.jp/travelogue/10491425>

Kawasaki City is a municipality created in 1924. Located in the northeastern part of Kanagawa prefecture, the city has a population of approximately 1.54 million. While the area is rich with nature along the Tama River and with farmland, and old residential areas, the population grew rapidly after World War II. Many commercial facilities for young people and families opened near stations on various railroad lines.

Regarding the advantages of Kawasaki City, it is full of rich nature. The water quality has improved compared to the past, and many sweet fish can be seen at the Tama River, making it a valuable natural space. Despite being an urban area, the city is dotted with green spaces and parks. The city also has good access to major stations in the Tokyo metropolitan area, and there are numerous railroads within the city with proximity to Haneda Airport. It may explain the fact that the number of households is increasing every year.

Regarding disadvantages of Kawasaki City, there are a lot of theft case. In addition, the average

rent is high and living costs are said to be high, too. Some people mentions that the city provide weak childcare support, high poverty rate, terrible noise and large smoking population.

Our research group discussed how to deal with Kawasaki city's high crime rate and increasing theft cases. One way to solve the issue is to strengthen community cooperation and make it easier to identify criminals when crimes occur. Using posters and other means to warn residents not to go out late at night, or not to walk along deserted streets may help

raising awareness among citizens.

With respect to high smoking population and its influence to non-smoking residents and children, setting up smoking areas, collecting fines from street smokers are some of the possible measures. In addition, making people understand the health effects of smoking and the passive-smoking damage can raise awareness from an early age. Such actions would lead to a decrease in the number of street smokers. By strictly banning littering, it can also eliminate environmental damage of

cigarettes litters.

Such measures are not only applicable to Kawasaki. It can be applied in places where the same dangers exist. In other words, it is possible to tackle this issue worldwide.

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Traffic Problems in Kichijyoji



Kichijoji station north exit square / photo by <https://gentosha-go.com/articles/-/25961>

The main traffic problem in Kichijoji is caused by the close distance between pedestrians and the traffic. A fundamental solution is constructing a pedestrian bridge. As pedestrians and the traffic are clearly divided, the number of accidents will be reduced. In addition, wider roads can be spared for the traffic, less traffic congestion is also expected in Kichijoji area. Together with maintaining the infrastructure, it is important to raise awareness for pedestrian safety. For instance,

telling school-age children to pay attention while walking or make them aware some dangerous points on their school route may help raise awareness among them. In addition, conducting school-led safety education are some of the possible measures taken by local governments. These solutions can improve traffic in Kichijoji.

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Hogwarts in Nerima Ward? There is Magic in Nerima.

Nerima Ward is not so famous, but its rich greenery especially is distinct among Tokyo 23 wards. We would like to make the most of it and make Nerima Ward more vibrant. Our team discussed solutions and came up with an idea of building a new park in Nerima ward. One of the main reasons is the success that Miyashita Park in Shibuya gained through urban renewal.



This is the former Toshimaen / <https://www.nikkei.com/article/DGXMZO55164780T00C20A2MM0000/>



This is a Harry Potter theme park / <https://castel.jp/p/5069>

Now, it is a place where young people can gather. New Miyashita Park has a rooftop park, which has a café and facilities such as skateboarding and bouldering. It also has a TikTok booth and other places where influencers can come to shoot.

In Nerima ward, there used to be an amusement park called Toshimaen, which has closed. Recently, there is a plan to build a Harry Potter theme park on the site of Toshimaen, which can only be found in England and Nerima Ward. We believe that Harry Potter theme park at the Toshimaen renewal site, together with a park like Miyashita Park will attract more young people to Nerima Ward. We want to create facilities and theme parks like the two I described above to create a buzz in the city. In this way, we would like to create a town that is crowded with young people. To achieve this, we need cooperation from a variety of people.

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This is Nerima Station / <https://ja.wikipedia.org/wiki/%E7%B7%B4%E9%A6%AC%E9%A7%85>

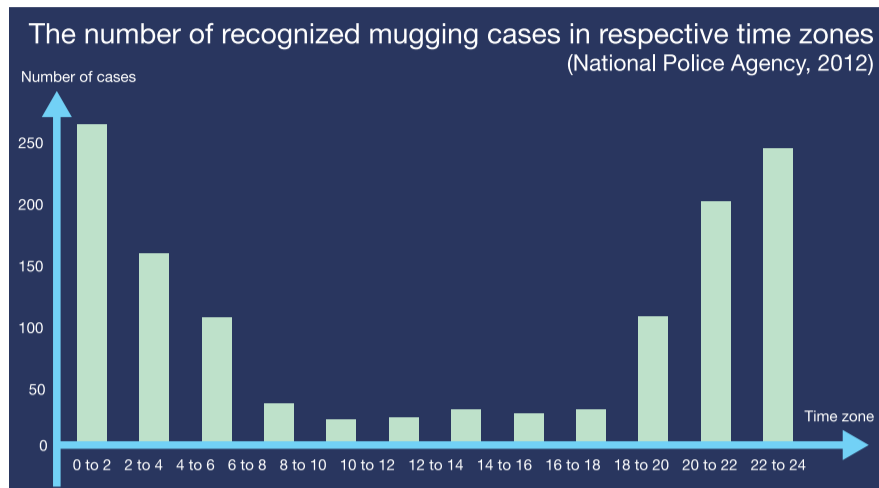


This is Miyashita Park / Photo by PIXTA



This is Miyashita Park / Photo by PIXTA

Security in Setagaya Ward



Number of recognized street robberies by time of occurrence (2012 Metropolitan Police Department survey) / Create by T.Yuhi



Taken from the observation deck of Carrot Tower in Sangenjaya, Setagaya Ward / Photo by Y.Nakamura

As citizens, we all hope to live in a town where many people can work safely both during the day and at night, so do the citizens of Setagaya ward. To achieve this ideal, we first considered the advantages and disadvantages of Setagaya Ward.

First, Setagaya Ward has one of the largest populations in Tokyo, and is attractive as a quiet residential area. To support this population, Setagaya Ward is well-developed in terms of infrastructure and commercial facilities. However, the residential area is dotted with intricate and dark streets, and hazards exist. We therefore came up with a variety of ideas on what would help ward residents feel safe on dark streets.

Among them, we came up with a streetlight with a surveillance camera. The number of nighttime crimes, such as burglaries, accounts for a large portion of all crimes, as shown in Figure 2, but the installation of streetlights

and surveillance cameras can be a major deterrent, and the combination of these would be more effective. If durability of surveillance streetlights is ensured with reasonable costs, it is necessary to gain the understanding of residents to obtain their cooperation. Such understanding may lead to further investment on the installation sites.

On the other hand, there are various drawbacks of installing these systems, such as the need for strict management of personal information, including captured images, and periodic maintenance. Nevertheless, we propose the installation of streetlights with surveillance cameras as one to ensure the safety and comfort of local residents.

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Tokiwadai Good and Bad

Our team researched the social issues in Tokiwadai located in Itabashi Ward, Tokyo. We would like to talk about the charm of Tokiwadai, the problems, and how to solve them.

The first is about the charm of Tokiwadai. Tokiwadai is a very clean town because there is not much trash. Also, public transportations such as buses and trains are developed, and it takes only 13 minutes to get to Ikebukuro and 26 minutes to get to Shinjuku. Moreover, there are nine convenience stores near the station. It is convenient for people to use convenience stores.

On the other hand, the station area is deserted. There are fewer people around the station, including tourists. It is hard to say that it has safe atmosphere. Therefore, we think it is necessary to make a station building because it attracts a lot of people and help revitalize the area. We also think as more people would come to use Tokiwadai station, it will lead to advertise the area. If a station building is built, many stores

will open and posters, flyers, websites for advertisement will be needed. Besides, as the population increases, residential areas and public institutions are needed, and many costs and people are also essential.

Through our research, we came to notice that knowledge from various subjects learned in school are applicable to come up with solutions to the areal social issues. For instance, the subjects, economics, management, and commerce are required to run a station. Also, sociology, tourism, media informatics and communications are required to deal with public relation of the city. Besides, we think international relations are necessary to make foreigners aware of the situation.

These subjects correspond to the next high school subject: Sociology, tourism, mass media, international relations, economics, management and commerce correspond to citizen, sociology, tourism and mass media, informatics and communications correspond to information. Through this research, we found that the charms and

problems of Tokiwadai. Why don't you think about own city? You'll find the advantages and disadvantages of the city.

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I found this image by looking up Tokiwadai on Google Maps / Photo by Goto Hiroki



I found this image by looking up Tokiwadai on Google Maps / Photo by Goto Hiroki

Make Kichijoji safe!

Our research group decided to work on the safety in Kichijoji area. Recently, Kichijoji's ranking as people's choice of residence is getting lower. It is mainly because of its poor public safety. In the survey of Sumo, questioning the most desirable place to live, it has been hovering around 2nd or 3rd place until 2022 after taking first place in 2017. According to another company's survey, it is in the 20th place or lower. If you search Kichijoji for security on Google, the top answer is that it's unsafe, but even if you look at Ebisu and Yokohama, which are also ranked among the most desirable cities to live in, you won't find any comment remarking unsafety in those areas.

As a way to solve this problem, it is essential to make a poster drawn in easy-to-read manner so that many people can understand the social issue. Increasing street lights to reduce dark roads, and

patrol activities are some of other measures. Especially, patrol by the police at night, and watching children on their way to and from school would be effective. It is also necessary to strengthen the police box function in case of emergency. In addition to the above, it would be good to consider some measures taken in other countries for protecting local safety, such as improving the employment conditions of police officers, revising laws related to security, and networking among neighbors.

As students, we can get involved to some actions, such as making posters, participating in volunteer activities, and greeting neighbors to deepen exchanges with local people and call for their cooperation. In order to solve the problem, we will of course try to come up with a solution, but we will also deepen our understanding by learning about crime prevention, improve



Nature of Kichijoji / Photo : Nayalan Moodley

the security of Kichijoji, and make a city where many people can live comfortably. All of such challenges may eventually lead to raise the ranking of the town we reside.

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Creating a New Stadium in Fuchu City



Nature of Fuchu City / <https://www.photock.jp/detail/park/730>

In Fuchu city today, not only the birthrate is declining, aging population is progressing. At this rate, there is a risk that depopulation progresses. It is important to energize the city in order to prevent the depopulation of Fuchu city. One substantial way is to gather people to Fuchu area.

In order to attract more people, we would like to make a proposal to let many people know about Fuchu city. Fuchu city is a home to two rugby teams, Suntory Sungoliath and Toshiba Bravelupus. We would like to suggest to create a facility where

people could learn about rugby in order to solve the problem of declining birthrate and increasing the number of people who are interested in rugby. In fact, currently, rugby events are being held in the city where small children participate with their parents.

Our research group discussed how to solve depopulation issue and realized that we needed more research, such as initiatives taken by the local governments and enterprises in the area. Suntory Holdings, which owns Suntory Sungoliath, invite visitors for their factory tours. To solve the

problems in Fuchu city, we first need to know more about rugby to convey the charm of rugby in more detail. On top of that, we would like to plan events, create brochures and videos, and raise the excitement so that various people will have more interests on rugby.

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Koremasa Bridge / Photo AC

To Shibuya which Attract All Generations

The problem with Shibuya ward is that it has the image of being noisy and unsafe due to the large number of young people, even though it has lush green areas such as Yoyogi Park. In order to make Shibuya more friendly and accessible to all generations, we suggest some solutions to create a town where people of all ages, from small children to the elderly, can live comfortably.

One of the solutions is to create facilities that meet the needs of different age groups. For example, planning yoga lessons for the elderly or constructing a facility where children can play sports will not only meet the needs of the people, but it will eventually increase the interaction among people. The first thing that can be

done to solve the problem is to advertise the facility. In order to make a facility, it is necessary to consider the continuation of the facility. Therefore, it is effective to use the Internet to gather information on what events or activities are being looked for in various generations.

The second suggestion is eliminating dark roads to make the area safer. In order to achieve the goal, it is necessary to inform the ward office of the location of dark roads and slopes for encouraging the installation of streetlights. In addition, creating large parks with lots of greenery are effective ways to create a community where people can relax and enjoy themselves. Considerations to barrier-free infrastructure, such as reducing

the number of slopes, would lead to a more relaxed lifestyle for people of all ages.

As our research group discussed, we realize that the subjects we learn in high school are related to urban redevelopment. Through the research, we feel the need to expand our interests beyond subjects. In the current research, our group considers to investigate areas where streetlights are needed, areas where parks can be built, and areas where slopes are steep, listen to the voices of local people, and work to improve them.

There are many facilities that young people can enjoy, but I felt that there are no facilities that can be used by both the elderly and small children to enrich their



In front of Shibuya Station / <https://pixta.jp/photo/48335255>

lives. If we were to plan Shibuya with such a facility, it would be a place for people of all ages to interact.

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Kitchen Cars, Solution to Kokuryo Station

One of the problems around Kokuryo Station is limited space for redevelopment. In order to contribute to the quality of living in Kokuryo area, our research group suggests mobile sales vehicle around the station's plaza.

By restricting the time for sale, the station's plaza can be used for various purposes. For instance, it can become a playground for children while kitchen cars are not there. Another advantage of mobile sale vehicle is that various shops such as foods and

drinks, goods as flowers can join. In addition, it may open the possibility to bring about increase in local productions and consumptions. If such measures were effective, the local government might want to charge for mobile sales vehicle, which

can eventually be invested for the development of the region.

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This is Kokuryo Station. It is in Chofu. At south exit, there are bills, rotary, mansion, cafe and so on / Photo by Wikipedia



This is a kitchen car. It sells something. If someone wants to use a kitchen car, they should have a business license form / Photo by Illust AC

This is local production for local consumption. Local production for local consumption means people grow foods in the local area and eat them in the local area. It is sustainable. / Photo by Illust AC

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Creating Safe Shinjuku Ward with Dogs



Image of animals necessary for activities to protect Shinjuku City / Photo by Andrew S

Our research group envisions Shinjuku, where people live and help each other. Shinjuku has different faces, such as the West Exit, which is an office district, the South Exit, which is undergoing redevelopment, the entertainment district, which is lined with shopping facilities, and the East Exit, where Kabukicho is located. The problem with Shinjuku Ward is in its high crime rate, and poor security. According to our research, the number of crimes in Shinjuku Ward reached nearly 8,000, the highest among the 23 wards.

Another problem of Shinjuku ward is the low percentages on children in the total population. Among 23 wards in Tokyo, children who are 15 years old or younger account only for 4.5%.

Shinjuku Ward has many downtown areas, and there are many dangers lurking in such places, so as dangers of getting involved with crimes. We thought it would not be suitable for a family to reside with small children because there are many shops that are open until late at night and there are dangers of drunk people wandering around. On the contrary, it seems that there are few places that can be called safe. Therefore, in order to reduce the number of dangerous places, we propose an activity to patrol the neighborhood of the school and the school route with the dog. In our plan, the patrols are necessary to be held twice a day in school routes, once in the morning and once in the evening, in line with the school's opening and closing times. It should be conducted at

all elementary, junior high, and high schools. Currently, Shinjuku city provides the Shinjuku City Safety and Security Patrol. This is an organization that aims to raise awareness on violations of city ordinances. We suggest that it would be effective to combine this activity with our plans. By keeping children safe and cracking down on violators, Shinjuku will become even safer.

Another plan is to create a corner where people can interact with animals. This is intended to attract the attention of the pedestrians. Animals such as rabbits, hedgehogs, hamsters, chicks, etc. are relatively friendly to touch. By patrolling with a dog, people can patrol the area, and at the same time, crime is less likely to occur, and the presence of animals can heal children and reduce their stress.

In addition, when people gather around the animal, they can communicate with each other, and the eyes around the animal can play a role of monitoring. You can increase the number of people who want to live in Shinjuku Ward.

In this way, we suggest these plans to use animals for the purpose of making Shinjuku a safer city. We would like to create a city where crime is eliminated from the world and everyone can live with peace of mind anytime, anywhere.

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Koto Ward, a City where They Coexist

As our research group discussed, we reach to the conclusion of an ideal city, which is the city where young people and the elderly help each other and where it is easy for people with families to live. To realize the ideals in Koto Ward, there are mainly three challenges; developing a child-rearing and educational environment, enhancing support for the elderly and disabled and creating a safe and secure city.

Koto Ward ranks fifth in Tokyo in terms of birth rate, as shown in the table. It was necessary to improve the child-rearing environment more than other areas because it is relatively high. In fact, Koto ward provides the residents child-rearing support services through Ariake Children's and Family Support. The supports are available to the community free of charge, 7 days a week. The residents also

have chances to join Goto Future Conference, It was established to listen to the voices of residents for future development of the city.

In terms of enhancing support for the elderly and disabled, the number of young people is increasing, and at the same time the elderly population is also increasing. Therefore, it is necessary to enhance rich support toward both children and the elderly.

Last challenge that Koto ward is facing is to create a safe and secure city. One of the issues is that there are few police boxes in Koto Ward and there are many littering cigarettes.

To solve future problems, It is important for us to have opportunities to interact with the elderly, children, and pregnant women, and to listen to their actual voices. In Koto ward, there are chances for younger citizens



A road with a wide width and a universal design, taken in Toyosu.

to deliver ideas and messages by participating local conferences such as through Koto Mirai Kaigi.

By joining such events, we will be able to find issues in Koto Ward that we were not aware. Also, as a generation that uses SNS a lot, It would be great if we

could advertise using Instagram and other means to draw out the interest of many people.

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Efforts by Kawasaki City



Heiwa-dori Shopping Street in front of Kawasaki Station.

Kawasaki is one of the cities located in Kanagawa Prefecture. Kawasaki City has seven wards: Kawasaki, Saiwai, Miyamae, Tama, Aso, Takatsu, and Nakahara. Each of these wards can be improved in terms of safety, lack of daycare centers and hospitals, and lack of opportunities to interact with a variety of people.

Our research group insists the necessity of active utilization of vacant houses and industrial areas, and increase the chance of human communication in shopping arcades. Shopping arcades are

places for commerce, but they also play a role in supporting the local community. Therefore, it was thought that developing shopping streets would be effective in creating a community where people of all ages and genders can live comfortably. For example, the shopping

arcade should be convenient for men and women of all ages by offering products and services with men and women, the young and the old in mind. Furthermore, it would be also effective to hold festivals and events that local residents engage, in order to make the shopping district loved by the residents.

To promote the development of shopping arcades, Kawasaki City offers sightseeing tours that include a visit to Sumiyoshi Shrine followed by a walk through the shopping arcade with an introduction to the history and origins of the shopping arcade. It

also plans events such as the annual autumn festival in the Saginuma and Sakura-machi shopping arcades. Other events include Machi Seminar, in which store owners serve as lecturers to share their expertise and information with participants, together with the Stamp Rally, in which participants collect stamps by using each store as a checkpoint.

Kawasaki is known as the center of the Keihin Industrial Zone, the largest industrial zone in Japan. Its convenient access to the sea for the transportation of raw materials, the flat land for industrial use, and its proximity to Tokyo, a large population works for the Keihin Industrial area. The Nishikase project is a logistics facility covering an area of approximately 10 hectares, about two times the size of the Tokyo Dome, and is adjacent to a sports facility and a park. The project is being undertaken with the goal of revitalizing the community and making it more convenient. There are also plans to use the site as a disaster prevention facility for the

region.

Another social issue that Kawasaki city face is reutilization of the former factory site. One suggestions from the research group was to build condominiums. Since the land is large and inexpensive in the former factory site, new condominiums can welcome a number of residents. It can also expect to revitalize the economy. The second suggestion is to build a home for the elderly. Since many elderly people in Kawasaki City live alone, it is important to make the city a comfortable place for the elderly to live. Thus, former factory sites can be used for a variety of purposes, and it is also expected that the city become a comfortable place to live for people of all ages, from children to the elderly.

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Musashino City, Full of Greenery

The number of businesses by industry (broad category)

Town name	Total	Food and beverage	Construction	Manufacturing	Wholesale and retail trade	Transportation and information	Wholesale and retail trade	Finance and insurance	Real estate	Scientific research and technical services	Education and learning support	Medicine and welfare	Multi-service	Other service (Not classified)		
Keio Higashi	282	-	22	6	-	13	4	54	1	51	24	27	21	33	1	12
Keio Musashino	1,336	1	25	11	-	32	9	400	13	197	69	272	113	68	2	49
Gaenayama	167	-	5	3	-	11	-	35	3	20	7	25	21	19	8	1
Keio Hishi	2,361	1	40	15	-	38	3	818	47	218	85	493	236	127	170	3
	301	-	14	5	-	11	3	47	1	56	12	41	37	20	45	1
Nakacho	802	-	25	18	-	42	4	140	18	139	56	151	60	29	86	1
Nishikubo	420	-	22	17	1	10	2	75	4	58	26	71	41	14	47	1
Midoricho	220	-	10	5	-	5	5	64	1	27	8	34	18	12	32	-
Yahatacho	96	-	12	7	-	1	3	23	-	9	1	4	8	5	17	1
Sekimae	193	1	24	4	-	5	5	33	-	39	3	19	16	8	19	2
Sakai	536	-	19	16	-	10	1	118	5	84	24	84	62	23	72	2
Kyonancho	653	-	31	11	-	7	8	144	9	96	41	94	73	33	81	1
Saurazumi	100	-	12	2	-	2	2	21	1	16	2	8	12	1	15	2
Total	7467	3	261	120	1	187	49	1,962	10	1,010	358	1,320	724	380	689	18

Reference: Tokyo Metropolitan Government (Economic Census for Business Activity)
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Musashino City is a popular residential area because of its proximity to commercial and residential areas and its convenient transportation location. However, Musashino City has the problem of a lack of natural resources. In our research group, we came up with three solutions to the social issues in Musashino city.

First, we came up with a project to raise funds to plant trees. According to a survey by general affairs division of Musashino City, there are 7,467 stores in Musashino City.

Since cooperation within the community and local enterprises is necessary to make the project a reality, we are thinking of putting up flyers in the shopping arcades.

Second is to design the flyers in a way that will encourage a diverse range of people to participate in the project. For example, the flyer could be enlarged to make it easier for the elderly to read, because Musashino City has a declining birthrate and aging population. Also, for visually impaired citizens, brailles would be one way to encourage their participation. As a result,

citizens of various ages can learn about the project to revitalize Musashino city.

Third, with more shift to the Internet-based society, it is also necessary to make use of smartphone applications. Therefore, we thought that crowdfunding utilizing the Internet would be suitable for this project. Crowdfunding is a system whereby people can communicate their activities and dreams through the Internet, and raise funds from those who are willing to support them. There are six types of crowdfunding. Since this project is a hometown tax payment type, the return gift will be a specialty of Musashino City, and it will be a good opportunity to let other prefectures know about the project. By raising money through crowdfunding, stores will put up flyers. Depending on the design of the flyers, many locals may become

interested in the project. In order to revitalize Musashino City, we can think of ways to increase the natural environment of the city in cooperation with stores that attract many people, call for cooperation, design ads that are easy for local people to see, and raise funds through crowdfunding. We believe that by doing so, we can bring out the best of Musashino even more.

With our plan, we can further pursue Musashino as a residential and mature city. In addition to increasing nature, designing rooftops can improve the city. By designing the rooftops of buildings in such a way that they make the most of nature, I believe we can maximize the appeal of the city.

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Improving the Vitality and Safety of Ota Ward

The advantage of Ota Ward is its convenience. To classify them in detail, they include easy access to trains, a well-developed road transportation network, and international flights to and from the airport. Such transportation network not only facilitates the smooth movement of people, but also provides an abundance of logistics. Another charm of Ota ward is in its rich in nature and many parks. There are also rivers and the sea.

On the other hand, however, there are some disadvantages. The main one is the lack of public safety. Another problem is that there are many vacant lots and houses, and the city lacks vitality, so people do not gather in spite of its proximity to the city center.

In our research group in charge of this article, we set the ideal image of Ota Ward as safe, vibrant, and easy-to-live-in area that makes use of vacant lots. We sought to take advantage of Ota Ward's strong accessibility and large population to create a commercial complex that would

attract people and money to the area. A commercial complex can also have a positive impact on the surrounding stores. For example, there is the "shower effect". This effect is a mechanism widely used in public facilities. By applying this to a commercial complex, we can create a cycle of positive effects. That will have the commercial complex as the center of the complex and the surrounding. In addition to this, a study conducted in 2018 shows that about 13% of people use the shopping complex at least once

a week, and about half of those use it at least once a month. This shows that the company has been successful in attracting customers. Based on these data, we believe that an ideal area can be created by building a commercial complex based on the strengths of Ota Ward.

Next, regarding public safety, Ota Ward has the fourth highest number of crimes in Tokyo, with 3,361 crimes per year. Of these, bicycle theft is the most common, accounting for about 66% of all crimes in Ota Ward.

To address these issues, the ward has installed security cameras in bicycle parking lots and increased security. Individuals can take measures such as registering for crime prevention and utilizing crime prevention goods such as GPS. Increasing security and other measures are done by the ward, and considering the manpower and costs, it is not possible to do so immediately. It is important to take crime prevention measures individually.

As suggested, we believe that Ota Ward can provide better environment with the above measures. However, simply addressing the problem and build facilities do not lead to achieve the goal. It is important that not only the city but also the people who live there are willing to make improvements. It is necessary to make changes in cooperation with local residents so that people will say that Ota Ward is a comfortable place to live.

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"Shopping mall" Complex commercial facility that can convene many people" / photo by Tomonoshin Ouchi

ENTERTAINER

Convenient and Livable Setagaya Ward

There are two attractions in Setagaya Ward. First, the land is large. One site found it to be the second widest of 23 wards of Tokyo. Second, there is a lot of nature. According to a certain document, it turns out that the park is the second largest of 23 wards of Tokyo. Therefore, the charm of Setagaya Ward is that it has a large land area and a lot of nature.

However, there are also problems such as poor transportation convenience and high ratio of elderly people in the population. In order to

improve them, we would like to aim to create a convenient and comfortable environment for everyone.

As the first improvement measure, it is important to increase the number of community buses to solve inconvenient transportation network. As bus expenses are affordable for anyone, it allows everyone to move to different places. This improvements will make transportation more convenient, making it easier to shop and move around. As the second improvement

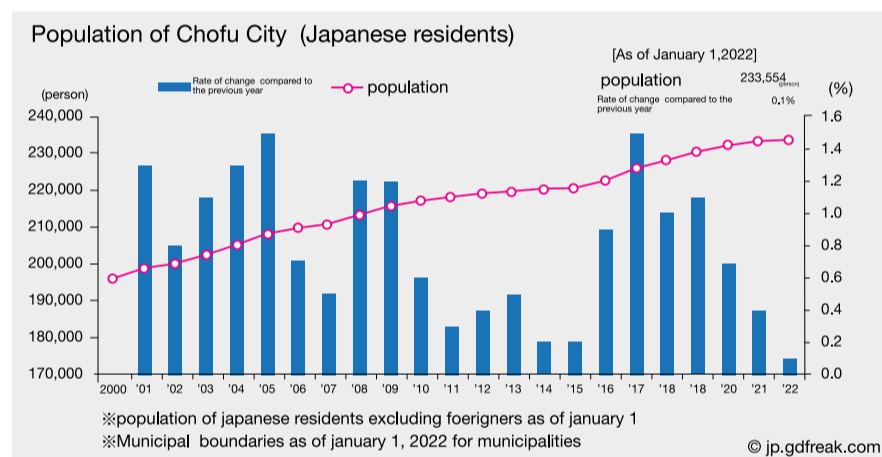
measure, it would be a good idea to adopt universal design in public signs. For example, exit ramps or automatic door are necessary to be noticed without any difficulties. In addition, by making the most of rich nature in Setagaya, it may be possible to incorporate universal design into the park to create an environment where not only children but also the elderly can do some exercise. As a result, it is possible to get closer the ideal Setagaya Ward, which has a convenient and livable environment for everyone.



It is the photograph that a person using the wheelchair climbs the step using a slope. / photo by Yuuna Takahashi

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Aiming to Revitalize the Community of Chofu City



Chofu City today has the advantage of having a large number of people of all ages living in the city. Thanks to local government's extensive support for families with children, the residents can enjoy a variety of supports, such as child counseling, temporary childcare places, and parent-child exchanges. According to a research, Chofu city experienced 40,000 people gain in population from 2000 to 2022. On the other hand, there are few parks where children can do exercise and places for community interaction. Our research group discussed some measures to improve this problem.

The first is establishing a community exchange café. This facility is a place for interaction that combines a nursing home, childcare center, and café. Parents of families with children can visit the café to exchange views on childcare and take a rest, while

the elderly in the community take care of their children. The establishment of a community exchange café would have the following four benefits: reduction of dementia and lifestyle-related diseases among the elderly, information sharing and providing some time to rest for parents, promotion of outdoor play for children, and alleviation of lack of exercise.

The second proposal is community exchange through school club activities. The second proposal is to create a place and period of time where people of various ages can get involved through club activities. Another idea is to create a club that does the shopping and cooking on behalf of elderly people who have difficulty going outside. As high school students, for example, a home economics club could visit homes close to the school and cook together, or an athletic club could organize days when

younger children could participate and enjoy sports together. Combining club activities can create opportunities for students and people of various ages to work and interact together, which can also help revitalize community activities. Not only these activities help the lives of the elderly, it would also broaden the scope of club activities and make them more fulfilling in the perspective of students.

Chofu City is attracting attention as a convenient

transportation and residential area, and its population and the number of households are increasing year by year. We hope that the Community Exchange Café and School Club Activities will help revitalize the Chofu community and make it a better place to live and work.

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Raising Local Production and Consumption in Urayasu

How can we make more people aware of Urayasu's food and how can we increase local production for local consumption? These issues are raised because few foods are produced in Urayasu and school lunches in Urayasu are said to be bad. However, as you know, Urayasu has a unique tourist spot called Disneyland.

In this article, we suggest a solution that combines three ideas to revitalize local industries: reviving the fish industry, promoting local production for local consumption, and having fun.

First, we suggest Tokyo Disneyland incorporate local ingredients into their food served in the restaurants. According to our research, all foods that are sold in Disneyland were foreign products. If foods served in Disneyland use ingredients

produced in Urayasu, it may be possible to not only raise the level of local consumption but also draw people's attention on how Disneyland incorporates local foods to their dream world. If this plan was successful, foods from Urayasu will sell a lot because of its popularity.

However, we should continue to aim for partnerships that bring joy and a sense of accomplishment not only to the facility, but also to the city, the country, and the staffs. The realization of local production for local consumption is a major issue to be considered in the future.

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Marine Products

Product name	Origin 1	Origin 2	Origin 3
short-necked clams	Chinese	—	—
squid	Peru	Chile	—
salmon roe	America	—	—
mussel	Chinese	—	—
eel	Chinese	—	—
shrimp	Vietnam	Indonesia	others
Omar shrimp	Canada	—	—
crub (Includes soft shell croc)	Canada	Norway	others
garhish	Tai	—	—

livestock products

Product name	Origin 1	Origin 2	Origin 3
beef	Australia	America	others
prok	Denmark	Spain	others
chicken	Thailand	Brazil	others
turkey	France	America	—
aigamo	China	Thailand	—

Figure by Kohei Matsunaga

Revitalize Fuchu City!

Some students who live in Fuchu city say that the area is poor in safety. Although Fuchu ranks 37th in crime rate in Tokyo, it seems to have the image of being unsafe. One of the factors that contribute to the bad image of the area is the horse and boat race tracks, which attract many people to Fuchu city. Their gambling nature might be a cause of the bad image. People who are seriously addicted to gambling are known to be unable to control their behavior due to pathological obsession with gambling. Sometimes they are known to commit theft, embezzlement, and other social problems, which may cause harm to others. On the other hand, Fuchu is particularly developed around the station, with many taverns. Since these

facilities and stores are familiar to many people of all ages and genders, our research group suggests Fuchu city to implement the following measures.

First, it is necessary to deter gambling addicts and suspicious persons, and to maintain public safety. Patrols by elderly people during the daytime would be a

good way. Second, for the elderly who patrol the shopping district, the local government should provide gift tickets that can be used in the shopping district, thereby revitalizing the city. By doing this, the number of people going to the shopping street will increase and the town will be energized. Shopping streets are very important as a place for communication between people in the community. These ideas could improve Fuchu City in two aspects: patrolling and revitalizing the city.



Shopping street in Fuchu / Photo by Akira Obo

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The Young tackles with the Declining Birthrate

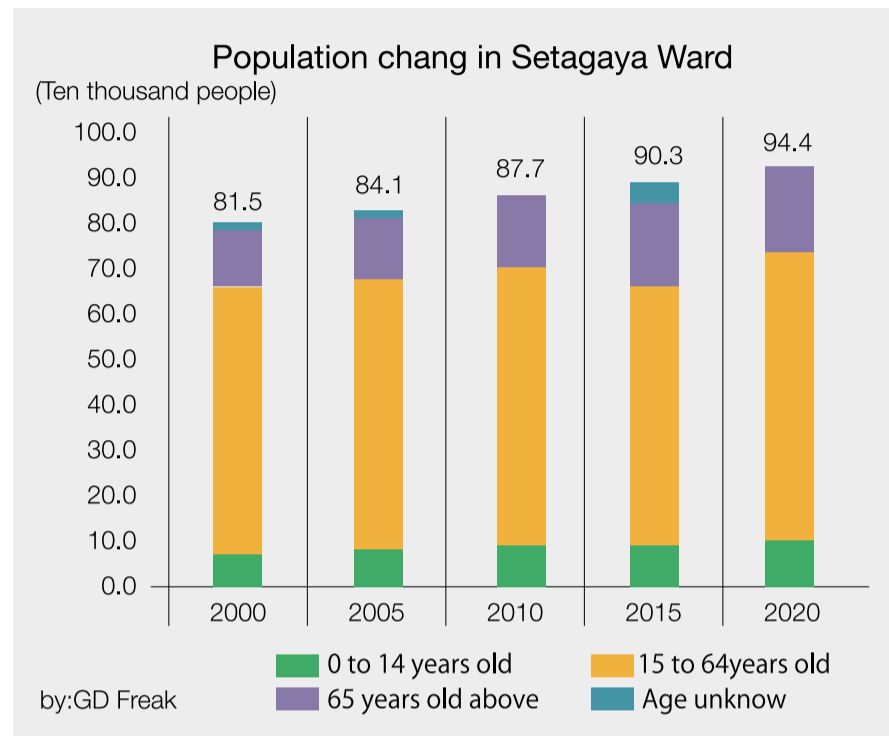
Setagaya ward is known for its clean city with little garbage. As our group continue the research, on the contrary, the city lacks human interactions among residents. We discussed how to change Setagaya to a clean, vibrant town where young and old can interact with each other and where everyone can spend time together. In fact, comparing the data of 1988, the percentage of people who are socializing with their neighbors has decreased from 64% to 52%. This data shows people do not interact with each other by far.

Our research group suggests some ways to improve the current situations. First, by holding events, it is possible to create opportunities for the young and

the elderly to interact with each other. In an event, by bringing men and women, young and old, together to clean up the community at the event, the local landscape will be preserved. People will be able to interact with others in the community.

Setagaya Ward is attractive because of its large population, residential areas, and people of all ages. However, one of the challenges is the shallow relationship between young people and the elderly.

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Population change in Setagaya Ward / Figure by Kanon Aoki

For the Future of Children

What should be done to make Shinagawa Ward a safe place for children to live? The challenges of Shinagawa ward lies in the fact that there are too many traffic accidents involving children. Shinagawa Ward has the advantage of convenient transportation with many national highways and roads. However, on the other side of the city, there is a lot of car traffic, making children vulnerable to traffic accidents. Therefore, we wanted to create a town where there are no traffic accidents involving children and where children can live happily and safely.

We then thought about how to make children feel safe and secure. Some solutions are setting more guardrails, more curve mirrors to reduce blind spots on the road, pedestrian streets and school zones, and etc. However, after searching for a more accessible solution for children who have low vision and cannot see their surroundings clearly, we turned our attention to visual devices. If we can create something that children find "interesting" and draw their attention to traffic rules, they would become interested in traffic manners and would naturally start

protecting themselves.

As a solution, our group suggest putting footprint patterns on roads where traffic accidents are common and on sidewalks near schools, so that children could walk along the footprints. Children tend to walk while talking and easily run off the road. To prevent such situations, we thought of putting patterns on the sidewalks that would attract children's interest so that they could walk without spreading out. If other patterns such as kenken-pa, a Japanese hopscotch, or train patterns are painted on the sidewalk, it will become a good playground for children. In addition, it can increase interaction with neighbors, making them feel safe and secure. We also believe that this would provide an opportunity for children to learn about traffic rules, and for the child-rearing generation to raise awareness of traffic accident etiquette throughout the community. In Covid-19 pandemic, footprints were utilized in various places such as supermarkets to ensure social distance. The Utilization of these footprints not only enables the sidewalks more enjoyable, but also it would attract children's attention to traffic manners.

Such footprint patterning use a behavioral economics called nudge theory. The theory is not about coercion, but about making better choices voluntarily. Another good example of applying the nudge theory to the society is found in Sweden. In Sweden, there is a piano staircase, which pedestrians strike codes when going up and down. Each stair is linked with a code and people enjoys the codes played as they walk up and down the stairs. Thanks to this staircase, the number of people who go up the stairs instead of using the escalator has increased by 66%. With the application of the theory, we believe that children will be able to follow their own rules and enjoy walking.

To make this solution into a reality, the cooperation of the community is essential, whether it be in raising funds or painting patterns on the streets. And it requires technical knowledge of psychology and art to devise visuals,

and economics and business administration to set the budget. At a first glance, our suggestion of footprint patterning may not seem to lead to a direct solution. However, there is no doubt that such accumulation of creative ideas will have a significant impact in the future. These nudge theory ideas are worth trying to apply not only in Shinagawa ward, but also in other areas. We hope that they will spread throughout the country and make the world a safer and more enjoyable place for children.

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Diagram of piano staircase / drawn by Wakana Hashimoto

To Make the Community, a Place where Exchanges can Thrive

Setagaya ward has many charms. Also, Setagaya is rich in nature, large population and soon. Therefore, the residents can enjoy the good living environments. However, there are also many challenges. For example, in infrastructure, there are many unpaved roads. As for relationship of citizens, it seems that there are few opportunities for all generations to interact in the ward. Therefore, the area would become active if there were more opportunities for

all generations to interact.

Based on the observation above, our research group discussed what should be done to increase interactions between all generations, especially interactions between the elderly and children. One of such solutions is to hold events which everyone can join easily. For example, children and the elderly cooperate in growing sweet potatoes, harvesting, and finally baking sweet potatoes. What is more, cooking together or holding a summer festival may

also be a good idea. Through such opportunities, people can deepen their friendship. In addition, if participants enjoy any part of the event, they will want to come back again, which will eventually deepen the exchange between all generations. In order to make such changes, it is necessary to increase the number of participants who support the event.

To realize such events, it is necessary to advertise to bring more participants to the event. To advertise, one could create posters and flyers, and share the information on SNS. When creating posters, it is necessary to pay attention to the words and fonts used, to target particular age groups. For example, if it is for elementary school students, pictures and illustrations, and adding furiganas to the kanjis are necessary actions to take. Also, in using SNS, such as Instagram and Tik Tok, videos and photos of the previous events will be able to catch attentions of SNS users.

As high-school student planner of the events, they need to learn academic subjects to realize the innovative plans. They need to learn how to make people interested in the events, which is included in the knowledge of psychology and language use. Moreover, the events deal with food. They should make the best choice of the food served in the event. Knowledge of nutrition and of food in home economics may also help. Skills such as designing may also liven up the event by adding spices in interior and exterior designs. Of course, knowledge on event management, economics, politics, law and geography are crucial parts in planning the events. By utilizing such knowledges, it is important to increase interaction in the ward through actively holding events, keep advertising, but most importantly, getting involved.

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For example :baked sweet potatoes / illust AC, 花鳥風月, いらすとや

Chofu City's Innovation

The Tama River flows near Chofu city. One of the problems of facing to the Tama River is the possibility of the water-level elevation and overflowing during heavy rainfall and typhoons. Typhoon No. 19, which caused major flood damage in the Tama region, has led to block the flow of the Fuchu water supply, flooding the drainage channels in the surrounding residential areas.

In order to solve these problems, evacuation of vehicles during storms and floods should be prepared. Especially, for the citizens who need assistance in evacuation needs emergency transportation during windstorms and floods. In addition, to get prepared for such cases, it is necessary for the local government to have security plans and evacuation guidance or drills. Based on recent natural disasters and lessons learned from the past, it is necessary to systematically promote disaster-resilient community and develop

the awareness of self-help and mutual aid among citizens. For example, it is necessary to devise an application that can be used by everyone to check hazard maps. In fact, the hazard maps used in Chofu city were created by the residents and are said to be very accurate.

Another possible aid for the citizen is to organize a sports day specifically for disaster response. The aim is to deepen exchanges with neighboring residents at the sports day and to help them understand the importance of self-help and mutual aid. On the sports day, they will also be able to investigate disaster routes and learn how to evacuate not only by themselves but also in cooperation with others. It may also be interesting to have competitions on disaster-related quizzes, such as asking the participants to think of useful tools to store in emergency bags. For children, such events would be an effective and fun opportunity to learn

about disasters.

Lastly, as Chofu City has a large number of people, a smart phone application should be developed that enables people to know about dangerous places and other spots in cases of disaster ; moreover, the hazard map should include safe places, evacuation

centers and evacuation routes, so that families can evacuate together. It is important to consider innovations to ensure their own safety.

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Hazard map of Chofu City / Chofu City Hall Homepage

How to Make Ikebukuro a Safe Town?

In our research group, we tool up the problem of public security in Ikebukuro area. Ikebukuro, which is often recognized by some surrounding facilities, such as the convenient station buildings or Sunshine city, is also recognized as the area of poor public security. There is the nightlife district on the west exit of Ikebukuro station, which probably is the main reason to be recognized as unsafe city.

In order to overcome such images, Toshima city works on various initiatives. Some

of the initiatives are to run Ikebus, a community bus going around Ikebukuro and open a theater called Harezaikebukuro. However, still now, it is hard to say that the images toward Ikebukuro have improved.

Our group thinks that one of the main reasons for such poor image is due to the cleanliness of the city. Therefore, one solution is to introduce trash boxes managed by robots. By utilizing robots, it enables to maintain trash cans and there would be no overflow of trash, as well as insects that spring

up. In addition, by linking with the trash box location into map application, it will lead to reduce the total littering. In order to make a robot, careful consideration is necessary to find a company, which will cooperate, and realize the safeties of the robot. Also, it is important to gain trusts of the surrounding residents.

As high-school student organizers, they need a lot of knowledge, too. For example, they need to learn business administration and psychology for successful negotiations, and knowledge of

IT programs and machines for understanding robots. In high school, such knowledges can be gained through subjects such as Japanese language, mathematics, science, and history. It is important for machines to do what humans cannot, and humans to do what machines cannot, so that they complement each other. And by cooperating with machines, we can improve the city more easily.

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The innovation plan we thought about

Install a trash box

Put up a poster

Improve the environment

Strengthen security

Increase the number of surveillance cameras



Photo by Yui Saito

Improve the environment

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Stop Depopulation of the Young in Kawasaki City

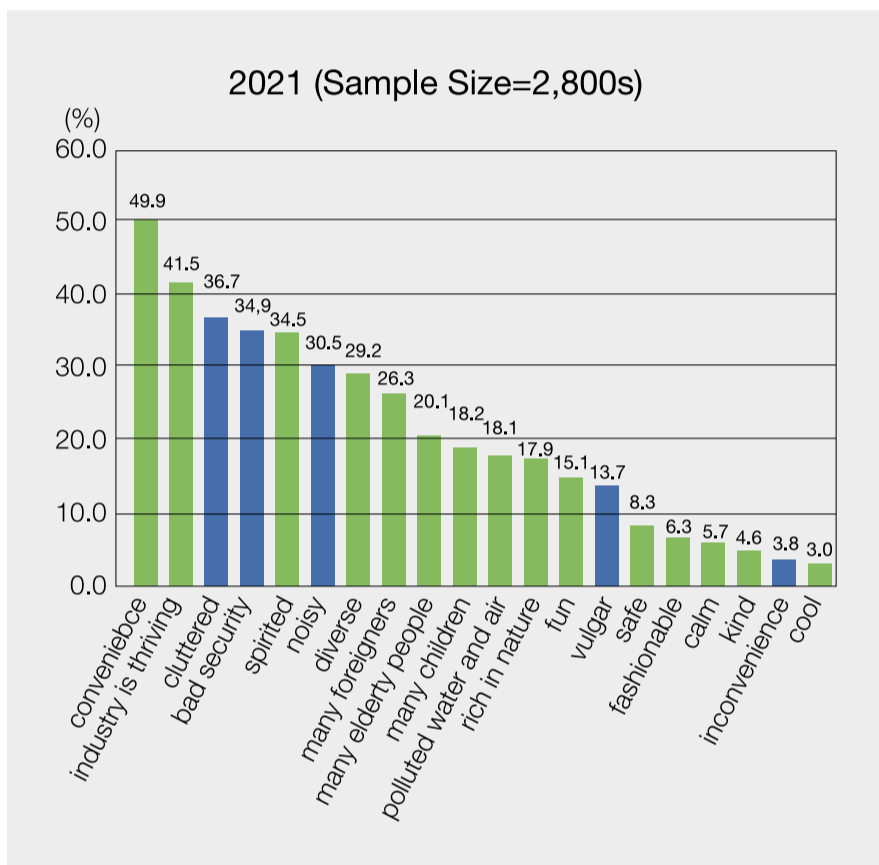


Chart1:Image of Kawasaki City by Kawasaki citizens

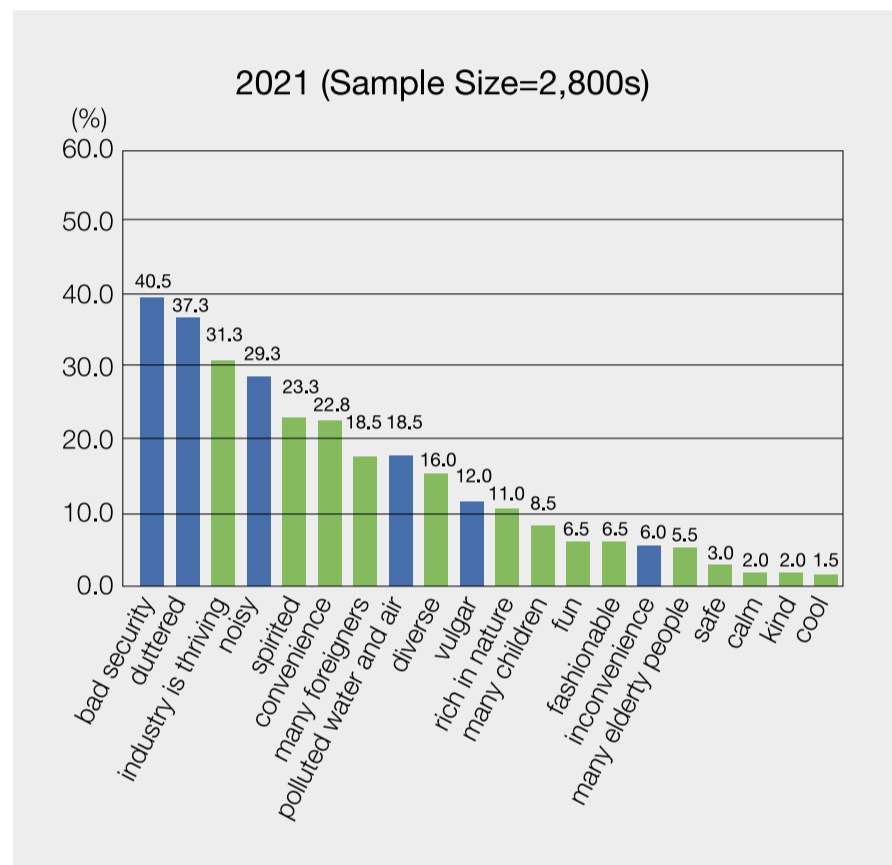


Chart2:Image of Kawasaki City by neighbors of Kawasaki City
Source: Survey on the image towards the Kawasaki City (2021), Kawasaki city

Kawasaki City is close to the center of Tokyo and Yokohama, has good transportation, easy to move inside and outside the city, has many industrial and commercial facilities, and is suitable for shopping and raising children. Kawasaki city is located in the proximity to the central Tokyo and other major cities, while it is surrounded by abundant nature, many parks, and commercial facilities such as shopping malls.

As a drawback of convenient access to Tokyo, our group concerns the decreasing number of people working within Kawasaki city, as it may affect to the city's economy. In addition, the proportion of elderly people has also increased recent years, which makes the per capita burden on young people larger. In other words, Kawasaki city faces depopulation of the young citizens. To make a drastic change in the current situation,

our research group suggests to introduce regional cash card that can only be used in Kawasaki city.

The chart 1 and 2 indicates the images that people have towards Kawasaki city. The bars in green shows positive images toward Kawasaki city, while blue indicate negative images. The comparison shows that there is a significant difference between the image of Kawasaki from people living in neighboring cities and the image of Kawasaki from people who actually live in Kawasaki. In particular, many people think of Kawasaki as having the advantage of convenience, but not as many people who live in neighboring cities think of Kawasaki as having this advantage, with difference of 25.8%.

One of the solutions is to introduce a regional cash card that can only be used by Kawasaki citizens. Our

suggestion is that payments made by the regional cash return 8% of the amount paid in shopping. The ground of this plan is Japanese citizens' increasing tendency of using credit cards as in the chart 3. It is expected that the introduction of such regional cash cards will have the effect on the city's economy. If the plan succeeds to reduce tax burden per young person, it is likely that

people who benefit from the city will stay in Kawasaki city, or new comers reside. In addition, the working-age population will increase, and people and goods will flow from the city center more than they do now.

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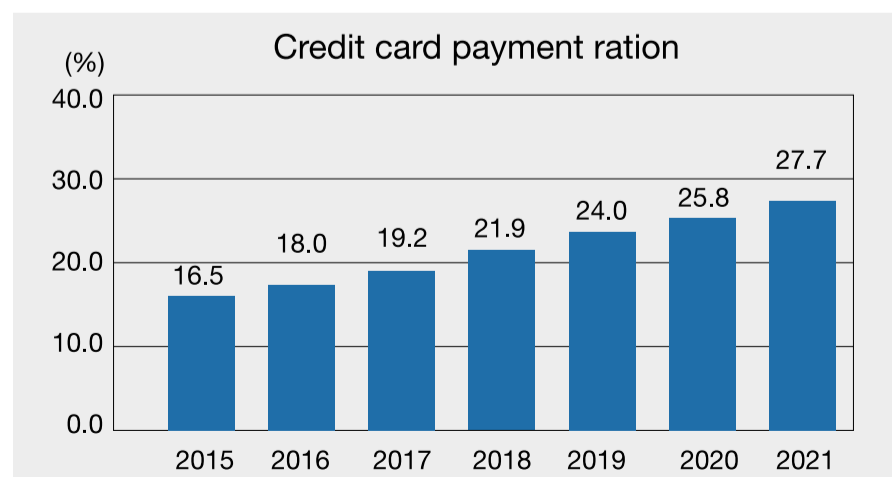


Chart3: People's choice of credit card payment
Source: Changes in the cashless payment ratio. Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

To Make Koto-Ward More Livable

There are many taiki-jidou in Koto Ward. Taiki-jidou are the group of children who are on waiting list for the nursery or after-school care and are unable to receive the support. Koto Ward is a relatively new land, so it is clean and has plenty of facilities such as large commercial facilities. Therefore, it is suitable for families with children to live. The bar graph shows that the ratio of children of 0 to 14 years old accounts for 13% of the total population in Japan, while in Koto Ward, it is about 12%. Although the ratio is little smaller as compared to the national average, taiki-jidou in Koto ward has been a serious problem due to excessive applicants for the limited number of facilities.

Taiki-jidou have fewer opportunities to experience various things than children who go to nursery schools and kindergartens. Also, parents don't have a place to leave their

children, so they have a hard time not being able to work. In consideration of such an issue, we aimed to create a place where parents can entrust their children. The idea of increasing the number of nursery schools is often put out to reduce taiki-jidou, but our research team wondered if there was anything to replace nursery schools.

Our solution to this issue is combining local exchange facilities with nursing function and a library. The combination has two advantages. First of all, people can form a community. Secondly, they can easily experience culture and art. They have a good effect on parents and children. For example, when a community of parents is formed, parents will be able to exchange various opinions on parenting. Also, with cultural and artistic experiences, it can cultivate new perspectives of children.

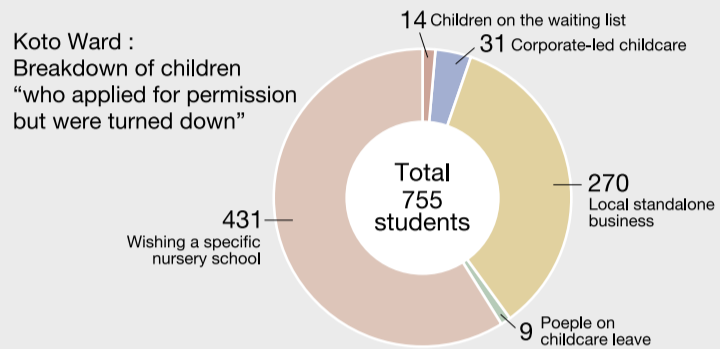
Another solution is to incorporate

bus transfers to the facility to reduce the burden on parents. If transportation is available, children can go alone to the local exchange facility and their safety is reassured. If people in the community donate books to the local exchange center, people can reuse books and save money. In addition, we thought that

creating facilities including English conversation classes, gymnasiums, children's pools, civic pools, hospitals, etc. will lead to solving problems.

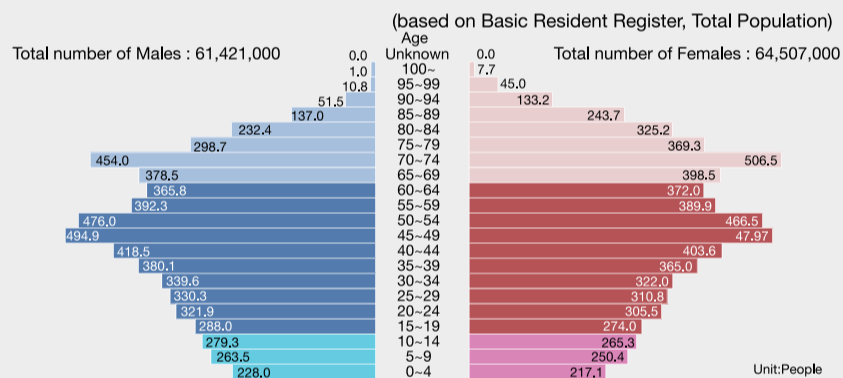
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Over 700 children are not counted as children on the waiting list



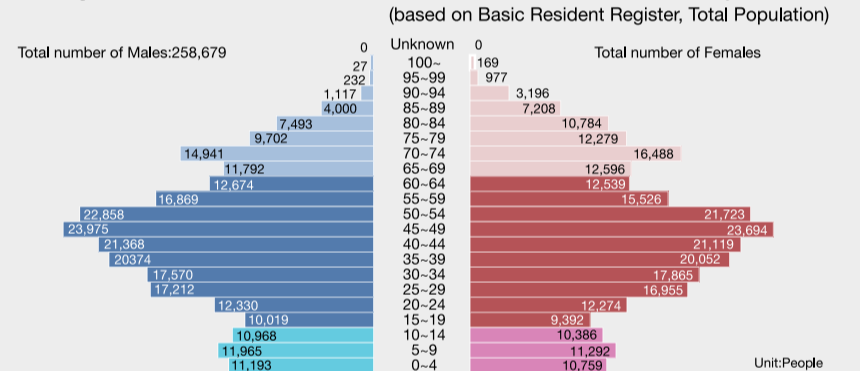
Source : Compiled from Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare's 'Summary of nursery schools and related situations as of April 1, 2020'

Demographic Composition of Japan on January 1, 2022



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Demographic Composition of Koto Ward on January 1, 2022



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To Increase the Population of Chofu City

The research group lead by Yuma Shibata of Nihon University High school discussed how to bring about the increase the number of visitors and revitalize the city. Many tourists visit Chofu city for three main destinations: Jindaiji Temple, Jindai Botanical Park, and Nogawa Park.

In order to increase the number of tourists visiting this area, the research group came up with four solutions. The first is to increase unique facilities that do not exist in other nearby cities. The second is to improve the quality of guides. If they can improve the guides and tell them about recommended spots, it may

contribute to increase the number of repeat visitors. An audio guide would also be a good idea. Third is to hold events and contests. For example, a game contest would be in line with current needs and would attract many tourists. The fourth is to attract them through TV commercials and advertisements. Together with TV

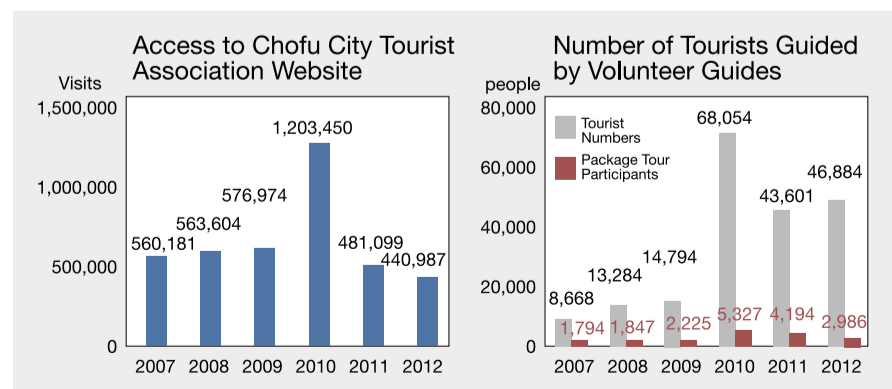
commercials, creating a website can attract more young people.

With the four solutions above, the research group estimates that they can increase the number of visitors to Chofu City.

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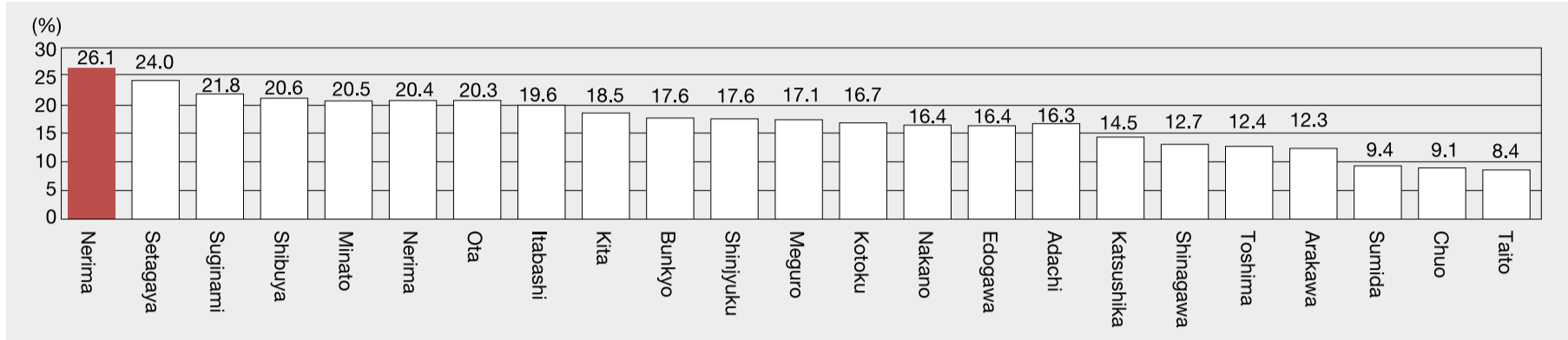
Performance Indicators	2009	2010	2011	2012	Target Goals
Tourists in the City	597,207	802,341	730,440	744,092	730,000
Jindai Botanical Garden Visitors	14,794	68,054	43,601	46,884	15,000
Percentage of Citizens Satisfied with Tourist Promotion Efforts such as Jindaiji Area	76.5%	74.9%	74.8%	76.6%	80.0%
Revised Performance Indicators	576,974	1,203,450	481,099	440,967	600,000

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Charm of Nerima and the Future



Itabashi Ward Official Website

Nerima Ward has the challenge of poor economic circulation. A key to solve this issue is tourism. According to our research, most of what tourists expect from Japan are nature, scenic sightseeing and the quality of facilities. Nerima ward is known to have the largest green coverage of 26.1% in the land, which makes Nerima the most greenery among the 23 wards in Tokyo. However, there are no facilities in Nerima ward that attract tourists. Therefore, a possible solution is to create a good combination of nature and the facility.

Some solutions were suggested in the research group, such as creating a large-scale theme park or other facility in the district, and holding events for people. In

addition, following recent trends, creating specialty cuisines, lending umbrellas and mobile chargers at stations, and creating spots where people can take insta-worthy reflection photos.

Based on the solution ideas, a plan was designed. With the goal of making Nerima better, the research group suggested a plan to create facilities and spots where people of all ages and both sexes can enjoy themselves, which will eventually stimulate consumer activities. The plan is to create a hot spring and book café comprehensive facility that can be used not only by tourists but also by residents, and to create a spot where men and women of all ages can gather. There are four main reasons of choosing hot spring facilities. The first is that they are good for

people's health. Second is that it is relaxing. Third, Nerima is rich in nature, where it is possible to create scenic views in hot spring with a natural garden.

Fourth, foreign visitors can experience Japan's unique four seasons when they come to visit.

Together with the hot spring facility, the construction of a book café is included in the plan. The reason of including the book café, namely Onsen Book Café, is that it can meet the various needs of visitors. People can browse a variety of books, and the café provides opportunities for the guests to interact, sharing their interests. The guests can stay as long as they want in the comfortable environment regardless of the weather condition. Hot springs and saunas to relieve fatigue and variety of

comics, novels, and newspapers for all generations will become a great combination for leisure. In addition, it would be an effective strategy to advertise unique and traditional vegetables grown in Nerima. The café can play the role to spread the charms of Nerima with specialty cuisines.

With such plans, it is expected that the Onsen book café can contribute to activate the economy. Nerima ward can become more vibrant with increased tourists, where the quality of living for the current residents are raised with their new city facility.

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To solve Hachioji's Population Decline

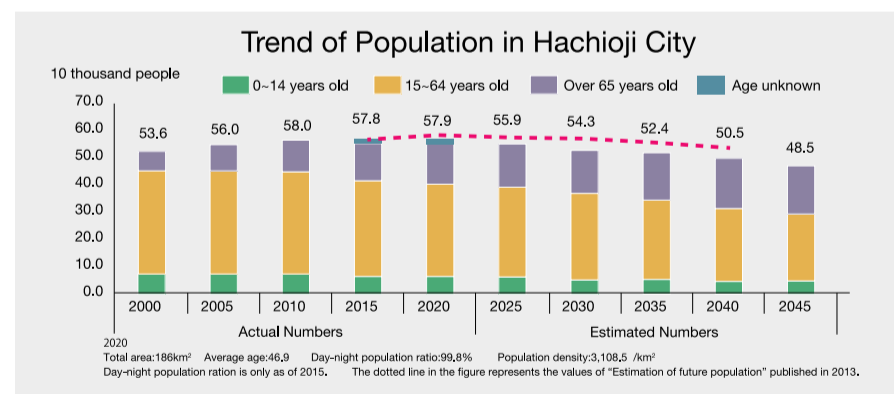
One of the challenges facing Hachioji city is that there is a decline in the number of young people. As you can see in the graph, the population is projected to decrease from 2015 to 2040. The phenomenon is that the elderly population increases while the young population decreases. One of the changes our group hopes to bring about is to increase the number of young people visiting the city.

Currently, popular tourist destinations for young people include Tokyo Disneyland, Harajuku Takeshita-dori, and USJ in Japan. The main tourist attractions in Hachioji today are Mt. Takao. In order to make Hachioji prosper, our team suggests to combine amusement parks to the current destinations in Hachioji. Amusement parks are

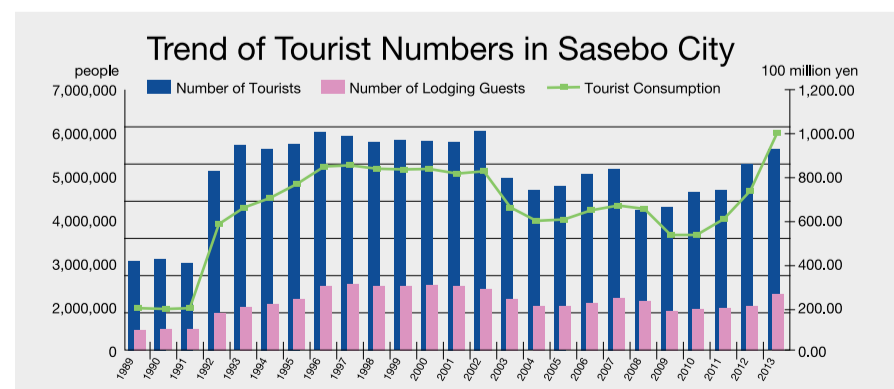
attractive because they provide a playground that can be enjoyed by everyone, the young and the old regardless of the gender.

Hachioji's appeal is that it has a large area of nature and land. However, there are few playgrounds for young people. If the amusement park was constructed in Hachioji area, more young people would visit the area. Another advantage of an amusement park is in its ability to hold events. It would be a good idea to sell Hachioji's specialties in the amusement park, as it would create a buzz. Considering recent SNS trends, it would be a good idea to create insta-worthy spots to revitalize the area.

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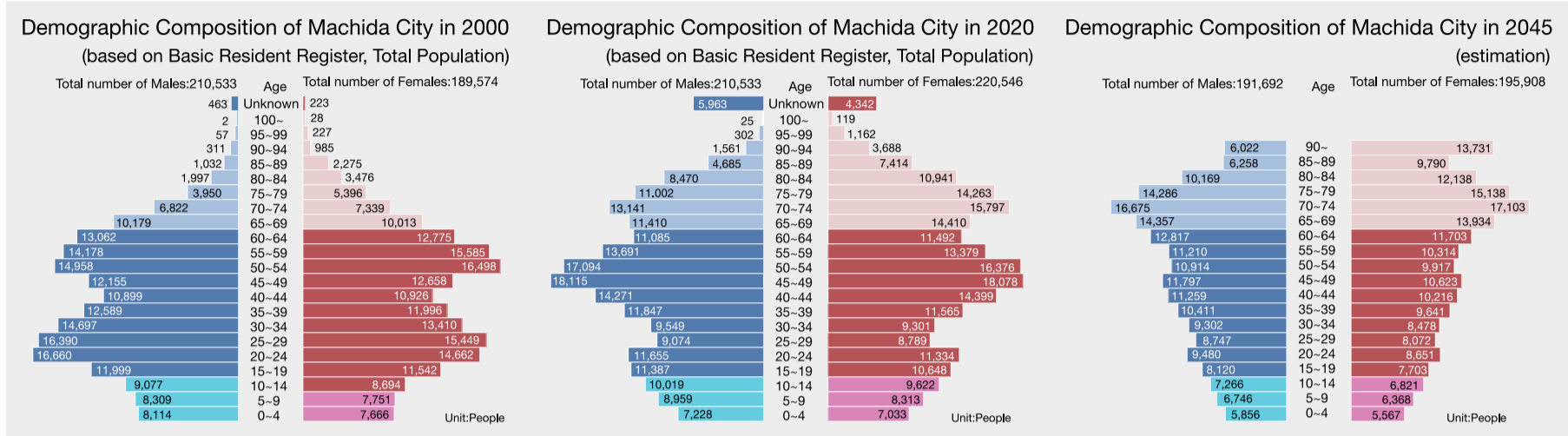


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Advertising Machida City with Disney Hospitality Spirits



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Although Machida station is planning a large-scale redevelopment in 2024, it is not a convenient area to reside in the suburbs. In fact, Machida city faces the problem of declining birthrate and aging population in progress.

Graph 1 shows the population composition of Machida City in 2000. It shows that both men and women have a large population in their teens to 60s, and the population in their 60s to 90s is increasing. Graph 2 shows the intense population in their 30s and 60s. Finally, graph 3 shows population forecast. According to the graph, it prospects that the population of young people is small, while there are many elderly people. From this, it can be read that the number of young people in Machida City has been decreasing in recent years. As this situation continues, it is expected that fewer young people and more elderly people will come to reside in this area.

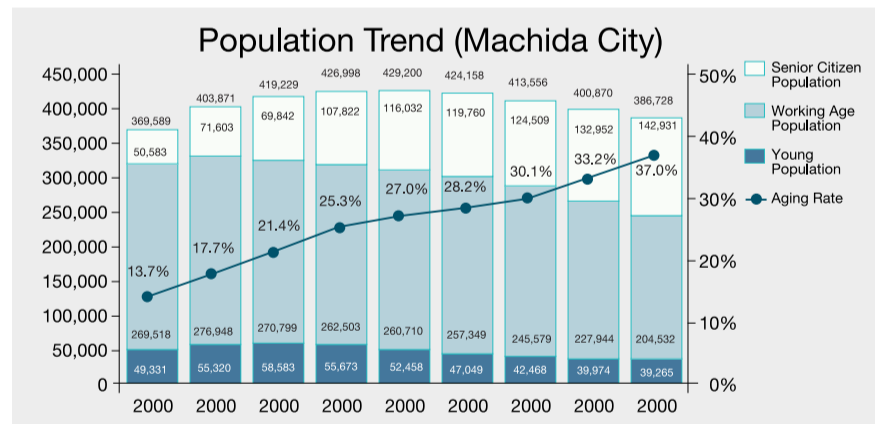
These graphs indicate that there is an increasing trend from 2000 to 2020, however, it is expected to decrease in the 20 years from 2020 to 2040. Furthermore, the elderly population is increasing year by year, and the aging rate marks 27% in 2020 and is expected to increase to 37% in 2040. On the other hand, the graph of the juvenile population shows no significant change, however a decrease of approximately 10,000 people is expected between 2020 and 2040. In order to solve these problems, it is necessary to create a city that is friendly to the elderly and young people.

Around Machida station, there are many commercial facilities and shops that meets the needs of citizens. According to this graph, men in their 60s are 33.7% and women are 36.4%. Compared to that, teenagers are 43.6% female and 58.7%. The percentages indicate, the percentages of females are higher and more young females resides in Machida city in comparison to young males. Our research team sees that the proportion of people who like Disney is high among young

people. Therefore, the team suggests that by incorporating the elements of Disney hospitality spirits into Machida city, the number of young people will increase and it will become a lively town. In addition, once it becomes a lively city, it will be easier for the elderly to spend time as the population of Machida City is estimated to increase more in the future. In order to gather and revitalize people, it is necessary to improve security first and create an environment

where you can live with peace of mind. After that, they think that you can use Disney's service spirit to invite people who reside far from the station. According to the graph of population composition and population trends, the declining birthrate and aging population in Machida City is expected to advance. With the hospitality spirit, many young people will be able to improve the declining birthrate and aging population.

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Population Vision of Machida City

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Improving the QOL of the Citizens in Ota Ward



This photo shows children playing in the park. / made by Reina Kayama

Ota Ward is located in the southern part of Tokyo. The Tama River flows through the southern part of the city and it borders Kawasaki City in Kanagawa Prefecture. Its land is the largest among the 23 wards and has the third largest population. Recently, the number of one-person households and couple-only households has increased. Ota ward's Elderly Welfare Division predicts that by 2023, one in five people in the area will be elderly, while the birth rate is declining, and the population is aging. The Japanese government has taken various measures to stop the declining birthrate and aging population. These measures are effective to some extent, but the current situation is that the declining birthrate and aging population have not subsided. Therefore, we thought that it is important to create a society where people

want to have children. Our research group identified six areas for implementation.

1. Creating an environment where marriage and child-rearing generations can imagine their future prospects
2. Responding to the various needs of the diversification of child-rearing families
3. Promoting detailed measures according to the actual situation in the region
4. Creating a warm society for marriage, pregnancy/childbirth, and children/raising children
5. Actively utilize new resources such as the results of science and technology
6. Provide subsidies for child-rearing households and early childhood education

In the area of employment and income, it is necessary to stably managing the public pension system, and building assets, in order to realize a

society where people can work regardless of age. In the field of health and welfare, comprehensive promotion of health promotion is required: operations of a sustainable long-term care insurance system, enhancement of long-term care services (realization of zero turnover for long-term care), and implementation of measures to support elderly people with dementia. In particular, in the area of research and development, such as survey research on diseases and health promotion specific to the elderly, research on medical, rehabilitation, and nursing-related equipment, and research and analysis for the comprehensive promotion of aging society measures, will contribute to the international community. In order to leverage advanced technologies, activating markets for the

elderly, promoting research and development, developing infrastructure, and sharing knowledge and issues with other countries are important.

Regardless of various attractions that Ota ward has, the problems such as the delay in the development of convenient transportation and the deterioration of public facilities such as elementary schools stand out. To solve these two problems, one solution is to create posters for drawing attentions to the social issues in Ota city. For instance, posters in the community can be effective to encourage the use of community buses and call for donations for public facilities.

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To Welcome Many Visitors in Kunitachi



Kunitachi Station / Photo by Akane Minegishi

Kunitachi City is in the middle of Tokyo. Kunitachi City is known to be an educational district, with greenery in the city. In Kunitachi City, there is Yaho Tenmangu Shrine where the god of learning is enshrined. On University Street, where Hitotsubashi University is located nearby, the cherry blossoms that bloom in spring are scenic attract many visitors to Kunitachi City. In addition, there are many parks children can enjoy. In Shiroyama, there is

a playground where the wooden equipment is available. Children can play while interacting with nature such as bouldering, Tarzan rope, and tree climbing.

On the contrary, there some problems that obstacles live of the citizens. First, there are many narrow roads and few streetlights. In some roads, cars nearly hit each other in passing. Also, since there are few streetlights on the road, it is dangerous to let a child walk alone at night. The second issue is that there are many

children on waiting lists who wish to enter kindergartens and nursery schools. The cause is in the limited number of kindergartens and nursery schools available for the citizens. Unfortunately, because of the budget, Kunitachi city is unable to construct new institutions. As a solution, our research group suggests to expand the capacity of kindergarten and reduce the number of waiting children. Lastly, in order to create opportunities for people to interact, it would be good to

hold an event using greenery and parks, which are the charm of Kunitachi City. It would be a good idea to welcome stalls owned by the citizens, and create the original cash that can be used in the event. If many people know about such an event, many people would visit Kunitachi City.

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Make Kawasaki a Comfortable Place to Live

Kawasaki City is located in the northeastern part of Kanagawa Prefecture. It is a city with a large population in Kanagawa Prefecture. The population of Kawasaki City has been increasing in recent years. However, as the population increases, there are many incidents and accidents in Kawasaki. It's a dangerous area with a lot of murder and assault.

There are many cases where children, including students and kindergarten children are involved, For example, the Noborito random killer case happened in the morning while the children were going to school. There were many victims.

For a safer city, our research group proposes some solutions. One of them is to appoint a one-day police chief to Doraemon,

a comic character loved in the nation. National characters have the effect of raising children's awareness by encouraging attention. The second is to increase the number of police officers. There is a police box in Kawasaki, but there are not resident. If a police offer resides 24/7, people will feel relieved in their daily life. The third is to increase the number of people

in one patrols. The increase in surveillance leads to a decrease in cases.

With the power of the police alone, it is difficult to prevent incidents and accidents. Creating a society where everyone cares, it will be a livable land.

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Living with Hills in Hachioji

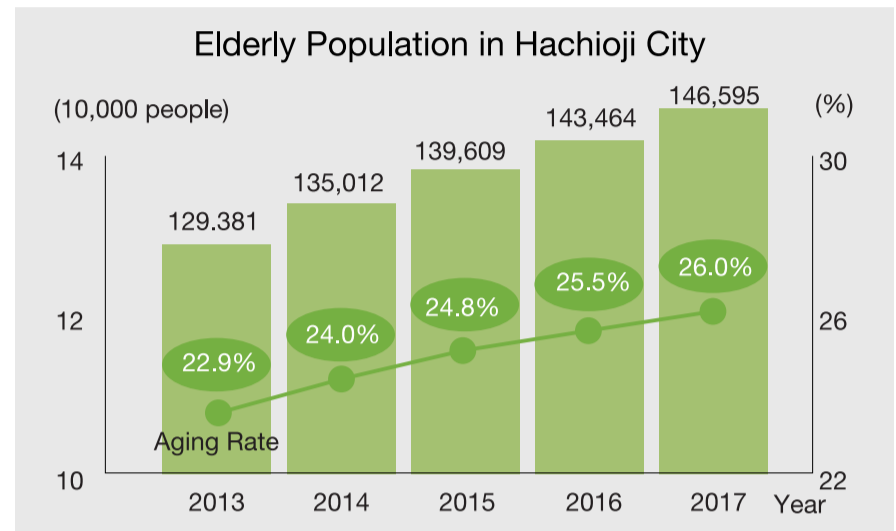
Hachioji is located in the western part of Tokyo. It is the second largest city in Tokyo, with an area of approximately 186 square kilometers. In addition, the ratio of university students is 4.60% in Tokyo as a whole, while Hachioji has a high ratio of 6.36%. It can be said that many college students have chosen Hachioji for its safeties. On the other hand, it is also a fact that there are a lot of elderly people from the material (a). Furthermore, Hachioji has some land that was developed by clearing mountains, so there are many steep slopes found even in residential areas. That can be dangerous for the citizens, especially for the elderly to live. Our group have discussed the issue and created an original solution; arranging community

buses for the elderly to go to the supermarkets. In order to realize this, we have to find a bus company that will cooperate with us, present and distribute flyers at supermarkets so that many people can know this new service. It is necessary to cooperate with many companies such as bus companies, supermarket companies, flyers and advertising companies. It is also necessary to obtain the mayor's approval, secure the budget, and a location for the bus terminal. It is also important to have some knowledges related the business fields such as psychology, nutrition/diet, welfare/nursing care, law, and informatics/communications. In order to deepen our understanding on these topics, we study Japanese,

home economics, health, society, and information in high school. If we can arrange a bus that takes elderly people in a specific area to go to supermarkets, it helps the elderly for not only transfers in the city but to live a comfortable

life.

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A graph showing the proportion of the elderly population in Hachioji City in that year. Also, the population ratio of elderly people expected in the future. / by Hachioji City Elderly Plan

Let's Deepen Exchanges in Nakano

Nakano is a city where both young and old can live comfortably, however, there is little interchange between the youth and the elderly. In order to realize the city where all the people have chances to interact with others, our group suggest a solution of morning radio gymnastics.

Radio gymnastics, generally, refers to a type of exercise that the young and the old do in every summer mornings. They gather at a school or at a community center and do exercise together for about 30 minutes. Such opportunities have played an important role

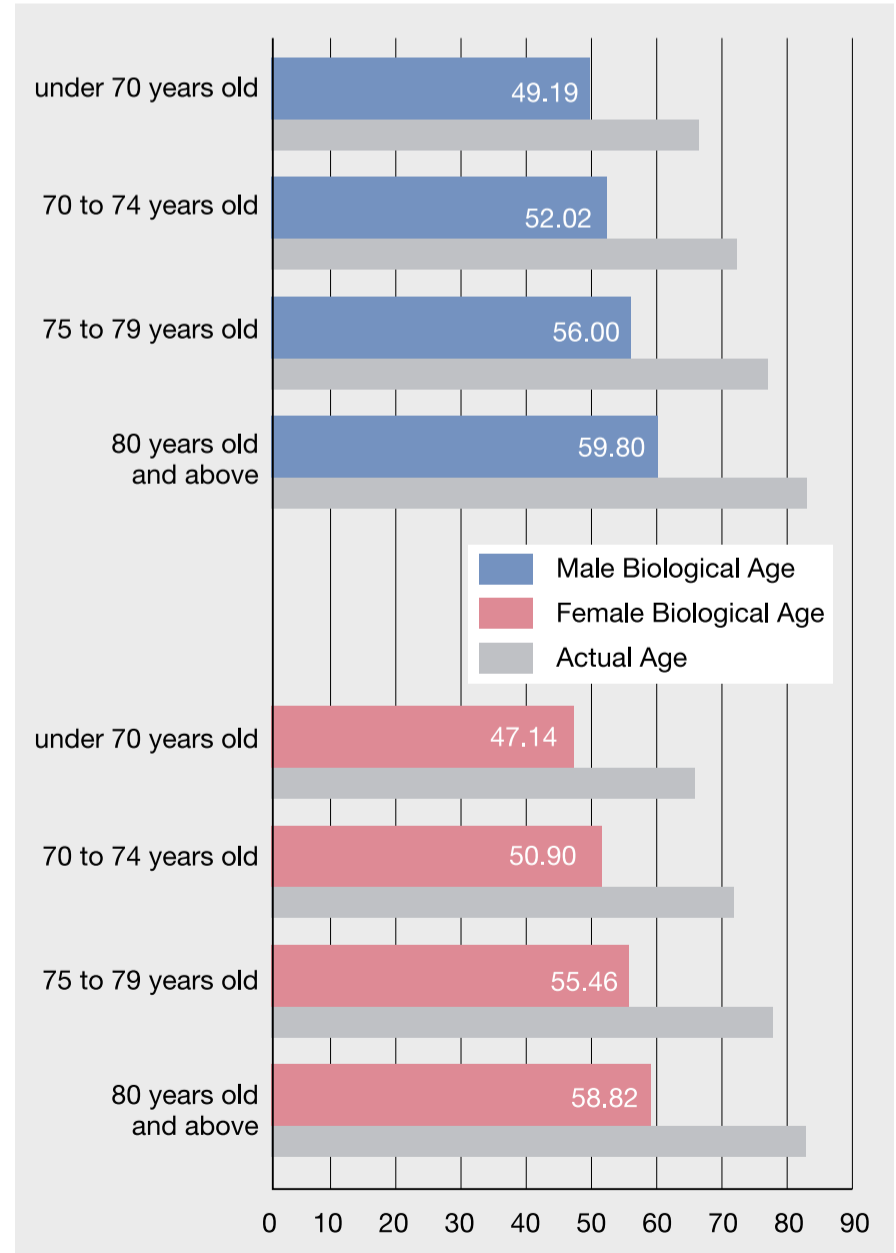
in the Japanese society to create exchanges in the community. Our research group believes that radio gymnastics allows young people to have communication with the elderly. In Nakano ward, a suitable place for radio gymnastics is Shiroyama Park. With a calm atmosphere, it is a 10-minute walk from the south exit of Nakano Station. In addition, Nakano ward is close to Shinjuku, the security is relatively good and there are many parks, so it is easy for both the elderly and young people to live.

The radio gymnastics is in the morning is advantageous from children to adults. As it is held in the morning, people can get up early. For children, by starting the day with some exercise, brain functions work better and effective in raising concentration necessary for learning. Especially during summer vacation, the routine of early start of the day helps children keep a regular life. Furthermore, for adults who are in their 20s to 50s, it can prevent the lifestyle-related disease.



An example of a steep slope in Hachioji City / photo by Naofumi Yamashita

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Body age of people who did radio calisthenics by Postal Life Insurance Subscriber Association / Fiscal 2013 Survey Commissioned

The Ideal Setagaya

Setagaya area has high green coverage rate of 23.6% and it is known to be a safe and comfortable place to live. In fact, Setagaya is the most populous bed town in Tokyo. In our research group, we discussed social issues in Setagaya and found that parents living in Setagaya are in need of more child-rearing support. We suggest two types of child-rearing support that are necessary.

The first is creating nursery schools that are close to the parents' work place in Setagaya area. By having a nursery school in the company, it may create an environment where parents could work with peace of mind while raising children. By doing this, it would be easier for young generations of parents to balance

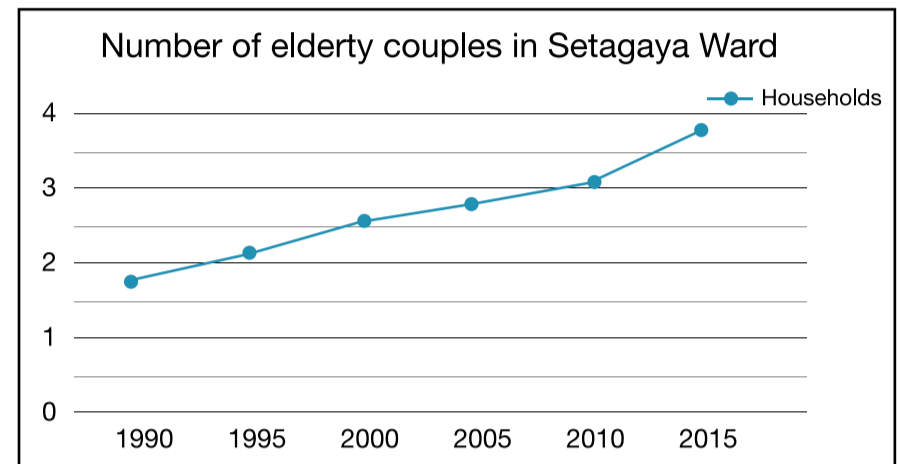
their work and child rearing to gather.

The second is the expansion and improvement of libraries and community centers. We believe that expansion of libraries and collection of books should be improved, especially the corners that store books related to child-rearing such as pregnancy, childbirth, childcare, discipline, and family education. In addition, by increasing the number of community centers through setting up a place for parents to interact, and sharing their anxiety about raising children it will reduce anxieties of child raising. With such support, the younger generation who want to be compatible their work and life will gather in Setagaya area.

As a result, the parents of the

younger generation can leave their children with peace of mind and create an environment where they can spare some time for their own. If they come to have some time to enjoy their hobbies, it may also revitalize the economy of Setagaya area.

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Ranking of over 65 years old in 23 wards of Tokyo / Made by Hiroto Suzuki

Rank	City, town, village name	Elderly population (over 65 years old)	Rank	City, town, village name	Elderly population (over 65 years old)
1	Setagaya-city	109,042	9	Matida-city	116,470
2	Adati-city	170,261	10	Katusika-city	111,893
3	Oota-city	161,855	11	Koutou-city	110,002
4	Nerima-city	159,298	12	Kita-city	87,381
5	Hatiouzi-city	153,504	13	Sinagawa-city	79,532
6	Edogawa-city	145,764	14	Makano-city	65,878
7	Itabasi-city	132,602	15	Sinzuku-city	63,185
8	Suginami-city	117,072			

Number of elderly couples in Setagaya ward / Made by Mao Kubota

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Garbage Problems in Shibuya



A robot that picks up garbage / Illustration by Yui Sakurai

Shibuya, which integrates a full of individuality, has social problems. Our group came up with a plan to solve those problems.

The problems in Shibuya are garbage problems and smoking on the streets. These problems affect not only Shibuya but also the environment. In this article, we will focus on the garbage problem.

Some solutions are to increase the number of smoking areas, to increase the number of trash cans, and to use robots. Our group suggests that adopting a garbage disposal robot. This robot can pick up garbage by itself while moving, and can regularly go to trash bins to throw them away. In addition, it can sort the garbage into combustible, non-combustible, PET bottles, and cans. The model garbage disposal robot, the team imagines, is WALL-E from Disney. WALL-E is a garbage disposal robot that has been collecting and stacking garbage for 700 years. Equipped with a function to put the collected garbage into the body, it can compress it into a cube shape. In addition, even if it breaks, it is designed to be easily repaired by replacing some parts. Being equipped with a solar panel that recharges with solar energy, a

high-heat laser beam from its eyes can even cut iron. It also has voice recording function and weather sensing, and it can fold itself into a cube shape.

What is the future that this robot will bring? It is a future where the streets are always kept clean even if a trash is thrown away. This will solve Shibuya's serious garbage problem. If the streets are kept clean, the awareness of people in the town will change, and smoking on the streets will be improved and second-hand smoke may be reduced. Subsequently, people's health problems will improve. If the town is kept clean, more people will gather, and it is thought that the economy will run more smoothly.

In this way, we took up the garbage problem in Shibuya. Shibuya is a place with a lot of garbage in Japan. It is also

dangerous because the security at night is bad. Our group thought about it to make Shibuya a place where you can live with peace of mind. Also, to keep the streets of Shibuya clean, our team proposed a robot that picks up garbage on its own and throws the garbage away. The good thing about this robot is that it doesn't cost human labor, and it maintains security in Shibuya. By using this robot practically, Shibuya's garbage will disappear and the area will be clean. When the city is clean, it becomes easier to live. It will also improve security. Our group believes Shibuya will become a more revitalized city and develop.

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To Clean Machida City

Machida City faces the garbage issues. According to the Machida City Citizens Awareness Survey, the number of people who think that the city is dirt is increasing year by year. On the contrary, the attraction of Machida City is that there are many people and restaurants. Our research suggests a solution to bring about a change by holding fun events to participate in. Specifically, it is to hold a garbage picking event and distributing coupons to those who participated. This event will help reducing the garbage on the streets and, and improve public safety. Moreover, the participants can make friends with the people in the city. As high school student organizer of this event, it is necessary to gain new knowledges from subjects taught

at school, and from other studies. For instance, the flow of money and people is linked to economics, and the creation of advertisements for event participation is linked to psychology and designing skills. In order to support this activity, some legal knowledge and administrative knowledge are also necessary.

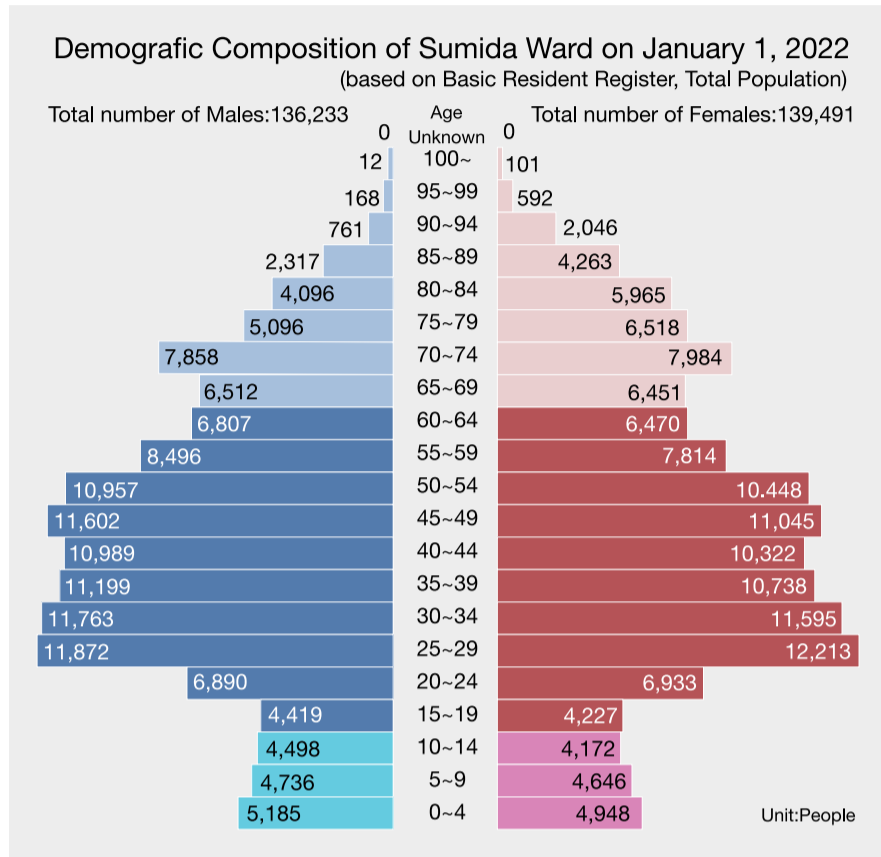
The article dealt with one way to give a solution to a social problem; making a change through utilizing the resources the city has. As in Machida city, there are a lot more issues in municipalities. It is important to thinking about the resource of the area to improve the problems.

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Living environment that Machida citizens are concerned about / 2021 Machida City Public Awareness Survey Report

Attract More Young People to Sumida Ward



No. 1 2022 Sumida Ward Population Pyramid

Current situation in Sumida Ward is that the tourism is developed thanks to its easy to access from Tokyo center. As for the residents, the area is convenient in living. On the other hand, challenges are the

aging of residents, and increasing nuclear families and single person household. According to Graph 1, it outstands the small population of people under 20.

Graph 2 shows that interest in anime has recently increased



Wakamiya Park, Sumida Ward / Photo by sumida ward

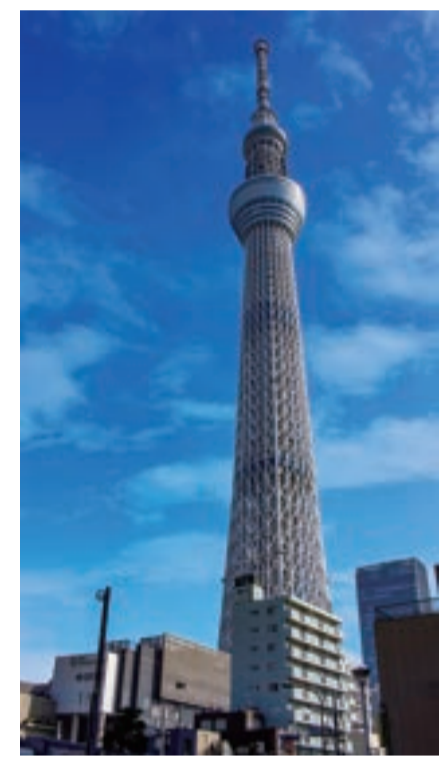
among young people in their twenties and younger. Our group discussed a plan of collaborating stamp rally events and Animation popularity. As tourism in Sumida ward is quite developed, by incorporating stamp rally events, visitors can enjoy stamp rally and the townscape at the same time. If the stamp rally theme deals with a popular comic or animation, it is expected that more young generations are interested. Possibly, through the

event, Sumida ward may be able to appeal not only to sightseeing, but also the livability of Sumida to the child-rearing generation. We hope that the city of Sumida Ward will develop.

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No. 2 Young people's interest in anime / Dentsuho 2018/12/21



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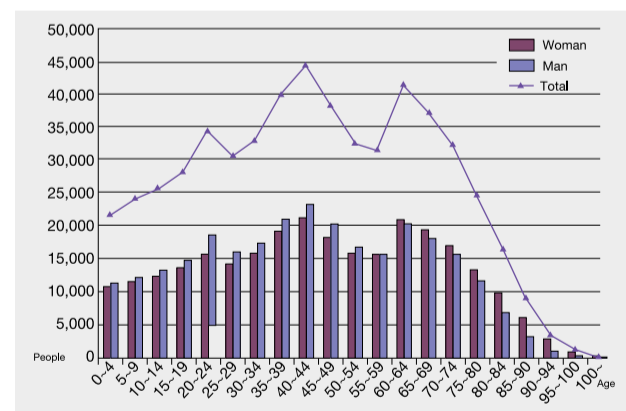
The area we will focus on is Hachioji City. Today, Hachioji City has land with many parks, mountains, and forests that can be used, and has the charm of being the most populous city outside of the 23 wards of Tokyo. Therefore, we aim to create a bustling area with an increasing population in the mountains and forests.

A plan suggested by the group is constructing a shopping mall. In order to construct a shopping mall, land, money and parks are essential to this change. It is necessary to realize that putting the construction to plan deals with varieties of issues: the land, law, funds, deforestation, construction of facilities, design of facilities, and advertisement of information. As high school students, gaining variety of knowledge from school subjects are required

for the planning. For instance, subjects such as geography, global environment are taught in high schools. In addition, the knowledge on economy, law, engineering for facility and architectural construction, art for facility design, and informatics for advertising are fundamental. In Shibuya ward, a facility called Miyashita Park was established. This is a fusion of shopping and Park. The beauty of nature attracts the hearts of young people, and it has become a famous spot. This project is linked to Hachioji's ideal urban development.

Hachioji City will be able to revitalize itself by adding a unique personality that only Hachioji city can provide, based on examples of successful projects that have been implemented in the city center and sub-center areas. We would like to make Hachioji City lively by

doing this kind of initiative. However, such an initiative is too large for us to implement immediately, so we would like to change the city by posting the good points of Hachioji city on SNS.



Age composition of Hachioji city in 2014



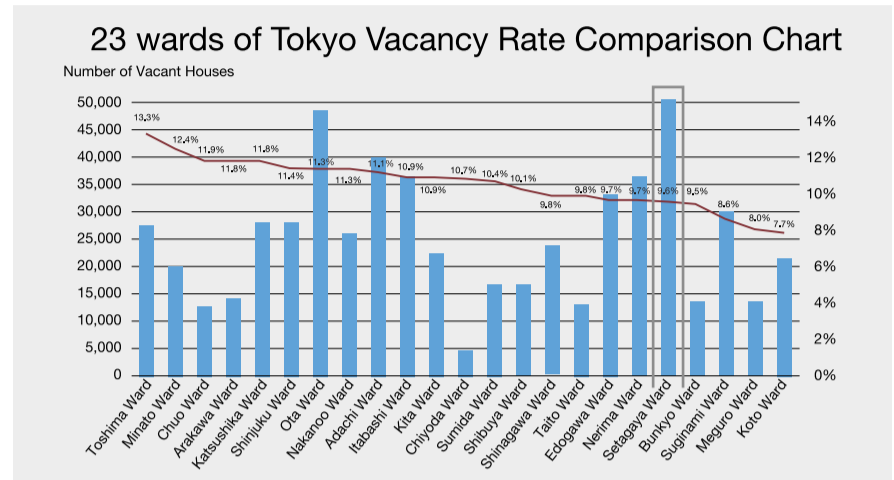
Cable Car Takaosan Station / Photo by Morikawa Hiyu

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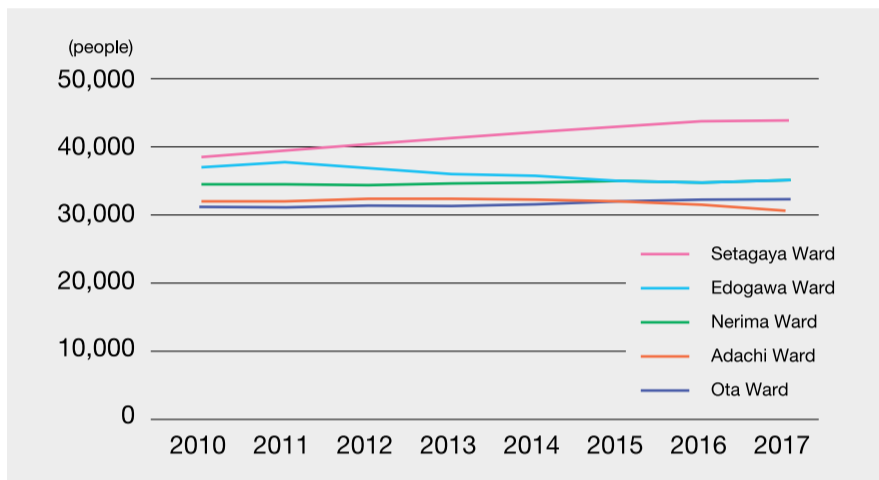
Turning Empty Houses into Nursery Schools

Setagaya Ward is in the third place in the ranking that families want to live in among the 23 Wards of Tokyo. However, the large number of latent waitlisted children is a problem in Setagaya Ward. Another issue is Setagaya ward is having many vacant houses. The question we asked is whether it is possible to make effective use of

vacant houses in Setagaya ward has many vacant houses. In order to solve this problem, we wanted to aim for a region where families with children can feel safe and where vacant houses can be used effectively to without waste. Our suggestion is to use vacant houses and SNS. By using vacant houses as nursery schools, it is possible to reduce the number of children



Comparison chart of the vacant house rate in the 23 wards of Tokyo



Top5 rankings with large population of 0 to 5 years old in the 23 wards of Tokyo

on waiting lists and make good use of land. In addition, by reporting these situations on SNS, more people come to know about the vacant houses.

In order to achieve this, it is necessary to gain support from two perspectives. First, we need the right to use the land. Also, it is important to know the construction laws to ensure that it won't be an illegal

building. We would like to create a society where family life is more convenient and prosperous.

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Making Fuchu City more attractive...

Fuchu city is located almost in the center of Tokyo. The land is large and rich in nature. It's well known and a good place. However, as a research group, we do not recommend you go to Fuchu like going to Shinjuku or Shibuya. We think Fuchu will become more attractive city by making it a place where many people want to visit and have fun. What is necessary for that is to set up shopping malls, large stores,

and entertainment facilities. It would be meaningless if it was completed only near Fuchu Station. If various facilities are built a little away from the station, the number of people will definitely increase. Also, we think that entertainment facilities should be installed because they can be enjoyed by children and adults.

We think that installation is realistic if it is something that is nationwide. These changes in Fuchu

also affect the economy. If you spend money on facilities, it will also lead to the economic development of the city. And the town will try to make more facilities with the money, and Fuchu will evolve more.

Another problem is the aging population, which is because young people do not want to live in Fuchu. It would be possible to solve this problem by creating facilities for young people and developing transportation systems. We strongly hope that Fuchu City will become a

better place than it is now.

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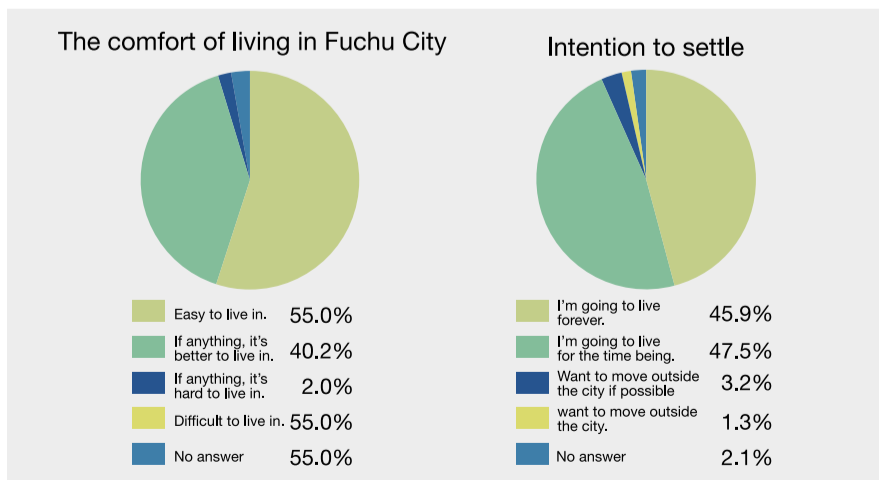


Chart 1. Fairly positive comments but citizen's satisfaction level is moderate. REFERENCE: <https://www.city.fuchu.tokyo.jp/gyosei/johokokai/kocho/yoronchosa/R4yoronchosa.html>

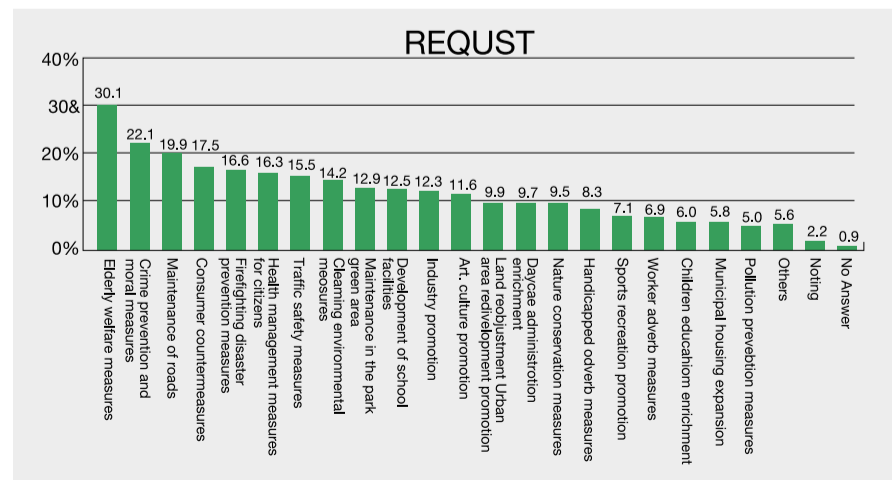


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Aiming for Livable Saitama



shopping mall / Photo by Pexels

The Arakawa River runs through Toda City, making it a vibrant town surrounded by abundant water and lush green spaces. The population is growing, especially among young people. The average age is also the youngest in the prefecture, and it is a lively town. The convenience of transportation from Toda city to the city center is high, and urbanization is progressing. It has a population of 136,083 people. The population density is 7481.2. The land is flat and easy to live in. It is located in a very convenient place for work in Tokyo, close to the city center such as Ikebukuro and Shinjuku. In addition, there are many condominiums and apartments where families live, and the rent setting is cheaper than in Tokyo.

Our group discussed an innovative proposal that can be brought to Toda city. We believe that what is indispensable for the realization of the innovation plan is the construction of new shopping district, especially the outlet that revitalize the economy. In order to support shopping, the maintenance of the surrounding area is necessary. By keeping the surroundings clean,

customers can come to the stores comfortably. In addition, Saitama prefecture has a lot of rich nature, and by taking advantage of these, it will be a shopping mall that looks coexisted in nature.

As for the management, it is important to have excellent managers who have knowledge of economics. Without excellent managers, the company will become in the red and go bankrupt. In addition, as high school planner of the project, a variety of knowledge is crucial. Information and inventory management of each store, and management of outlet mall websites require IT technology and information management. Among subjects taught in high school, physics will be useful. In addition, since it is necessary to know the law in the operation of the outlet, public affairs and history are important, too. The exterior and interior design of the outlet mall is an important factor in attracting many people to visit.

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CLASS 8 NEWS

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Arakawa City

Arakawa Ward, one of the 23 special wards located in Tokyo Metropolis, is known as a compact district because of good access to its neighboring cities. On the other hand, more and more residents have been leaving this area. This tendency is caused by a phenomenon which is the so-called high population liquidity. If this trend continued, this city would be faced with a risk of depopulation, leading to a decline of the development of the ward.

To avoid this unwanted consequence, it is necessary to create an ideal city by making use of the good access, where the people hope to live for the rest of their life. Creating a new shopping mall can contribute to attracting more people. This helps reduce the high level of the population's mobility and the people continue to live even when they grow up. However, just common shopping malls cannot get enough attention. Therefore, the stores operating in this new shopping mall have to be the ones that are in other wards and towns but not in Arakawa Ward yet. By doing so, people should gather. As examples of shops that are not in Arakawa Ward, the popular coffee shops such

as Starbucks and movie theaters could be featured. In addition to the introduction of such shops, holding an event of local cuisine is a must. Because Arakawa Ward is famous for Monjayaki, a type of Japanese pan-fried batter, it would be a better idea to hold an event like Monja festival in the mall to gather more people. As discussed above, building a brand-new shopping mall should solve the problem of depopulation in Arakawa Ward.

It is also important to create a better community in Arakawa Ward, where people do not have to worry about having children. In order to make raising children easier, it is essential to increase

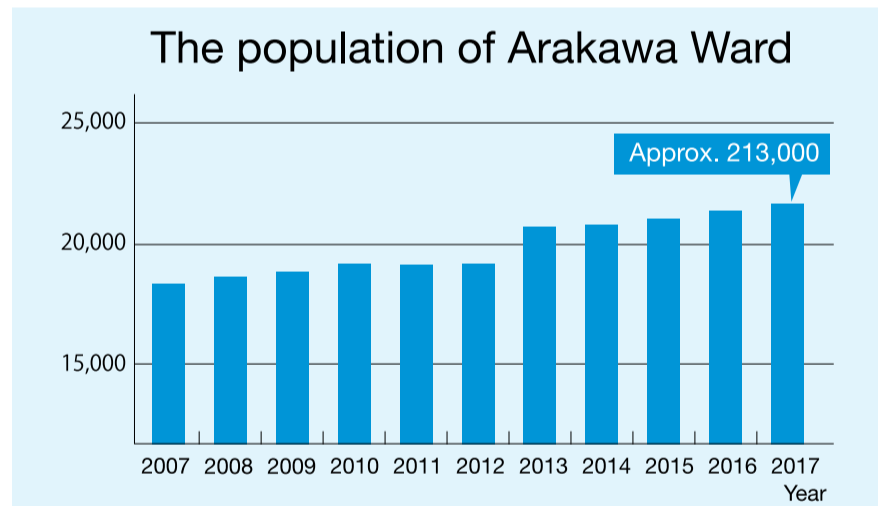
the number of nursery schools, to maintain parks, to supply high-quality housings, to build police stations in unsafe areas, and to create elementary and junior high schools in areas with a small population. By making it easier to raise children, the number of young people leaving Arakawa Ward can be lowered.

Next, Nippori and Minami-Senju, two major train stations in Arakawa Ward, are also worth arguing. As of 2021, the population of Arakawa Ward was approximately 210,000. The population of Arakawa Ward has increased by more than 20,000 over the past 15 years, the population growth rate being

4.4%, a very high rate compared to other areas in the country. As a matter of fact, a redevelopment was carried out in Nippori and Minami-Senju, which is seen as the major factor of the improvement. Nippori Station is said to be the gateway to the wards where many railways such as the JR Yamanote Line are available. In particular, with the introduction of the Nippori Toneri Liner, the redevelopment has been promoted drastically, resulting in a renewal of the scenery of the city. Minami-Senju's attractions include its old-fashioned shopping streets that remain its convenience, inexpensive prices, and easy accessibility. It has become more convenient thanks to the redevelopment.

In addition, the prices of the district are relatively low and there are supermarkets and private shops, which make it easy to live alone and for families to live in. For instance, the Yanaka Ginza shopping street in the Nippori area provides comfort in the downtown area, making it a popular and crowded spot on holidays.

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Arakawa Ward is a noteworthy area where the population continues to increase (Source: Created from Arakawa Ward HP "Population of Arakawa Ward") / SHINOKEN WAYS

Two deep stories in Kamata

#The Origin of Koppe Bread

Kamata, one of the cities located in Ota Ward in Tokyo, is well-known as the place of origin of Koppe bread. It is a nostalgic "fried bread" with sugar and mushrooms. It is also a familiar bread as school lunch. In fact, it is said that it originated from the idea of a cook who worked at the Ota City Minemachi Elementary School. In 1952, many children were absent due to the influenza epidemic, so a lot of bread was left uneaten. They found the

bread somehow delicious when the bread got harder as time went on.

#Ota, The Worst City

Ota Ward, one of the 23 special wards located in Tokyo Metropolis, is sometimes ridiculed as a slum street. The biggest reason is its highest crime rate. For a population of about 50,000 people, the number of criminal cases is 731 and the crime incidence is 1.5%, which means about 1 or 2 out of 100 people are involved in some kind of

crime. For example, the number of bicycle thefts is the worst in the 23 wards in Tokyo. According to the data of 2020, 261 bicycles were stolen in the area. In other words, one bicycle is stolen everyday or every other day. Actually, theft accounts for about 40% of the total number of all the criminal offenses in Ota Ward. Given this unpleasant situation, it has been mandatory to lock up a bicycle since 2020 to reduce the number of bicycle thefts.

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Ota Ward and Kamata: "Boulangerie Mimorette", a famous fried bread restaurant in Ota Ward, the birthplace of fried bread / Tokyo gourmet walk

Kawasaki City Newspaper About Serious Problems



The slums of Lioneneiro

Reduction of Waiting List Children

Nowadays, quite a few children have been on the waiting list for daycare in Kawasaki City. In order to save such children, it is important to reduce the burden on childcare workers and increase the number of them. In Kawasaki City, career courses in cooperation with childcare training facilities and school initiatives are held to convey the social significance of nursery teachers and the charm of working at nursery schools for potential workers so that they can aim to become a nursery school teacher. The privatized nursery schools have also increased to reduce the number of children on the list. With

regard to dissatisfaction with the working environment, the use of information and communication technology has been promoted. As a new reform strategy, it is necessary to develop an application to streamline the work of childcare. Childcare education can also play an important role as a field of learning in order to incorporate the opinions of childcare workers.

Creating a city that is close to nature

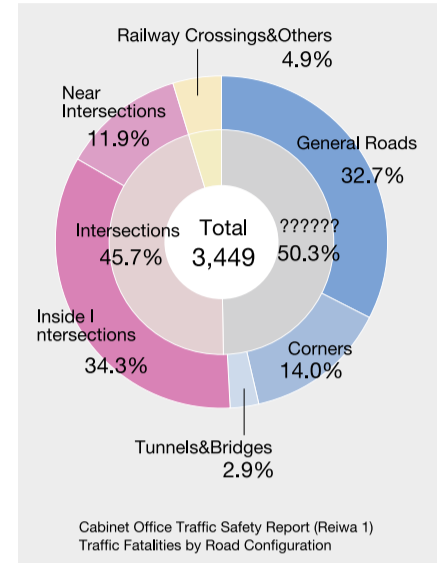
It is necessary to clean the environment in order for everyone living in the town to live comfortably. Kawasaki City has been systematically promoting the environmental administration. In addition to recycling, they have a policy based on reduction and reuse. It promotes sorting collection and keeps the environment clean. However, issues such as industrial areas, air pollution, and garbage problems should be addressed. One solution that can be achieved relatively easily is to actively separate

garbage and pick up garbage on a regional basis to gather more attention on garbage. Also, more plants should be needed in the area so that the city can be full of greenery. In this way, the creation of a better environment full of clean air can be realized.

How to reduce accidents in Kawasaki City

It is said that Kawasaki City is an area with many accidents.

One sad case is that a 77-year-old woman died in a bicycle accident. When the biker hit a woman, they were using a smartphone. People can use a bicycle easily, but at the same time, they easily lose their sense of responsibility, leading to such



Number of traffic fatal accidents by road shape / Cabinet Office Traffic Safety White Paper 2019

tragedy. Therefore, people are required to learn and understand laws and ordinances more as an improvement plan. For instance, more lectures on traffic laws and ordinances in high schools should be implemented. This can increase the interest in traffic accidents.

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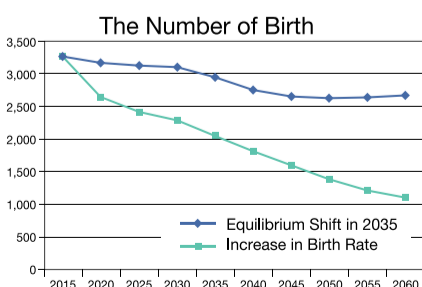
Garbage of the sea / MOHAMED ABDULRAHEEM/S

To revitalize Komae City

To revitalize Komae

Komae City has faced a low birth rate, as shown in Figure 1. This happens because the number of families of the younger generation has been decreasing. Several factors for this are that more people have chosen to move out of the city, that there is a small number of nursery schools, and that too many children are on the waiting list for daycare.

However, a better environment can be created by combining AI and IT, which makes it easy to raise children. AI and IT



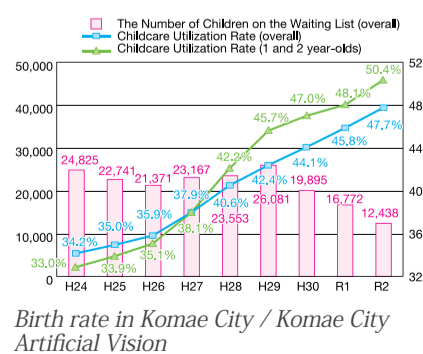
Trends in waiting children nationwide / About the number of waiting children as of April 1, 2020 2

can provide us with mobility independence, automation, fine analysis, cheaper labor costs, and communicative support for language interpretation. Also they can be useful for office work such as recording children in nursery schools, as well as extra manpower, saving time, and money. In this way, more children would be acceptable, and the number of children on the waiting list would decrease. Figure 2 shows that the number of children on the waiting lists has been dropping in recent years as IT technology has evolved. In other words, IT technology can brighten up the future of children. For example, Rukumy, an app that allows us to easily see children in kindergartens and facilities with photos and videos, has now been introduced in more than 13,000 parks in 47 prefectures.

What we can do about the problem.

The connection among people should be deepened to create an environment that makes it easier to raise children. For example, children or pregnant women should be given seats in public facilities such as trains. In addition, junior high school and high school students should be provided with more opportunities to interact with children by cooperating with nursery schools and kindergartens to positively change their awareness of child-rearing.

Also, the birth rate has been declining. To prevent it from



getting worse, the current situation of the declining birth rate and the aging population have to be recognized more. Knowing them properly may lead to a discovery of more effective measures. People have to think about solutions together. It is fundraising that is directly involved in the solution to the declining birthrate. For example, FLORENCE, an authorized NPO, has supported activities that tackle the welfare and child-rearing problems of children in Japan. Actually, by donating 1,500 yen per month, everyone can help their activities that solve the welfare and child-rearing problems of children in Japan. If someone does not stop the declining birthrate, it would have a big impact on the entire Japanese economy, so let's do everything we can from now on.

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Charm of Edogawa Ward

Edogawa Ward has an area of 49.09 square kilometers, which is the fourth largest among the 23 wards. Surrounded by the Arakawa and Nakagawa rivers to the west, and the Edogawa and Kyu-Edogawa rivers to the east, it borders the cities of Urayasu and Ichikawa in Chiba Prefecture. And to the south is Tokyo Bay.

Due to its good access to the city center, large number of parks, and extensive support for child-rearing generations,



For those who live in Edogawa Ward / Air conditioner center AC



Komatsuna, which originated in Edogawa Ward / Minaterasu PRESS Edogawa Ward

Edogawa Ward has developed as a bed town where many young families live. In 2019 the population exceeded 700,000. Edogawa Ward is also known as the birthplace of Komatsuna, a leafy Japanese vegetable. During falconry in the Komatsu River, it was presented to Yoshimune Tokugawa, the 8th shogun of the Edo Shogunate, and named Komatsuna after the place

name. Even now, it accounts for about 40% of the Komatsuna production in Tokyo. As a matter of fact, its agricultural production is top class among the 23 wards.

Komatsuna curry is a specialty of Edogawa Ward. Komatsuna curry is highly nutritious and delicious. In addition, deer bones and other floriculture are popular; about 60% of the morning glory shipped to the market in Taito Ward in July every year, is produced in Edogawa Ward. Edogawa Ward is also known as



Time saving Curry recipe with plenty of komatsuna, how to make it / Rakuten Recipe, Rakuten Ichiba



Edogawa Fireworks Festival (Edogawa Ward, Ichikawa City) / wikipedia

one of the three major goldfish production areas. Many of the ponds in Edogawa Ward have been moved out of the ward. At the Edogawa Ward Fireworks Festival (co-sponsored by Ichikawa City, Chiba Prefecture) held every August, about 14,000 fireworks are set off on the riverbed in front of Shinozaki Park.

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Tokyo Racecourse in Fuchu

Fuchu City, one of the cities located in the middle of Tokyo, is an area that can gather more people and money. The population of Fuchu City is approximately 260,000. Fuchu is the home of the Tokyo Racecourse, one of the largest horse racecourses in Japan, which is an important facility that supports the finance of Fuchu. This racecourse hosts the Japan Cup, the only international invitation competition in Japan.

However, due to the coronavirus, Fuchu's financial situation worsened, and the sales of commercial facilities other than horse racing were on a downward trend.

According to the National Institute of Social Security and Population, the population of Fuchu City, which was 40,069 in 2015, is estimated to be 25,344 in 2015. That is why they need to raise money, increase the



Tokyo Racecourse / Cifu newspaper



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horseback riding experiences. Also, some people who attended the event in collaboration with anime said 'I want to go on a "pilgrimage to sacred places" and watch anime!'. Twice as many

people as usual visit this anime event.

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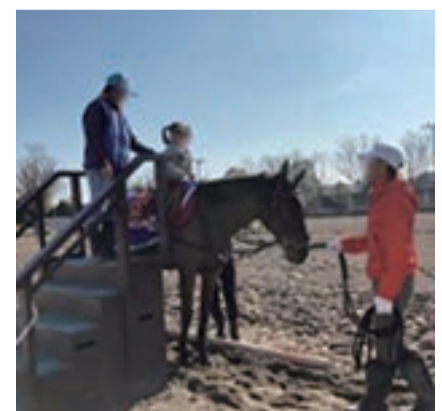
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horse riding experience / JRA Tokyo Racecourse (Fuchu City) You don't have to race to enjoy it! The free horseback riding experience and the JRA Horse Racing Museum are fun!

population, and enrich the city again.

As a matter of fact, they hold collaboration events with subcultures in addition to regular events. Meat festival is one of them. By collaborating with Uma Musume, not only horse racing lovers, but also the fans of Uma Musume are expected to come. At the event, various men and women of all ages have fun. Children can enjoy the playground equipment and

Suginami



Suginami Ward Safety Patrol Team
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What is a health promotion support store?
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Nakano Ward and Suginami Ward Ward Border Joint Security Patrol / Nakano City
Official Homepage

A region where people can live healthy and safe

Suginami Ward has an area of 34.06km² and a population of 591,108. It has 285 parks, a park area of 1,195,168.45 square meters, two department stores, 43 kindergartens, 92 elementary, junior high and high schools, 19 hospitals, and 13 libraries. It is a

safe city ranked high among the 23 wards of Tokyo. The number of crimes is the second lowest after Bunkyo Ward. They have safety patrol teams made up of ward staff and security patrol teams made up of security guards from contractors, helping to create a safe and secure community.

Suginami Ward is divided into

seven main areas. The Koenji area has many second-hand clothing stores that are popular among young people. It also has a dense urban area formed by small-scale detached houses and condos. In addition, the Awa Odori Festival in summer is a big event that attracts more than 1 million spectators every year. The Nishiogi area is an area centered around attractive shopping streets known for their many unique individual shops. The Honan/Izumi area has Honancho Station, the terminus of the Marunouchi Line, at the eastern end of the area. The rest of the area is covered by Nishi-Eifuku Station and Eifukucho Station on the Keio Inokashira Line.

Shopping streets are formed around the station. In Suginami

Ward, there is Suginami Children's Traffic Park, where you can enjoy learning about traffic rules, and Soshido, a tangible cultural property designated by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government. They have a quiet and good residential area. The city is kept clean. The shopping streets are popular and lively. The goods are cheap. There are many young customers. For these reasons, it is a popular place to live. Events related to crime prevention and local communities for young age groups should be held more so that the city can thrive for the next generation.

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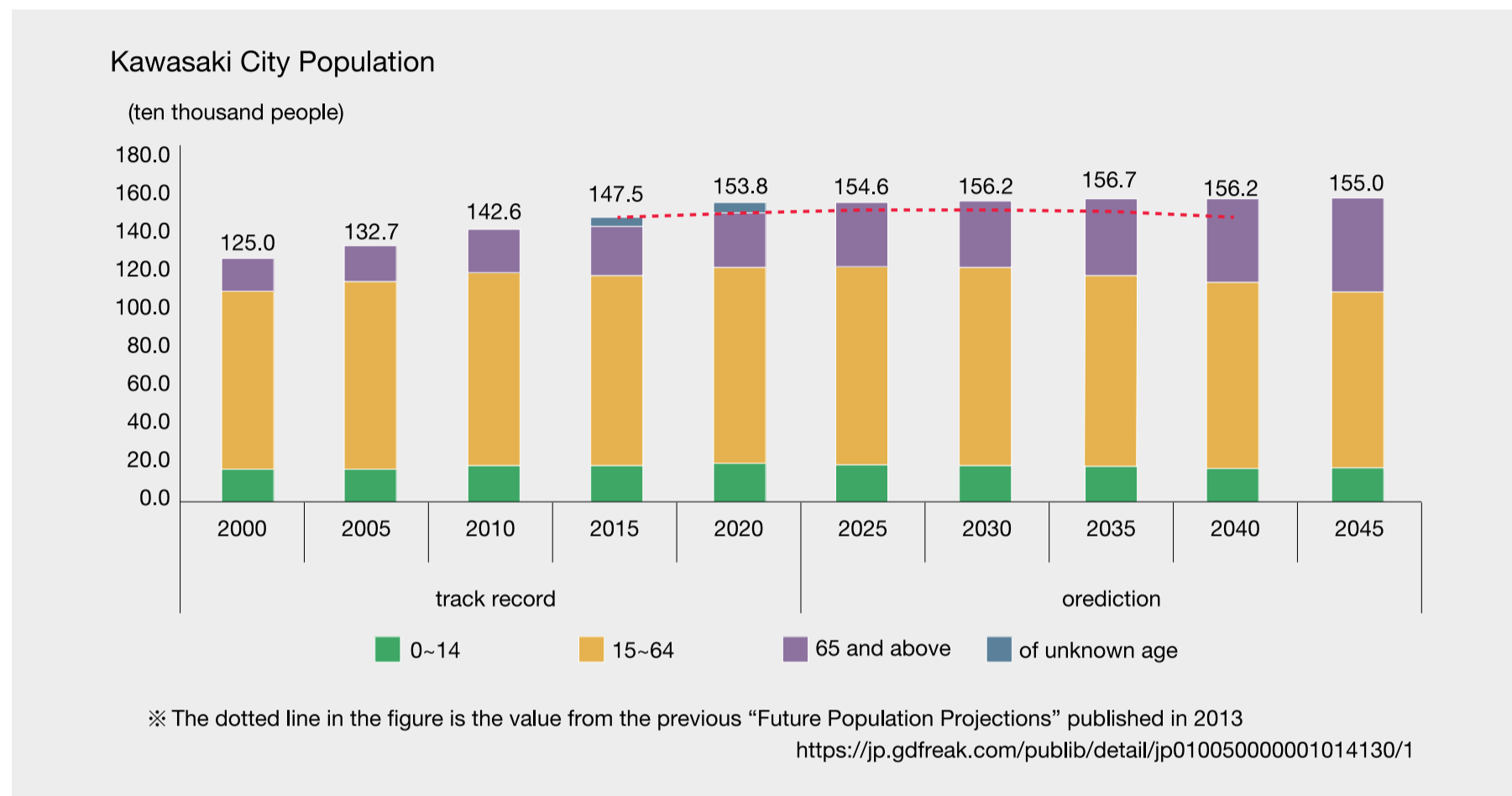


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For People and Animals to Live Together



Kawasaki City Population
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Environmental problems are currently an issue in Japan. Many of these problems are caused by humans, including global warming. In Kawasaki City, located in Kanagawa Prefecture, the natural environment has become worse and worse, having a negative impact on animals in various ways. The city is located in the northeastern part of Kanagawa Prefecture and has a population of approximately 1.54 million. It is adjacent to Tokyo across the Tama River. It has many attractive features such as good transportation access to the city center, large commercial facilities for young people and families, rich nature along the Tama River, and large hospitals with the latest equipment.

On the other hand, there are also challenges. One challenge is population growth. While more than 80% of municipalities in the world have a declining population, Kawasaki City's

population is still growing. This growth has led to the clearing of mountains for the creation of residential areas, which in turn has reduced the amount of its nature. This causes animals that originally lived in the mountains to lose their homes. As a result, animals are forced to come down from the mountains into the city center, causing traffic accidents that result in the death of animals.

To prevent these tragedies from happening, it is important to ensure a good coexistence between humans and wild animals. For example, a "#TINYROADSIGN" campaign has become popular in foreign countries. One of the campaign is an art project called "#TINYROADSIGN", making use of traffic signs as alternative ways to eliminate such accidents and to help wild animals and humans coexist. This sign can be seen in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, located in Europe. Normally, signs with pictures

of animals are "Beware of bears!" or "Beware of Deer," but "#TINYROADSIGN" is different. This sign has two purposes. One is to warn pedestrians and drivers not to harm small animals. The other is to remind people that the earth is not only for humans, but also for animals.

It is important for Kawasaki City to introduce traffic signs like this to create an environment where humans and animals can live together comfortably. To this end, it is necessary for Kawasaki citizens to first learn about the current issues of the city and raise funds such as donations for the creation of traffic signs. One of the realistic actions anyone can take right now is to create posters calling for donations. The first step is to make posters showing the current situation of animals, and to put them up on the spots that can be seen easily such as school routes and downtown areas to get attention from many people. Continuing these small

actions can realize an ideal world little by little, where animals and humans can coexist.

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Solutions to the problems of falling birthrate and aging society



(right) Red- and Midori- (left), a PR character for the National Urban Greenery Hachioji Fair, who descended from Mt. Takao to fill the city of Hachioji with flowers and greenery

narrow roads was also brought up by the participants, proposing re-drawing white lines to make the roads wider and widening roads with priority given to areas where there are many elderly people. This would make the city safer.

As for the large gap between developed and undeveloped areas, the best solution would be to make the city more liveable by attracting younger people to the city and expanding roads, as mentioned earlier. Furthermore, they suggested improving the already existing events by making more people aware of them and holding topical events. However, these are not easy things to do. It is important that young people take action. And let's hope that Hachioji will become better.

Hachioji City is located in the west part of Tokyo. It is the first city in Tokyo to be designated as a core city. It has the largest population in the Tama region, an area consisting of several cities of Tokyo. It has a particularly large elderly population. The size of the city is approximately three times the size of Chofu City, one of the major cities in Tokyo.

The first advantage of Hachioji City is its easy access to the 23 wards and other prefectures. Shinjuku, Tokyo and Yokohama can be reached without transfers by train. Furthermore, the city has many cultural assets such as historical buildings and a well-developed station area. It is also one of the leading school cities in Japan. It is surrounded by rich nature such as Mt. Takao, one of the most famous tourists' destination in Tokyo. As a matter of fact, 2.6 million people out of 7 million mountain climbers of the world come to Mt. Takao, Mt. Fuji or Mt. Everest, boasting the highest number of climbers in the world.

Not only in terms of location, Hachioji is also home to the Grandpa Tengu, an legendary creature who lives in Mt. Takao. The legend says it comes down to the urban area of Hachioji City with an order "Revitalize Hachioji!"

It is revealed by interviewing

that an ideal neighborhood regarding convenience should consist of convenient transportation, sufficient shops, good social welfare and public facilities. In terms of safety, the city should be clean, holding many families, nursing homes and school children. With all of these elements, the city could be a popular place to live.

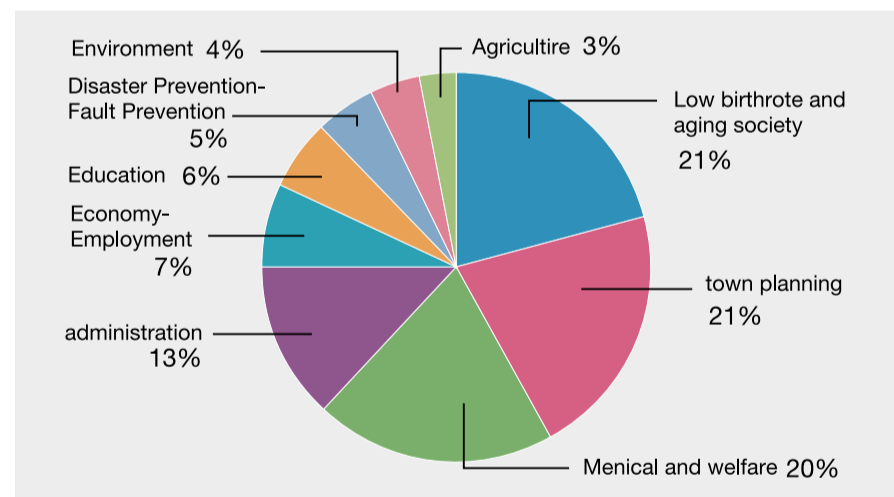
On the other hand, Hachioji citizens answered about the disadvantages of Hachioji that there is a large gap between developed and undeveloped areas. Also, they think a car is essential in daily life, and pavements are too narrow. On top of that, the birth rate is declining while the population is aging. Additionally, the elderly have difficulty living in Hachioji. These factors could lead to a decline in population and increase of accidents.

Firstly, to pick up on the problems mentioned above, which seemed particularly major opinions, it is suggested that the following measures should be taken. By improving the accessibility of Hachioji, the attractiveness of the city can be enhanced through social media. Establishing social welfare systems can also be effective for young people such as school tuition subsidies, making # and photo spots available on social media. Other improvement ideas were also raised, such as setting

up more convenience stores and increasing the number of bus stops and buses.

If these improvement measures were implemented, the city would become more lively for young people, and comfortable for the elderly to live. The problem of

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Issues facing Hachioji

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Kichijoji Road Problem

In Kichijoji, there is a problem of congested streets and a poor walking environment for shoppers and other pedestrians. One of the causes is the problem of on-street parking and abandoned bicycles on streets where many shoppers gather. The streets in Kichijoji have always been characterized by narrow widths around stores. The on-street parking and abandoned bicycles further narrow streets, leading to the deterioration of the walking environment. In Japan, there is a system in place to prohibit on-street parking and abandoned bicycles by putting signs and notices on them, and imposing fines on their users.

However, even so, the number of street parking violations and abandoned bicycles has not decreased. One solution is to install sensors such as security cameras in areas where there are many violations. The sensors would detect

violating vehicles from above and collect the information in one place. And then, those who frequently violate the law will be fined or given a training session. In Japan, a similar system is in place today, but it is currently done by humans, so it is still not effective enough to exterminate them. The use of machines would increase its efficiency. In addition, in Japan, it is not difficult to identify individuals because cars and bicycles must be registered with the national and local governments. The current financial resources of Kichijoji are sufficient to

cover the cost of installing and maintaining security cameras.

The most important thing, however, is individual awareness. If each individual became aware of the necessity to refrain from violating the law, the world would

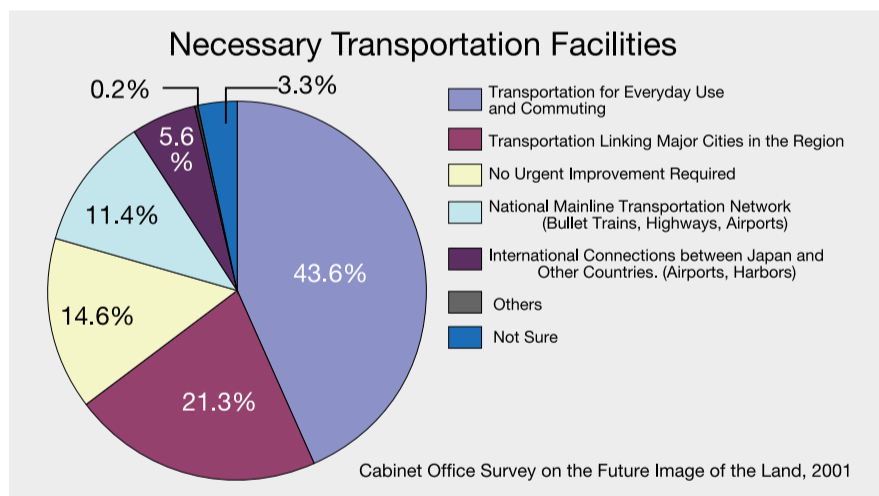
become a place where there are no such problems even without a system.

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Kichijoji Road / Photo by Google Earth

For the betterment Miyamae-Ward



Transportation facilities that should be enhanced in Kawasaki City

Miyamae Ward, located in Kawasaki City, has faced issues of the younger and older generations, respectively. First, functional access to public institutions such as stations, hospitals, and ward offices are problematic. This is because Miyamae Ward has many areas with hills and slopes, while there are relatively few problems with abandoned bicycles. The figure shows the results of a survey on transportation issues in Kawasaki City; 43.6% of the respondents indicate that the transportation for daily commuting should be improved,

which indicates that the transportation in Miyamae Ward could be difficult. In Kawasaki City, including Miyamae Ward, the commuter trains are one of the problems for the younger generation. On top of that, daily traffic is a problem for the elderly with difficulty walking.

Miyamae Ward, which has developed as a suburban residential area along the Tokyu Denentoshi Line and various stations, lacks the concentration of commercial and service businesses necessary for local life in the ward. As a result, the transportation network in Miyamae Ward is a major

factor of the difficulty in daily life, causing a very serious problem for housewives and the elderly. To solve these problems, the commuter train systems should be made barrier-free and the station buildings should be made for such people to get in and out of stations easier.

In addition, to lessen the burden on the elderly, the lending of silver cars can be useful, which allows them to climb hills with ease. Also, food sales in mobile vans can reduce travel time for the elderly living in a depopulated area so they need time to get to supermarkets and other places.

Adopting these measures will

eliminate the need to repeatedly climb steep hills. This would solve both the transportation network and the living aspect at the same time. Currently, in Miyamae-Ward, a weekly on-site sales event is held at the Kawasaki Municipal Takayama Danchi for elderly people with weak legs and backs to casually enjoy shopping. Because the event also functions as a place for interaction, it may serve as one model for an aging society.

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Let's raise the fare by 3 yen!

Yamato City is located in the middle of Kanagawa Prefecture and it is characterized by its large library. In today's Yamato City, the working population over 65 years old has been increasing while the working population over 15 years old has decreased. In other words, today's Yamato City has an aging population. To improve this problem, it is important to increase the number of young people by improving transportation access and developing the economy.

First, the issues of transportation access should be addressed. The current accessibility of Yamato City to Tokyo is not very good. For example, it takes 45 minutes from Yamato Station to Shinjuku, 40 minutes from Chuorinkan Station to Shibuya, and 20 minutes to

Yokohama. To improve this, another faster train or direct bus service should be introduced.

When it comes to economic development, Yamato City does not have many large commercial facilities. The construction of a large commercial facility would provide an opportunity for young people to come to Yamato City. To build a large commercial facility, a large amount of money is needed. To collect it, the price of routes through Yamato City should be raised by 3 yen. Other possibilities are such as conducting crowd funding, or selling special products of Yamato City.

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percentage change

		2000year	2005year	2010year	2015year	changes labor force
Population	All 15 years older	182,144	190,407	192,95	201,694	10.7%
	man 15 to 64 years older	81,829	80,701	77,177	76,829	-6.1%
	65 years old and over	10,984	15,502	19,528	23,835	117.0%
	woman 15 to 64 years old	75,645	75,823	72,751	71,681	-5.2%
	65 years old and up	13,686	18,381	23,499	29,349	114.4%
Workers Population	All 15 years older	113,794	114,779	109,438	112,901	-0.8%
	man 15 to 64 years older	68,278	66,463	59,659	58,759	-13.9%
	65 years old and over	3,484	4,650	6,177	7,464	114.2%
	woman 15 to 64 years old	40,475	41,502	40,277	42,145	4.1%
	65 years old and up	1,557	2,164	3,325	4,433	191.1%
Number of worker who are primary workin	All 15 years older	91,208	88,060	83,664	87,311	-4.3%
	man 15 to 64 years older	62,589	59,724	53,270	53,641	-14.3%
	65 years old and over	2,769	3,603	4,611	5,940	114.5%
	woman 15 to 64 years old	25,169	24,373	24,410	25,766	2.4%
	65 years old and up	681	906	1,373	1,964	188.4%
Number of worker who are primary workin as a percentoge of the labor force	All 15 years older	80.2%	77.2%	76.4%	77.3%	-3.6%
	man 15 to 64 years older	91.7%	89.9%	89.3%	91.3%	-0.4%
	65 years old and over	79.5%	77.5%	74.6%	79.6%	0.1%
	woman 15 to 64 years old	62.2%	58.7%	60.6%	61.1%	-1.8%
	65 years old and up	43.7%	41.9%	41.3%	43.3	-0.9%

Source : National Census

Labor Force Population in Yamato City
Photo by city.yamato.lg.jp 2015 September 1st

Aiming for a town full of children

In Zama City, the declining number of children is a serious problem. According to Zama City's official website, the total population has hardly changed since 2004. However, Figure 1 shows that the birth rate in Zama City has been declining.

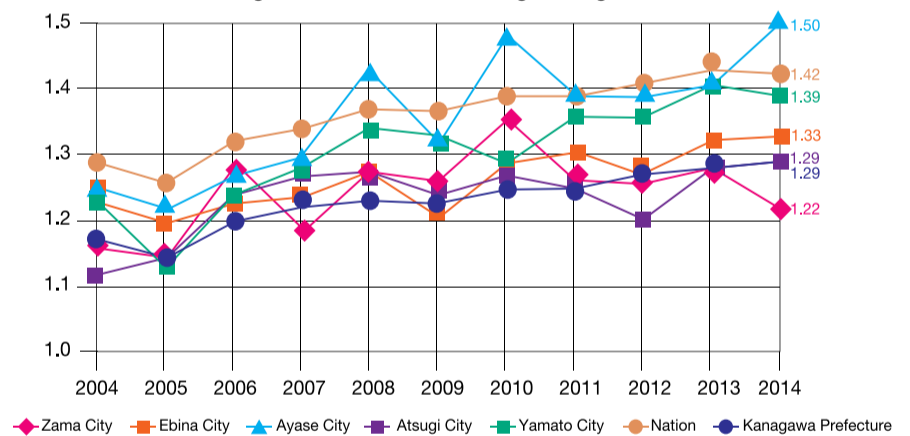
On the contrary, The birth rate in Ayase City is increasing. This is probably due to the fact that Ayase City is regarded as having a better child-rearing support system. One possible reason for this is that Ayase City is blessed with abundant nature and a well-developed environment.

There are many parks that take advantage of nature. They are also safe and fun. Parks are essential public facilities for children to play outside.

The more attractive parks there are, the more young people would want to raise their children in such places. Since Zama City has few such parks, more parks should be built to provide a safe environment. In this way, a vibrant and child-centered city can be created.

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Trend of Total Fertility Rate in the City and Nationwide, Kanagawa Prefecture, and Neighboring Cities



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Notice to Readers

I have included cities with similar problems on the same page. So I would like you to see how different cities with similar problems are comparing their measures and responses to each other. Also, since many of the articles are about Hachioji City, I would like you to read them with attention to the measures and responses to the problems in Hachioji City.



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A wonderful cityscape with you



Fujiko F Fujio museum / photo by Nakazawa Rio



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Kawasaki City has many attractive tourist spots. It is located in the northwestern part of Kanagawa Prefecture. It is a very large city with a population of over 1.5 million people. There are plenty of places to enjoy both day and

night. One example is the Fujiko F Fujio museum. It has many exhibits about this manga artist and one of his masterpieces, the world famous Doraemon. There are also exhibits of original manga drawings, making it a must-see for manga lovers. There

is also a place called Yomiuri land. It is an amusement park for children and adults. Especially in winter visitors enjoy a gorgeous illumination display. There are many other attractive sightseeing spots in Kawasaki City, such as Kawasaki Daishi, a temple

with a lot of nature. As such, Kawasaki City has many good tourist attractions, though they are not well known. The number of visitors to Kawasaki City can be increased by promoting these tourism resources. Why don't you visit them?

Diverse Kawasaki City

Kawasaki City has been implementing a diverse range of initiatives. One of the problems in Kawasaki is the aging of existing buildings. One of the measures being promoted is making use of wood. It is also important to make effective use of facilities that are no longer in use. For example, holding events in those buildings can be a realistic idea. In this way they will become an important part of the community in the future. However, Kawasaki City is sometimes seen as an unsafe city, even though the number of crimes in the city is relatively low. To confirm this reputation,

we conducted a survey of those who live in Kawasaki City, and those who are from Tokyo, Chiba, or Santana about their impression of Kawasaki City. It is found that the city's negative impression on its security is just an image. Kawasaki will become more and more like the city's message "Colors Future!"

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Musasimizonokuti station / photo by Nakazawa Rio

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Bringing Safety and Fun to the City

Funabori Tower is 115 meters high and is used by 1.5 million people annually. This is the symbol of Edogawa Ward. This tower is famous for

its colorful parfait that looks like a tower, which cost 634 yen, the same digits as the height of the Tokyo Sky tree. In 1999, it was built in Edogawa Ward, many

areas of which are 0 meters above sea level. It was built for disaster prevention purposes, making it possible to check the situation when a disaster occurred.

However, it also has a face as a complex, not just a disaster prevention building.

The tower is known as one of the best sightseeing spots in the ward. It is one of the three major towers in Tokyo, and on a clear day, it is a hidden spot in Tokyo with a spectacular view of Mt. Fuji. In addition to large and small halls and event spaces, it has a movie theater, which is the only theater Edogawa Ward has. This new cultural center has a variety of functions, such as convention, social welfare, culture and industry quality improvement, amusement, and bridal. On top of that, a large concert can be held in the main hall. This is suitable for high school students to engage in club activity presentations such as concerts for the brass band club, or performance for the dance and drama clubs. In this way, this place has become very popular among high school students. This helps these students build good relationships with the local people. Funabori Tower makes our lives better.

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The Environment in Shibuya Ward

One of the most frequently discussed issues these days is environmental problems. Since this issue concerns everyone, measures to address the environmental problems have been focused in Shibuya Ward. The first way to deal with it is to increase the amount of green in urban areas. Plants absorb CO2 through photosynthesis, which may play a role in solving the environmental problem. In addition, some studies show that they may be effective in reducing noise to some extent. These factors lead to the proposal to increase the number of plants. Besides planting, there is another unique solution to this issue. China invented a huge air purifier, which was built in Xi'an. It is called the Smog

Tower. This giant air purifier has improved air pollution in the area of 10 square kilometers around it in a few months, reducing the concentration of PM 2.5 by up to 15%. Therefore, if this unique idea was introduced to Shibuya Ward, the environment of the Ward would be even better.

Environmental problems are not only for Shibuya, but for all over the world. Human beings will come up with more improvement measures and implement them. This proposal can be one of them, which brings us closer to solving the environmental problem.

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Sister city of Setagaya

Setagaya Ward has three sister cities. The first one is the city of Bunbury, Western Australia. When elementary school students from Setagaya Ward visited Bunbury in 1992, they became sister cities. This relationship has continued in the fields of art, sports, and education. For example, inviting runners from Bunbury, the Setagaya 246 Half Marathon is held annually. 2022 marks the 30th anniversary of the sister city relationship.

The second is the Döbling District of Vienna, the capital of Austria. In May 1985, the two cities entered into a sister city relationship. The following year, the Tama River and the Danube River jointly declared a friendship river. Seven years later, the Setagaya Park opened in Dublin district as a Japanese-

style garden. Since then, it has been a popular place of relaxation for residents and tourists. Since 1992, 5th graders in elementary school of Setagaya have visited Dublin every year to experience a different culture. In addition, the choirs in both wards hold joint concerts and other events to deepen mutual understanding.

The last one is Winnipeg, the capital of Manitoba, Canada. The two cities exchanged paintings for their students in 1960, which led to the current relationship. After that they became sister cities in 1970. Once every two years from the following year, junior high school students from both cities have been sent to their sister city as exchange students. In addition, various exchanges have been done in Setagaya, such as the Japanese drum group in Winnipeg City participating in



Winnipeg / Expedia

the ward festival.

In this way, Setagaya Ward has promoted cross-cultural education by forming sister cities. This is an essential activity in an increasingly global society. Such initiatives should become more popular in other regions.

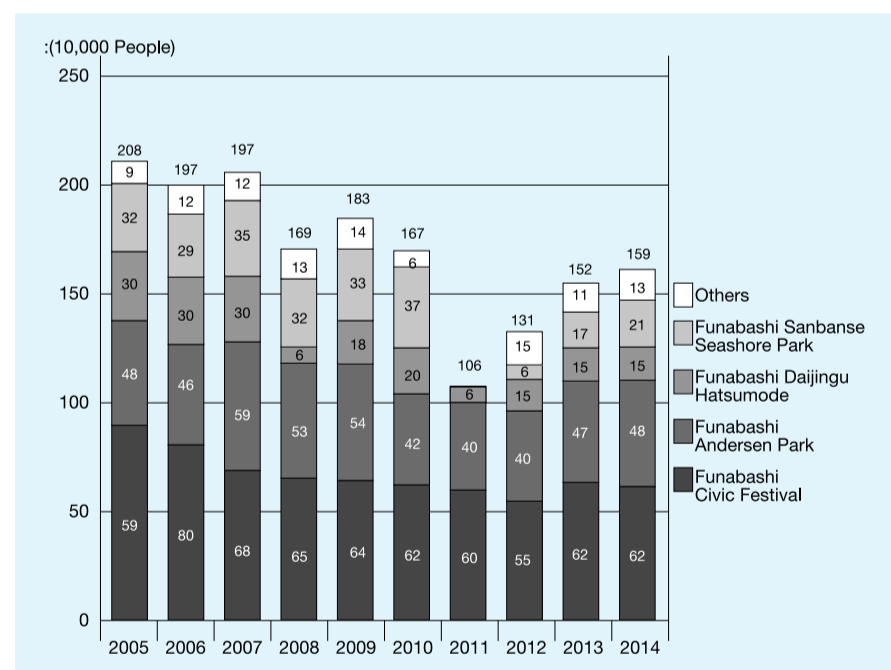
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"UTA Festival" to innovation

Funabashi City, located in the northwestern part of Chiba Prefecture, is designated as a core city. Funabashi has various attractions such as many special products and local festivals. However, the problem is that not many tourists come to Funabashi. Figure 1 shows the trend of the number of people visiting Funabashi City. As you can see, there were 1.02 million fewer people in 2011 compared to 2005. However, you can see that the number of people taking part in Funabashi Citizen Festival is stable. Therefore, in order to attract more people to Funabashi, the local government created a big event. This is called

the UTA festival. This festival invites artists related to Chiba and LIVE. Stalls are set up near the venue and the special products including Chiba's specialties are sold. This event helps visitors get to know more about Funabashi, contributing to raise the recognition of the name of Funabashi. Such big events also can tell visitors about the city's attractiveness by using something related to Chiba Prefecture. In this way, it should be possible to revitalize the city.

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SOCIETY

Technology is changing lives

Minato Ward is located in the heart of Tokyo. More than half of the 150 embassies currently in Japan are located in the Ward, making it a city with a rich international flavor. Also many companies have their headquarters here. It is one of the business centers of Japan due to the brisk economy throughout the area. While such modernization has progressed in the city, there are many healing spots such as parks. Another major feature is that the atmosphere differs depending on the area, such as office districts, commercial facilities, and historic/cultural places. In addition, there are many attractions in Minato Ward. The appeal of Minato Ward is its convenience in daily life. Enough public institutions and solid employment environments in companies are provided. In other words, Minato Ward is home to many buildings, large companies, and well-disciplined companies that make it easy to find a good job. There are also many commercial facilities, making shopping and other activities easy. It is also a good place to live for families, with excellent childcare support.

However, there are a number of issues Minato Ward is faced with: poor connectedness among local residents, little natural environment, and insufficient security. Minato Ward is an area with many apartment complexes. As a result, there are few opportunities for residents to interact with each other so it is difficult to get involved in the local community. The ward also has a high crime rate in some

areas. Mostly the residential area is safe, but you need to be careful of foreigners depending on the time and place, because troubles caused by differences of manners and cultures often occur.

To improve the Minato Ward, Virtual Reality devices can solve these problems because it is easy to connect people remotely. This provides the community with improved quality of daily life, and advanced health care. First, the lack of connection among local residents can be solved. Located in the center of the city, Minato Ward is home to a wide variety of people, young and old, men and women, and foreigners. VR helps them interact with people in the community. Second, VR enables us to further improve the current appeal of Minato Ward, which is its excellent shopping, hospitals, and other amenities for daily life. If daily appointments and shopping can be done through VR, the quality of life can be improved. Finally, healthcare can also be improved by VR. In a port city where many people live, it is difficult to manage the health of all people. This should be able to be done on VR. There are several benefits that can be expected from using VR. Increased opportunities for involvement in the community would be helpful in preventing lonely deaths. Also, people would be able to help each other in the event of a disaster. Additionally, the quality of each person's life content and quality of life would be enhanced from a social perspective. Increasing one's involvement with others can lead to self-confidence and, for some, a sense of purpose in life.

However, many things are needed to make this innovation a reality. For example, the Internet has to be stable. In order to live a comfortable life, there must be no problem with the Internet connection. Also, it is necessary to make it easy to use the network for everyone. Laws are also important. There should be no violation of current laws, and there may be a need to create new laws regarding VR. Of course, many things are needed to make this happen, including a company to make the VR itself, funds to make it, and cooperation from the government.

Thus, technologies that have continued to develop in recent years have the potential to enrich our lives. However, it also poses many challenges. We have to coexist in this world where so many technologies are being

created, while we understand their disadvantages. As just technology evolves daily for a better society, so must we.

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Minato Ward has famous buildings such as Tokyo Tower / Photo by Narita Yuki



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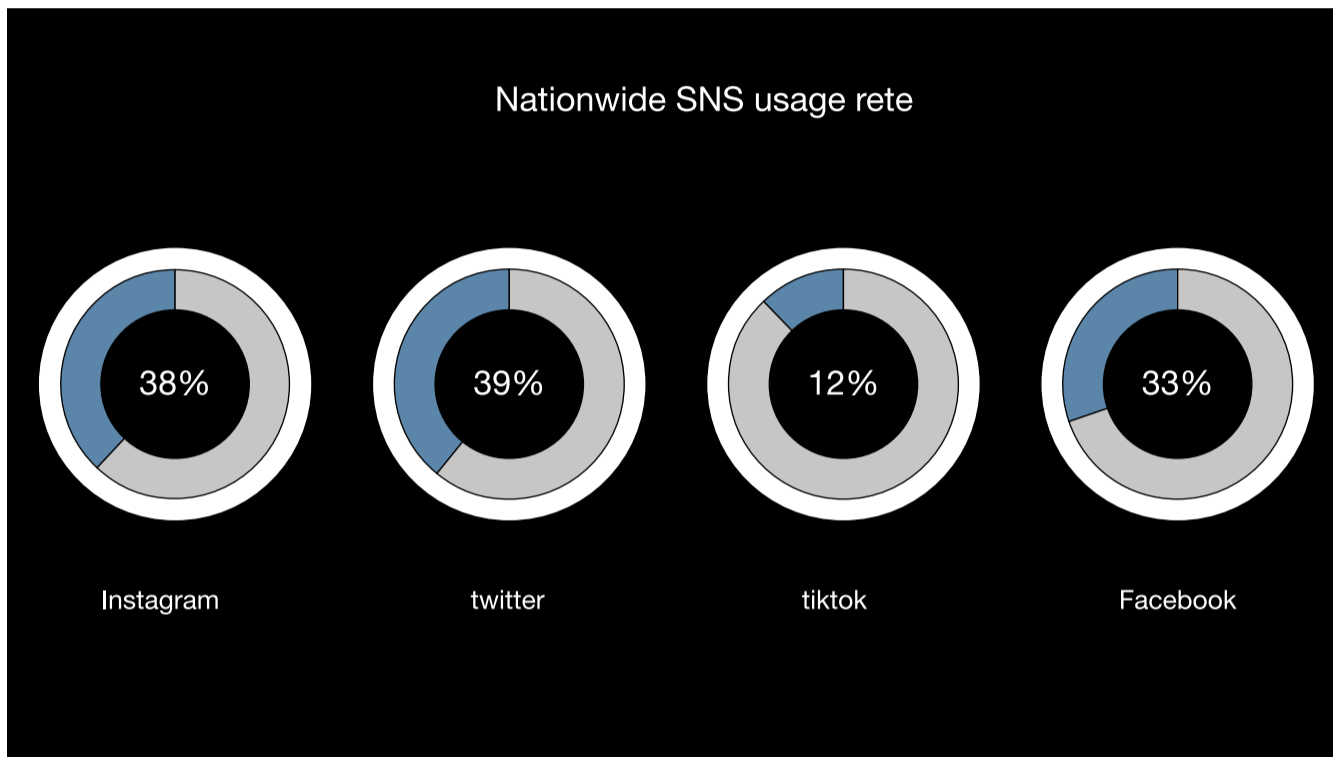


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Convenient facilities in Minato Ward



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These stores would be used by various generations.

In Minato Ward, there is a housing support section, Minato Ward Urban Development Support Department Housing Division. It would be better to advertise it through social media to get people to know it more. It should benefit both sellers and buyers. The usage rate of each social media in Figure shows how many people they are used by in the world. Many people use social media like this.

Therefore, Minato Ward's official social media should be used more to advertise the ward and let everyone know about it because it is important to hear the local people's requests.

Minato Ward is lined with high-rise buildings and condominiums. There are not many convenient facilities in this ward, and many people who actually live in Minato

Ward ask for more of them. As a solution, it would be better to set up living convenience facilities such as coin laundry, supermarkets, and child care facilities inside buildings. If more

people used it, it would lead to convenience and comfort. In this way, land prices would become cheaper. In addition, introducing online commerce services would reduce the burden on the elderly.

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How to reduce traffic accidents

The population of elderly people has been increasing for years. In Adachi Ward, 25% of the population is elderly. It is necessary to stay attentive in driving a car and riding a bicycle because traffic accidents are mainly caused by carelessness.

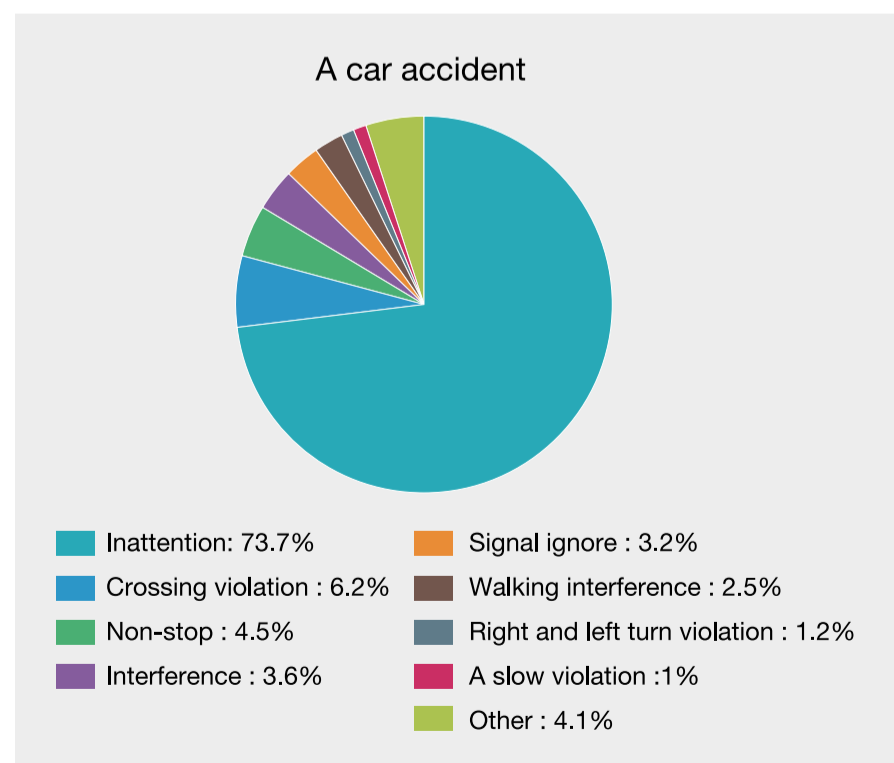
Young people often use their smartphones while walking or riding bicycles, sometimes even listening to music. These are very dangerous acts. According to the Tokyo Fire Department, most people in their twenties were transported in a careless accident. And the proportion of accidents involving bicycles is increasing year by year.

Car accidents are also caused by carelessness. According to Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance, 73.7% of car accidents are

caused by carelessness. In order to increase the driver's concentration, increasing the benefits of having a gold license can be effective. This merit would increase the drivers' motivation to keep their concentration.

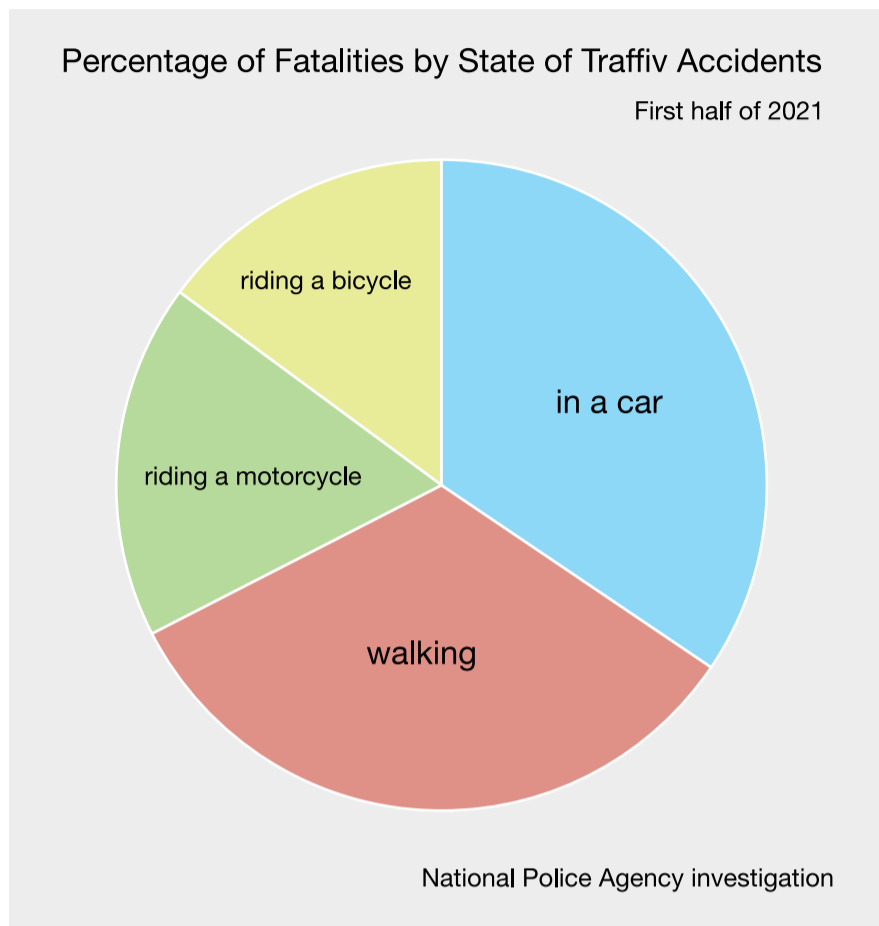
Such traffic accidents must be reduced to make a peaceful society. There are several ways of solving traffic accidents: narrowing down the road, slowing down, and color-separating the driveway and sidewalk to make it easier to be recognized.

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Tokyo Fire Department website, December 8, 2020, January 13, 2020 Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department website

How to reduce traffic jam in Kawasaki



Percentage of Fatalities by State of Traffic Accidents / National Police Agency investigation First half of 2021

Kawasaki is close to the center of the city, which attracts a lot of people because of its close proximity to the city center, and therefore has a high risk of traffic accidents due to heavy traffic and many buildings. The Figure below shows the causes of traffic accident fatalities in 2021. The traffic accident with highest fatalities is a collision while driving a car. In order to prevent such traffic accidents, it is important to keep a sufficient distance from vehicles.

Therefore, it is necessary to develop an application that utilizes GPS to measure the distance from other cars and pedestrians, and warns them not to get too close. This innovation is based on the idea that if the GPS in the driver's smartphone and in the pedestrian's smartphone can be used to warn of danger when cars and people approach within a certain range, it is possible to

reduce the number of accidents involving people and objects.

This application that notifies the driver should be able to reduce the accident significantly. The statistics shows that when a driver is using his/her cell phone while driving, the number of fatal accidents is about 1.9 times higher than when he/she is not. However, they have to get the notification without looking at the screen while driving. Through the application, we can make our town a better place to live.

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Machida, a cultural city away from the city center

Machida City, Tokyo, is located 30-40 km from central Tokyo and borders Kanagawa Prefecture. The city center is a commercial district with a trade area population of 2 million. There are a lot of nature and cultural heritage, forming an attractive city. There are many universities in the city, and the city is a popular and energetic place where many young people gather. The first advantage of Machida City is that it is easy to access to sightseeing spots and the city center. It is 35 minutes to Shinjuku, 30 minutes to Yokohama, 80 minutes to Hakone-Yumoto, a hot-spring resort, and 40 minutes to Enoshima, a popular tourist spot. The second is that there are a lot of shops. The third is that there are many cultural facilities. Fourth is that there are many schools, making it easy to raise children.

However, Machida City has faced several problems. The first

problem is the high crime rate. The second is the aging population. The total population of Machida City has been gradually decreasing since 2020. On the other hand, the elderly population is expected to continue increasing. If this trend does not stop, a variety of aspects of the city such as social welfare systems, financial problems, labor shortages, sluggish economic growth due to the declining population, and the balance of social security centered on medical care would collapse.

To solve these challenges, an application should be used. However, it is difficult for elderly people to use it immediately. It is also necessary for the Machida City government to take measures such as holding application classes. Because IT is advancing, utilizing IT should be encouraged to solve problems.

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Youth policy in Setagaya Ward

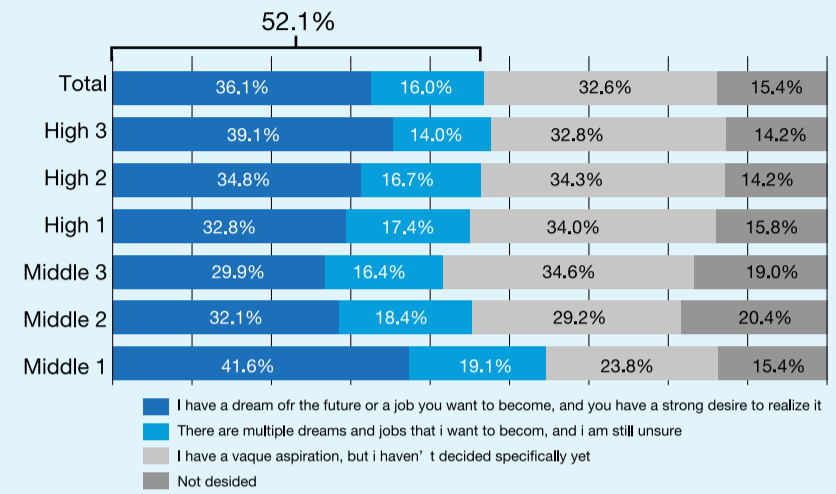
Youth policy in Japan is insufficient. It is said that many students in Japan do not have a dream of the future. There seems to be two main reasons. Firstly, students do not have a chance to know about jobs. This can also be the effect of Covid-19 pandemic. Secondly, students do not have a sense of crisis about the future. There should be something that can be done in Setagaya Ward to solve the problem.

Setagaya Ward has 17 universities including faculties. This is a large number. There are many kinds of them, and they provide education and research that makes use of their respective strengths. The achievements have benefited the community in various ways. Setagaya Ward has been working together with various unique universities to solve local problems. It is called the network of knowledge. It is to hold several events in cooperation with the university in Setagaya Ward.

This is an idea that makes use of Setagaya Ward's advantage of having many universities. These events can make it easier for students to find what they are interested in. For example, Nihon university college of humanities and sciences is conducting research activities in cooperation with Nihon university Sakuragaoka high school on the theme of social issues such as energy usage and symbiotic society. Through this activity, the students can develop various skills and values. In addition, Tokyo agriculture university holds a museum specializing in professional studies. Various exhibitions and experiential learning are held throughout the year at this museum. Many students are interested in them.

On the other hand, there is a "Setagaya wakamono station". It is a support organization commissioned by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. This organization helps young

Do you have a dream for the future or a job you want to bi?



From Toshin high school 2020/8/28

people who are struggling to work through interviews and programs. They can think about the future with the staff. It corresponds to various problems at work. The staff says, "We want to cherish the one step that needs courage." Such an organization is reassuring. Other measures include school education and social media to disseminate

various studies and occupations to young people. If Setagaya Ward's efforts spread around Tokyo, young people would be able to live more comfortably, and Japan would be better.

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Connections between local youth and the elderly

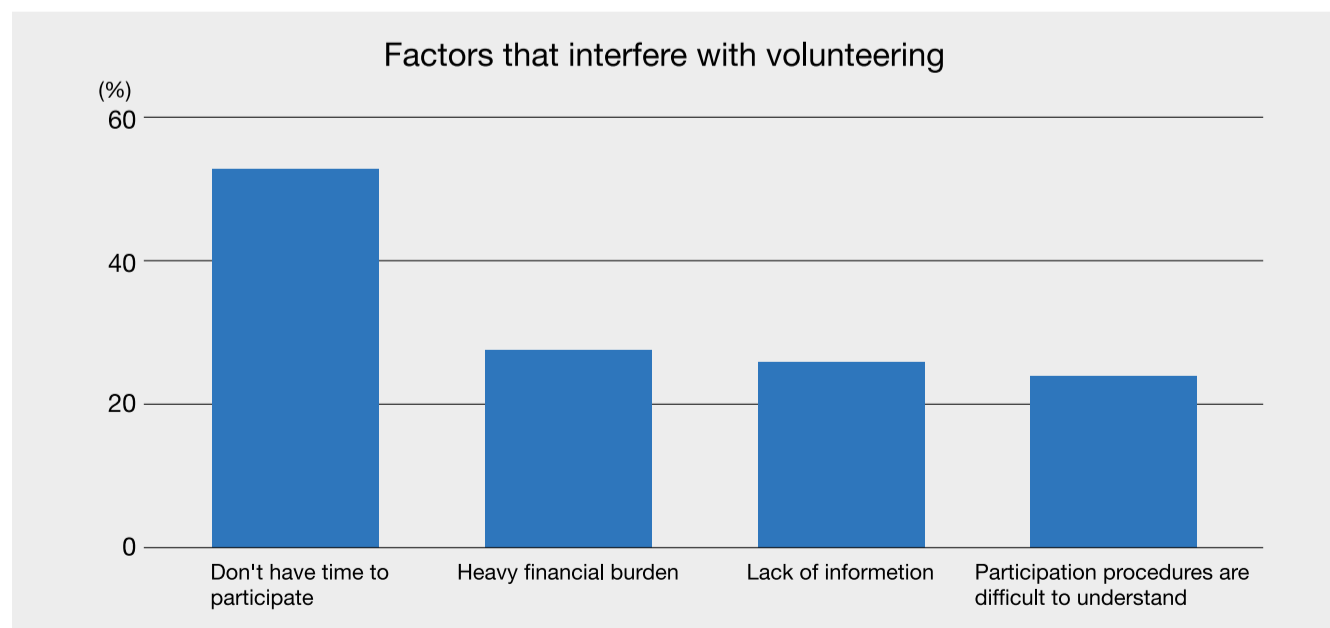
In Nakano Ward, the number of young people participating in volunteer work is currently decreasing. 54% of them are unable to participate in volunteer activities. QIt is necessary to deepen exchanges in the region.

According to a survey by the Cabinet Office, the main reason for not participating in events is lack of time and sufficient information. Suggested solutions include using social media to advertise the event, trying new

events for young people such as baking sweets, and giving prizes to those who volunteer. Matsuyama City, Ehime Prefecture, has introduced a solution to increase community interaction. First, they use large

monitors, posters, and social media to disseminate information about local events that can be a good opportunity for interaction. Second, they create places for interaction such as a community spot "Tekurun." Third, they create new events such as gourmet food.

To achieve the mission, it is important for people to be actively involved in local events. For example, preparing for festivals and cleaning up them seem to be a good first step. Starting with something simple, such as helping out a little at the first festival we attend, it is realistic to gradually get involved with the community. It is also important to consider new activity ideas from the perspective of our demographic.



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About measures against flood damage of Edogawa Ward

Edogawa Ward is located in the easternmost part of Tokyo. As of January 1, 2020, the population is 695,800 according to Google. Many rivers such as Arakawa and Tonegawa run in the ward. In addition, many parks are used by many people. However, Edogawa Ward has a big problem in terms of disaster prevention. Edogawa Ward used to be above sea level. Therefore, if the ground is very weak and a large earthquake occurs, liquefaction may occur. To make matters worse, the rain that falls in the Kanto region comes down through the Tone River and Arakawa River to the sea near Edogawa Ward. The bank loosens due to the erosion of the river. In other words, Edogawa Ward is too close to water. In addition, an earthquake directly beneath the Tokyo metropolitan area, which is said to occur in the near future, is expected to cause great damage in the Kanto region. In fact, the

Edogawa Ward Office strongly recommends the residents to evacuate from Edogawa Ward when a flood occurs.

But that does not mean that it has not taken any measures. Edogawa Ward has taken various measures. One of them is the super embankments. This super levee is stronger and taller than the normal levee. For example, it embeds reinforcement bars inside the embankment under the ground. Water gates have also been built to physically stop the river in the event of a flood. This is an example of embankment measures. This characteristic is the increased height of the land and its preventive capability against liquefaction. In addition, in neighboring Koto Ward, in order to not only strengthen the embankment but also enhance the landscape, a lot of greenery has been planted along the bank. Also, disaster prevention requires cooperative actions. Confirmation



Edogawa Ward seen from above

of sites and evacuation routes must be discussed at the family meeting. It is also important to keep emergency food in stock and fix furniture on the building.

In this way, it is important to keep in mind self-help, participation in the community, and public assistance from the

ward.

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In a livable city

Fuchu City belongs to the Tama area and it is located almost in the center of Tokyo. Transportation is convenient, and the facilities are well-equipped. Because many people come and go, and many people gather at a variety of public facilities, it is important to make it easy for many people to live there. For that reason the problem of throwing garbage away must be solved. It is necessary to protect the scenery and environment in places where many people visit in order to create a comfortable city. Cigarettes and gum account for about half of the garbage thrown away. Many people just throw it away after smoking or eating and drinking outside.

Three things can be done to prevent it. First, the amount of garbage thrown away can be reduced. Second, by separating the garbage without throwing it away, the cost of disposing of the garbage can be greatly reduced.

Third, by using the reduced costs for supporting child rearing and creating a beautiful environment, a city that is easy for young people to live in can be realized.

As a countermeasure, however, the most important thing is for individuals not to throw away the garbage. Simple actions such as using garbage cans or taking the garbage home should be enough. In addition, it is necessary to volunteer cleaning around station buildings and putting up posters around the city. It has the psychological effect of making it hesitant to dump garbage through seeing people cleaning and the cleaned city. In order to promote such activities, it is important to get interested in the community through volunteer activities.

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Setagaya Smooth



Elderly people climbing a slope (social inclusion)
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Setagaya Ward is located in the southwestern part of Tokyo's 23 wards. As of November 2022, the population is 937,904, which is the largest among all the wards of Tokyo. The elderly population is also large. The population density is 16,157/km² and the area is 58.05 km². The ward has five areas: Setagaya, Kitazawa, Tamagawa, Kinuta, and Karasuyama.

The ward has several problems. One of them is its many slopes. This makes it difficult for elderly people to live. Another problem is that the ward has ignored these problems, though there is a large amount of budget allocated to urban development issues.

One proposal for the slopes

is to make moving sidewalks, which is often seen at airports. In addition, especially for late-stage elderly people and child-raising adults, steep slopes or long slopes are very burdensome. Going down may be easy, but there is a risk of falling down. Therefore, the moving sidewalk would be able to bring people peace of mind. It can be used conveniently by all the generations, because the burden on the body is reduced. In addition, the stress caused by moving is also reduced. Thanks to this, more people would be willing to go out. For these reasons, installing a moving sidewalk on slopes must be needed to enhance the quality of our lives greatly.

Moving Slopes for the Elderly

Japan is a mountainous land. There are many slopes even in residential areas. Of course, Setagaya Ward is not exceptional. Almost all the slopes have very severe elevation differences. It has been pointed out that the slopes have become a great obstacle against those who try to go out. When going up and down slopes, the burden on the body is huge. Naturally, it takes longer to reach the destination than it would on a flat ground. In addition, there are many places that a community bus cannot pass through, forcing elderly people who cannot use a car or ride a bicycle to walk up a slope.

Setagaya Ward has a large elderly population with 20.3% of the total population being elderly. Data shows that there is a difference of about 3 to 4 km/h in the average speed of a bicycle between the elderly and the young when riding a bicycle. Because of these facts, the influence of slopes on the elderly has to be paid attention. In other words, moving

around the ward should become easier and more comfortable.

As one of the solutions that can achieve the goal, smoother transportation in Setagaya City is to install a moving walkway, which is adopted in the underground of Shinjuku Station. It is a common name for a horizontal escalator that does not form steps. Another type of escalator with a slope is called an auto slope. This machine is produced by major companies such as Mitsubishi Electric, Hitachi, Toshiba Elevator, Fujitec, Schindler Elevator, Sumitomo Heavy Industries, and JFE Engineering. This kind of inclined moving walkway has many advantages over escalators and elevators. First, unlike an escalator, you can easily carry heavy and large luggages such as shopping carts, strollers, wheelchairs, and large suitcases. Moreover, there is no need to wait like an elevator, and more users can use it at the same time. Since there are no steps, it is easy

to get on and off, reducing fear of stumbling. Since the slope is gentle, you can use it without a fear of slipping. Due to these advantages, they have become popular in various places such as commercial facilities, airports and train stations.

However, because of its nature, it requires an installation space several times larger than that of an escalator or elevator. This is because the slope has to be gentle to avoid slipping. As a result, enough space under the slope is essential to install it. For example, in a supermarket, the sales floor area is sacrificed, so the location of the store is likely to be limited to large suburban areas. As of now, there are very few examples of the introduction of the machine as an alternative to escalators because of its required space.

But it is possible to secure a necessary space if the moving walkway is installed outdoors. Recently, it has become possible to connect the walkway with an escalator, suggesting that

it can be installed even on a steep slope. Also, the budget of Setagaya Ward should be enough to implement this enterprise. The budget for urban development is 17.2 billion yen, while installing moving sidewalks costs about 2 million yen per meter, meaning there is room for installation costs. Additionally, there is no legal problem because the installation of auto slopes is not written in the prohibited acts stipulated in the Road Traffic Law. Based on the above, the installation of moving walkways on slopes in Setagaya Ward are strongly recommended to facilitate smooth mobility.

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Great Reform of Tokyo

Tokyo Station should be transformed into a place where you can enjoy a wide range of things, from sightseeing to leisure, because until now it has been just a place which people just pass by to make it the best spot. For example, an amusement park and an ancient temple such as Kiyomizu-dera Temple could be built around Tokyo Station. In this way, a wide range of people from children to adults can enjoy themselves in various ways. In addition, such facilities can be expected to attract foreign tourists so it would be possible to revive Tokyo Station. Today, Tokyo Station is a terminal for many train lines, buses, and bullet trains.

The bullet train line runs through the station. It is used by many people for commuting to work and school. On the other hand, there are many

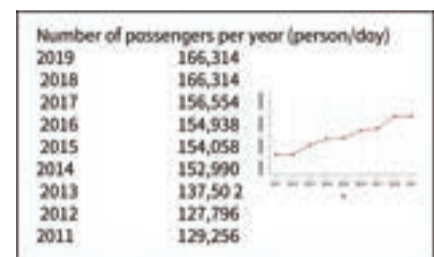


Tokyo Station / Photo by Yuki Sakakibara

disadvantages. For instance, rent is very high around the area. Also, the area is merely a passing point; most people don't visit it just for sightseeing or fun. In order to have more people visit there, building an indoor amusement park could be a solution. First, a roller coaster in the station could get attention from not only young people but also elderly and foreign people.

Second, colorful attractions and areas would make people with kids and young people enjoy themselves more. Third, more restaurants and souvenir shops would give visitors wonderful memories. Also, mascots of the amusement park should be created. One is "Rapan", a pink rabbit. The other is "Komu", a blue bear. The souvenirs of these characters could be sold.

To promote this park, posters should be put up in Tokyo station. Posting information of this amusement park on social media is also needed. In addition, a unique event can be done, where participants search for a coupon hidden somewhere in the park. It is called kuupon sagashi, spotting a coupon. With the coupon customers would enjoy this amusement park even more.



The number of passengers getting on and off at Tokyo Station / "National Land Numerical Information (Number of Passengers and Drops by Station)"

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Beautifully changing Kabukicho

Kabukicho is a famous entertainment district that is located in Shinjuku Ward. A box office has been in the west part of it until recently. There is a Shinjuku ward office in the east. Across from the

ward office street, there is a pub street called Shinjuku Golden Gai. There are many restaurants, bars, and porn shops on the back street. There used to be a lot of garbage and a lot of graffiti in this neighborhood. Also, there were

a lot of crimes. There was a big fire in 2001 and 44 people died. Because of the circumstances, Kabukicho was infamous for its dirty and dangerous impression, which young people stayed away from.

Given the situation, the municipality was concerned that the image of not only Kabukicho but also Shinjuku Ward would get worse. Therefore, they started to take a countermeasure called "Kabukicho Renaissance" in February 2006. They tried to change Kabukicho into a town that everyone can enjoy with peace of mind by strongly collaborating with the local shopping streets, the town councils, the government agencies such as police and firefighters, and private companies.

In this initiative, they aimed to eliminate crime, and improve the environment, creating a new culture full of comfort and charm. They also hoped to make Kabukicho a town that all generations can enjoy all day, and everyone wants to visit.

However, some of the local government regarded it as impossible though they have had regular discussions to figure out how to make Kabukicho better.



The entrance of Kabukicho. There are sex shops around the place in the picture
Photo by Kentaro Kondo

Some people did not like the town to be dirty, so they first started cleaning. A typical example of the activities is the prevention of graffiti. Graffiti can lead to a crime. Therefore, artists and students worked together to create a huge piece of art under the elevated tracks of Shinjuku Station. This prevents new graffiti from being made.

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The main street of Kabukicho
Photo by Kentaro Kondo

The problem in Shibuya



Shibuya / Twitter.com

Shibuya is the most fashionable and crowded area in Japan. Shibuya Station is used by about 2.3 million people a day for getting on and off, making it the second most crowded train station in the world. However, a lot of garbage has accumulated in Shibuya due to littering. In fact, Shibuya Ward ranks second in terms of the amount of littering in Tokyo's 23 wards. To eliminate littering and make Shibuya clean, trash cans should be installed. This is because if people see a trash can when they want to throw the garbage away, they will probably walk to it and throw it away in the trash can.

This could make it possible to do recycling at the same time. If recyclable resources such as plastic bottles can be collected in public places such as Shibuya, where many people gather, it is much more efficient to collect them. As a matter of fact, this suggestion is influenced by the recycling campaign implemented at the Central Japan International Airport. However, it seems that this activity has not been widespread yet in our society. That is why it would be beneficial to have such an initiative in Shibuya Ward, hoping it will spread throughout the country and various regions

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2017 Passenger Counts by Station in Tokyo

Station	Passengers (people/day)	Railway
Shinjuku	3,777,173	JR Line, Odakyu (Odakyu Line), Keio (Keio Line), Seibu (Shinjuku Line), Tokyo Metro (Marunouchi Line), Toei Subway (Oedo Line, Shinjuku Line)
Shibuya	3,320,159	JR Line, Tokyu (Toyoko Line, Denentoshi Line), Keio (Inokashira Line), Tokyo Metro (Ginza Line, Hanzomon Line, Fukutoshin Line)
Ikebukuro	2,667,173	JR Line, Seibu (Ikebukuro Line), Tobu (Tojo Line), Tokyo Metro (Marunouchi Line, Yurakucho Line, Fukutoshin Line)
Tokyo	1,111,408	JR Line, Tokyo Metro (Marunouchi Line)

The total entries and exits are calculated by doubling based on the total number of entries in 2017
Source : Tokyo Statistical Yearbook

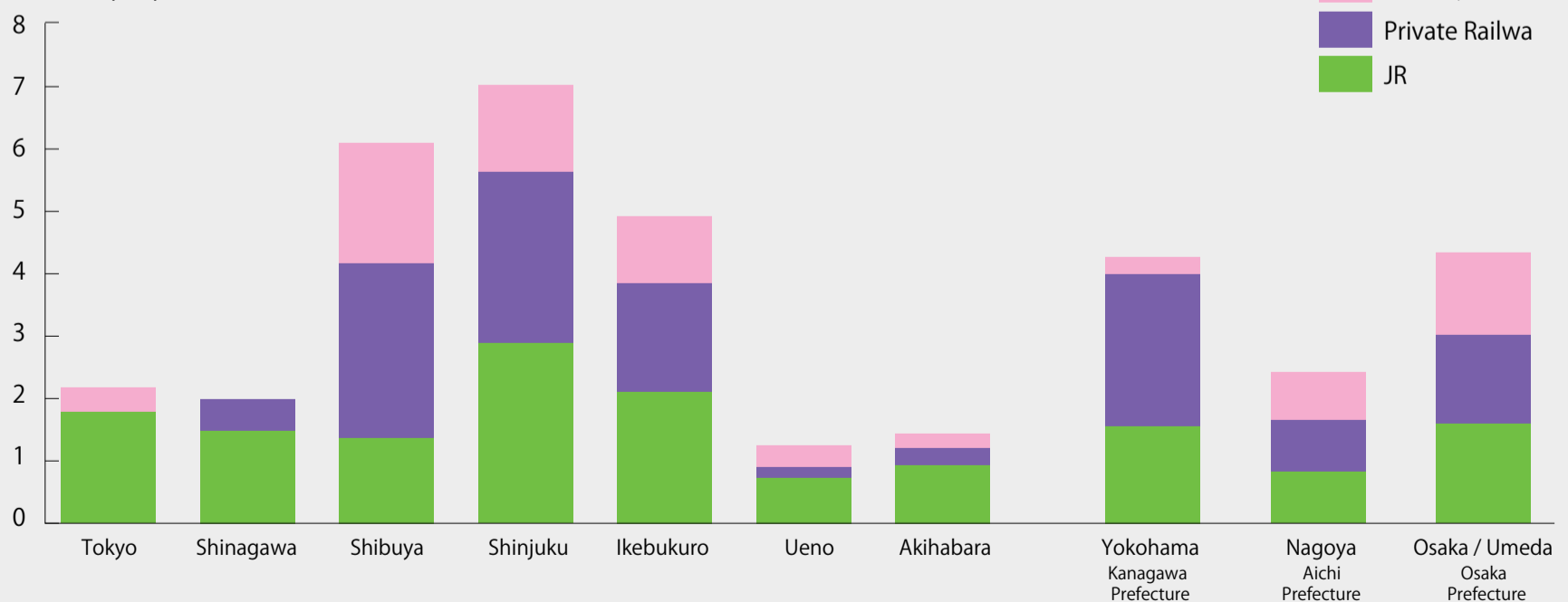
Number of passengers at major stations / Statistics of Tokyo 2021

Rankings of Stations with the Most Daily Users

Rank	Station (City)	People
1st	Shinjuku Station (Tokyo)	2,424,026
2nd	Shibuya Station (Tokyo)	2,284,302

Shibuya Station Area Transportation Strategy / Shibuya City

100 million people



https://shingakunet.com/area/ranking_station-users/

How can people gather in Tottori?

There are many problems in Tottori Prefecture. The decreasing number of tourists is especially a big problem. According to the data released by the prefecture in 2017, a total of 18 million tourists visited Tottori Prefecture. However, the neighboring prefecture, Shimane, gathered a total of 32 million tourists. The difference is huge. The reasons for this can be due to the lack of public transportation, name recognition as a tourist spot, and enticing local products.

The major tourist destinations in Tottori are quite far from each other. For example, between Tottori City and Yonago City, two of the most popular cities in Tottori, it takes about two hours by train or car. Therefore, it is not always easy to visit all the places you want to visit. To begin with, Tottori lacks good accessibility, making it difficult to get around within the prefecture.

Thus, some kind of innovation is required by combining transportation to save time for the purpose of travel. The first proposal is to develop a better transportation network such as the bullet train line. It can travel from Tottori Sand Dunes in Tottori City to Mizuki Shigeru Road in Sakaiminato City within two hours. Both are very famous tourist spots. This would double the number of tourists from Kyoto and Osaka. In addition, to make the travel time more enjoyable, a promotional campaign such as a stamp rally related to the traveling information working

Category	Total	Breakdown	
		In-Prefecture Tourists	Out-of-Prefecture Tourists
Number of Tourist Arrivals(thousands)	32,303	7,135	25,168
Composition Ratio	100.0%	22.1%	77.9%
Change from the Previous Year	-2.5%	+9.5%	-5.4%

<https://www.pref.tottori.lg.jp/secure/226510/H29irikomi2.pdf>

Inbound Tourism of In-Prefecture and Out-of-Prefecture

Total Number

Unit: Thousand People, %

Category	2017		2016		Comparison with Previous Year (2016)	
	Number	Composition Ratio	Number	Composition Ratio	Increase/Decrease	Growth Rate
Out-of-Prefecture	13,998	74.0	14,252	73.6	▲ 254	▲ 1.8
In-Prefecture	4,918	26.0	5,112	26.4	▲ 194	▲ 3.8
Total	18,916	100.0	19,364	100.0	▲ 448	▲ 2.3

https://www.pref.shimane.lg.jp/tourism/tourist/kankou/chosa/kanko_dotai_chosa/H29kankoudoutai.data/02.kekkanogaiyou.pdf

on smartphones should be done so that visitors can know various parts of the prefecture..

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Enter the world of anime in Shinjuku

Pilgrimage to sacred places is translated as Seichi junrei in Japanese. Recently, the word has come to also mean to tour places related to manga or anime just as "sacred places". It was born out of the desire to empathize with the artist or the work, and to experience the worldview of the work. In recent years, the demand has increased rapidly not only in Japan but also all over the world. This article takes up seichi junrei in Shibuya and Shinjuku, along with specific works.

The first example is Jujutsu Kaisen, a dark fantasy manga



Harajuku Station / <https://www.hulu.jp/the-garden-of-words>

which is currently being serialized in Shukan Shonen Jump, one of the most popular weekly Manga magazines. It depicts the battle of a sorcerer who exorcizes monsters and cursed spirits born from negative human emotions. In several episodes of the anime, Takeshita Street, one of the popular downtown areas located around Harajuku, appears. It is said to be the fashion capital of Japan. The fans of the anime as well as a lot of tourists visit there to see the place in person. Shinjuku no me, a public art located in the Shinjuku Odakyu park, is also the "holy place" for the fans. It is known as a landmark in the west area of Shinjuku station. Lighting is embedded inside the acrylic eyes. A gimmick that rotates the inner corners of the eyes and pupils is installed. This gimmick appears at the opening of the anime.

Another one is The Garden of Words, a romantic movie about a high school boy and a woman.

They meet each other by chance in a park during the rainy season. This park is Shinjuku Gyoen, one of the major tourist spots in Shinjuku. This garden full of fresh air and rich nature straddles Shinjuku and Shibuya wards in Tokyo. The entrance fee is 500 yen for adults and 250 yen for students. In the film, the main theme is rain, so the scenery on rainy days is beautiful.

However, seichi junrei can not only bring society great pleasure and economic benefits, but sometimes cause nuisances.



Shinjuku no me / <https://furaba-animeseichi.blog.jp/archives/25053941.html>



Shinjuku Gyoen

There are precedents for some unscrupulous pilgrims to graffiti, litter, or even trespass the property. Moreover, some of them cause troubles to ordinary tourists or local residents, sometimes damaging the aesthetic appearance of the property. In addition, there are cases that the "sacred place" is actually a residential area or private house where common people live.

The "pilgrims" must take into consideration people and the environment. Let's enjoy seichi junrei with morals.

We're proud of Chofu

Chofu is a city that holds many events related to sports and movies. All of them are attractive events. So we will introduce them to you.

#Past invents in Ajinomoto stadium

The 2019 Rugby World Cup was held at Ajinomoto Stadium. It held eight games, the most in all venues, including the opening ceremony, the opening game, and the third-place match, and attracted about 380,000 spectators.

#Ajinomoto Stadium's history

Ajinomoto Stadium was built on the site of the U.S. military Kanto Village in 2001. The main use it the



Ajinomoto Stadium

way is to hold Japan professional football league and other than that many artists hold big concert.

Why is Chofu famous for movies?

Chofu came to be called "Hollywood in the East" when Tamagawa Film Studio was founded in 1933. The reason for the construction was that it had a natural environment suitable for both time and modern photography and a place with high-quality groundwater, which is essential for film development.

Chofu City was home to two large film studios, Nikkatsu Chofu Studio and Kadokawa Daiei Studio, and is still home to numerous film and video-related companies. The opening of AEON CINEMA THEATAS Chofu, one of the largest cinema complexes in the Tama region equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, in 2017 has further boosted the area. In addition, many film-related events are held,

such as the "High School Film Contest in Chofu City of Movies" and the "Chofu Cinema Festival."

Yokai's godfather "Mizuki Shigeru"

Shigeru Mizuki is a famous manga artist in Japan. He gave birth to GeGeGe no Kitaro. In 2022, an event related to him was held in Chofu City on the 100th



Shigeru Mizuki

anniversary of his birth. Shigeru Mizuki was born in Osaka and raised in Tottori. He moved to Chofu City when he was 38 and lived there for about 50 years. As a result, he became an honorary citizen of Chofu City. In 1965, GeGeGe no Kitaro started selling and was made into an anime. He has won various awards for his contributions to manga and yokai culture over the years. He continued to entertain readers until his death.

If you are interested in sports and movies, why don't you come to Chofu.



Kitaro

Toyosu Market and economic activity ~Our livelihoods, fisheries and industries~



Toyosu Market

Fishery is a major industry in Japan. Toyosu Market, a public wholesale market located in Tokyo, is indispensable for Japanese economic activities. The Market handled about 436,000 tons of marine products in 2015, accounting for about 25% of the total volume of the

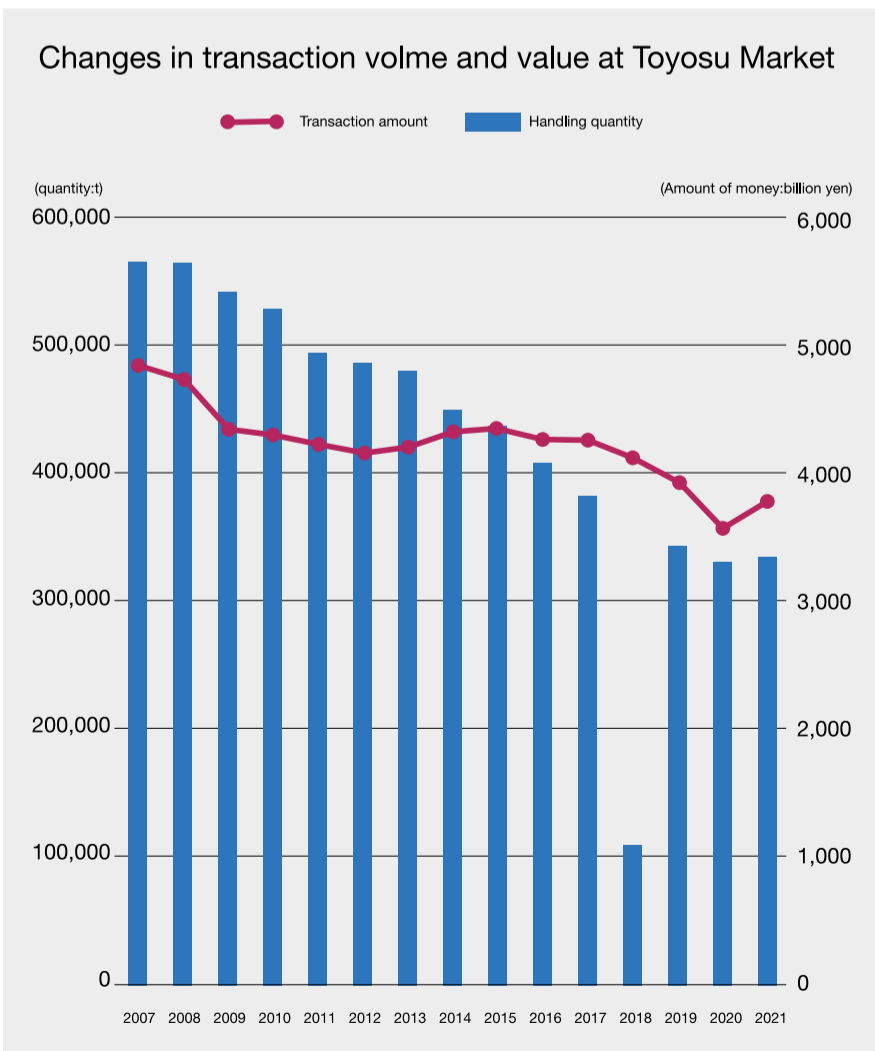
central wholesale market. Even when compared with overseas wholesale markets, Toyosu Market is by far the largest in terms of scale of marine products.

However, the amount of deals in the market has declined in recent years. One of the reasons is that the amount of resources,

such as tuna, squid and saury, has decreased, because it is not possible to catch them as much as in the past. Another reason is the fact that Japan is losing out in buying the world's products. There are also other causes such as the shift to off-market distribution such as processed products. The most serious problem is that people no longer eat dried fish such as sardines because they rarely bake them at home, which means that the market itself has disappeared. In short, the factors behind the decrease include multiple factors such as resources, preferences, world affairs, and off-market distribution.

For this reason, there are plans to build a commercial and tourism facility for tourists in the site. It is a complex with a shopping facility, a hot spring facility open 24/7, and lodging facilities, scheduled to open in 2023. A huge number of visitors are expected to visit here.

While the amount of fish handled in the market has decreased, the construction of a complex commercial and tourist facility that can be linked with the Toyosu Market main facility is expected to revitalize the economy of the Toyosu Market, as well as Koto Ward and the entire Tokyo metropolitan area.



Toyosu Market Trading Volume and Value



Image of new complex facility

Okura Daikon radish that grew up locally



Okura daikon / 2023 立沢佳奈

Okura Daikon, a Traditional Vegetable for Setagaya Ward

The roots of Okura daikon are the Akizumari radish, a white-necked early-maturing variety that was grown in the vicinity of Nerima Ward, Tokyo. Based on this, the farmer improved the breed and created a late maturing daikon radish called Gennai Tsumari. Okura daikon radish was cultivated throughout Setagaya until the 1960s. But as it became a residential land,

the white-necked daikon radish gradually disappeared by the spread of blue-headed daikon radish, which was born in 1974 and resistant to diseases and easy to grow. In order to promote agricultural products in the ward, however, the Okura daikon radish, a vegetable related to a local Okurahara area has been reviewed. Farmers in the ward started cultivation again in 1997, and full-scale cultivation began in 2002. Now they are popular as one of the local vegetables of the

local brand, Setagaya Sodachi.

Currently, Okura daikon is also sold by seedling manufacturers as F1 varieties, excellent varieties of crops and livestock that can be obtained by mating the parents of different strains and varieties. To avoid confusion about the name of the products, it has been shipped as Traditional Okura Daikon since 2011.

Features of Okura Daikon

Okura daikon is a cylindrical shape of the same thickness from the neck to the tip because it is slightly longer than the general blue-be daikon. It inherits the characteristics of autumn daikon and Gennai Tsumari. Therefore, even if it is the same length, it is much heavier than a blue-headed radish. Another major feature of Okura daikon is the white-neck system. It is a very beautiful daikon radish that is pure white to the base of the leaves.

Mori Daikon

There is a super high-grade daikon radish named Mori

daikon. This is Okura Daikon produced by Mr. Mori in Fukuoka Prefecture. Because it is outstandingly delicious, it is only available for high-class restaurants and it is traded at a high price that is unthinkable in ordinary households. It is said that the Mori clan is also the successor who trained in the cultivation of the original Okura Daikon in Setagaya when he was young.

Taste of Okura Daikon

Okura daikon is easy to align to the same size when cut into round slices. In addition, the thickness is almost the same from the neck to the tip, so there is no waste when peeling it off. The meat quality is very dense and a little hard. The taste is sweet, and it is a little spicy near the tip, but it is relatively mild. Because of the firm meat quality, the crispy texture is comfortable, but it does not feel too hard. It is hard to boil and crumble, so it is perfect for oden, a Japanese traditional dish of various ingredients simmered in broth.

Bajikoen

Photo Captions

This is an aerial photo of Bajikouen. Horse racing is actually taking place here. It has gained popularity all over the world.

The purpose of the opening

Bajikoen is a park located in Kamiyoga, Setagaya Ward, Tokyo. It is a base for the dissemination of horse events operated by the Japan Racing Association (JRA). With a site area of more than 18 hectares, it is a relaxing space loved by many people, with various horse-related facilities, and various flowers bloom throughout the year.

Equestrian events were also held at this facility in 1964. It was opened in 1940 for the Olympic games. The competition was canceled due to the Sino-Japanese War. However, it became the venue for the track equestrian games at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics after World War II and the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and

Paralympics.

Current usage

As a public facility for the use of various aspects related to horse affairs and the dissemination of horse philosophy, it is set up as a venue for equestrian competitions, a training ground for competitive horses, a place to provide horse riding opportunities to cultivate horse riding hobbies, and a horse racing jockey training venue. It is also a major equestrian competition venue in the Kanto region. Various specialized equestrian competitions are held regularly here.

In some competitions, they also lend sports horses. For example, it is used by the equestrian club of Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology. In addition, on Aiba no hi, a celebration day for equestrianism, many kinds of traditional horse performing arts are conducted.

Environmental Initiatives

Setagaya Ward has a large population, so it often pollutes the environment. JRA has worked on the environment issues with the aim of building a sustainable society and sustainable growth of horse racing. Various natures such as trees, lawns, and water, are fundamentals of JRA's business activities.

They recognize that contributing to the creation of a sustainable society through the conservation of the global environment and the local environment is an important management issue, trying to harmonize business activities and the environment while suppressing the environmental burden caused by JRA's business activities as much as possible.



Bajikoen / 2023 Google Earth

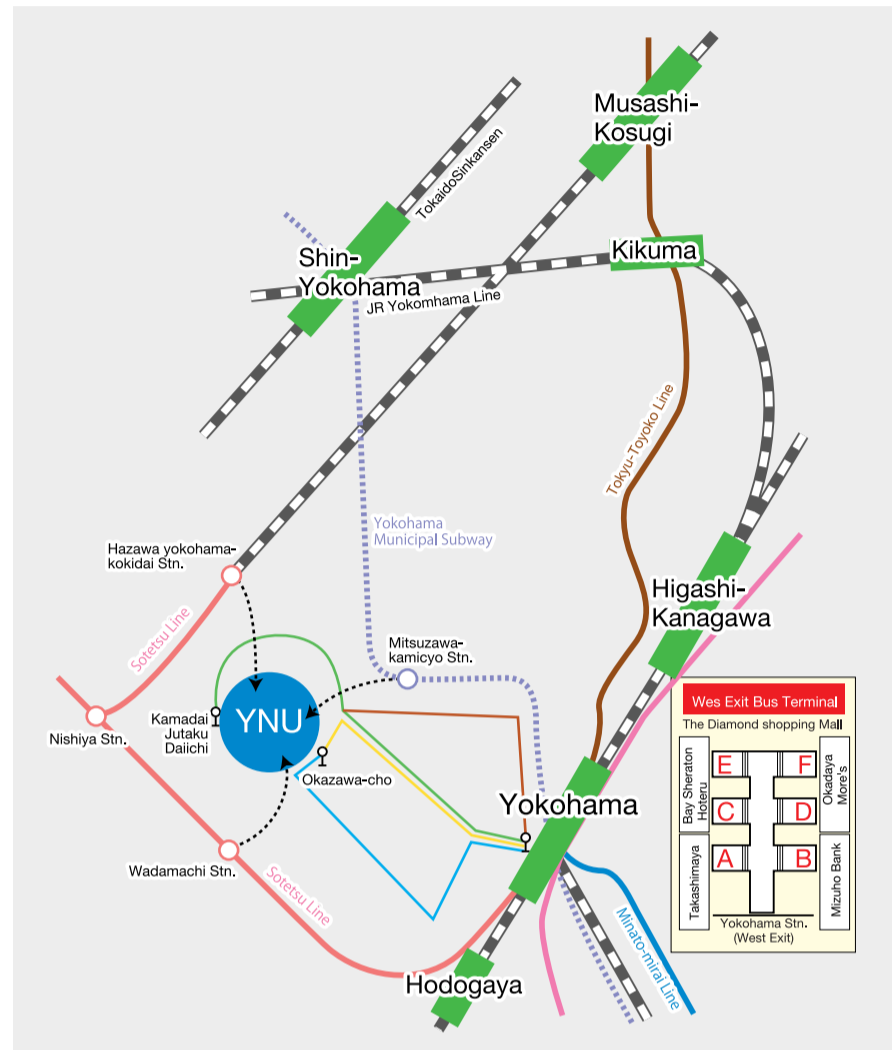
Education at Yokohama National University

Yokohama National University is the top university in Kanagawa Prefecture. Many high school students from the entire country take the entrance exam. The most attractive point of this university is that all the departments are gathered in one large campus. This allows students to interact with others from various fields and disciplines. Also, the location of the university allows students to commute very easily, and it contributes to the development of an international perspective.

Education at Yokohama National University can be divided into three main categories. The first one is an environment with a blend of the humanities and sciences. The Department of Architecture of this university is one of the best in Japan among other national universities. In addition, It is also one of the only two liberal arts universities that have a business administration department in Japanese national universities.

The second one is its educational philosophy that focuses on feasibility and progressiveness. They emphasize relationships with the real world, and promote new challenges. To lead a healthy university life, the students of the university are expected to be both eager to tackle new things and open to promote exchange with foreign countries. They have cultivated these qualities over their 73-year history.

The third one is career education. Yokohama National University provides students with clues to think about what they study for and the meaning of it. For instance, the program is divided into two types of support: Regular support such as career education classes, and Out-of-class support such as internships and volunteer activities. This support is done throughout the four years to help the students make a right decision for their career. In this way Yokohama National University supports



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their students' path. They can learn widely from various angles, and cultivate the ability to survive in society.

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