Localising the SDGs: City of Toyama

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The Role of Cities in SDGs

Localize SDGs to Bridge Policy and Implementation

1. Japanese Government
   - Chairperson: Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime minister
   - SDGs Round Table HQ
   - Prioritize into 8 tasks
     - Environment
     - Future City Initiative
     - SDGs Working Group
     - Establishment of IBEC: Guideline for implementing SDGs in local government

2. Toyama
   - IBEC: Committee member
   - SDGs for local government
   - Existing policies

9th East Asia Summit High-Level Seminar
ON SUSTAINABLE CITIES

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Toyama City

- Toyama is the capital city of Toyama Prefecture. Located at the center of the prefecture, it has been designated one of Japan’s “Core Cities” and is a leading city on the Sea of Japan.
- Toyama’s topography varies from 3m at sea level to 3,000m at the crest of the Japan Alps.
- The population is about 420,000. The total area is about 1,340 km² (479 sq miles).
- Major industries include High-Tech, Pharmaceuticals, Robotics, Banking and Hydroelectric Power.
- The National Government has designated Toyama an “Environmental Future City” and “Environmental Model City” and it is the only Japanese city selected for the UN SDG4ALL initiative and the only Japanese city selected by the Rockefeller 100 Resilient Cities program.

International Recognition

2012 OECD recognizes Toyama as one of five cities, (along with Melbourne, Vancouver, Paris and Portland) with advanced “Compact City” policies.

September 2014 Toyama is the only Japanese city selected for the UN initiative SDG4All (Sustainable Energy for All).

December 2014 Toyama is the first Japanese city chosen for the Rockefeller 100 Resilient Cities initiative.

July 2016 Toyama is one of the four cities, (along with Kitakyuushu, Kobe, Yokohama) chosen in Japan for joining the World Bank City Partnership Program.

Environmental Ministers Meeting in Toyama

Toyama has been selected as the host city for the 2017 G7 Summit in Japan. Environmental Ministers from Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Canada, the United States and the European Union discussed crucial environmental issues such as climate change and bio diversity. For the first time, Mayors of G7 countries also discussed the role of cities parallels to Ministers Meeting.

May 15-16, 2016

100 RC: Resilience Strategy
**Toyama Vision 2040**

*Live Toyama, Love Toyama: Community, Nature and Innovation for the Future*

**Toyama City Vision Statement**

The Toyama vision is to be a vibrant, world-class, innovative city and tourism gateway, a model of resilience and environment-friendly living, where strong community bonds help citizens flourish, and the high quality of life for all its residents achieves a harmonious balance between traditional arts and modern technology and between economic prosperity and the inspiring natural surroundings of the pristine Northern Japan Alps.

**Our Effort to achieve SDGs Goal 7**

*UN SE for ALL = SDGs Goal 7*

SE for All: three objectives:
1. Ensure universal access to modern energy services
2. Double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency
3. Double the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix

Our approach as Energy Efficiency Improvement city
1. LRT (Light Rail Transit)
2. Compact City Policy
3. Support for Renewable Energy

**Our Effort to achieve SDGs Goal 17**

*Global Partnership*

- Membership at ICLEI
- World Bank City Partnership Program
- 4 cities chosen: Kitakyushu, Kobe, Yokohama and Toyama
- Support program for developing countries cities
- Rockefeller Foundation 100 Resilient Cities
- Chosen as First Japanese 100 RC city
- Membership at Toyo University Asia PPP Institute (Philippine Butuan City Partnership)
- Hosting Resilient City Summit

**Number of Projects in Toyama 10 year plan**

- In SDGs point of view

Our Compact City Policy apply to SDGs Goal 11 of ‘Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable’. As the goal 4, 9, and 13 are the same target of Environment Future City policy of Toyama under the theme for environment, social life and economic prosperity, the number of its projects are relatively big.

**Rich Potential in cities SDGs initiative**

- Many assistance and support will be available in various fields for developing countries
- Know-how and successful stories of environment future city will be shared to overseas
- Possible to realize the special plan by focusing the SDGs Goal for cities
- Possible to compare the daily life in worldwide basis for encouraging both foreign and domestic people to move to the cities and city promotion for tourism
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<td>If the Goals and targets are more specified and refined for municipality,</td>
<td>- Selection of Goal for municipality and its reasoning</td>
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<td>- City partnership relations will be enhanced both in foreign and domestic countries in addition to an assistance to developing countries</td>
<td>- Relation with National gov. and other municipalities</td>
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<td>- As environment, prosperity and society will be deeply cross involved, better cycle expected</td>
<td>- Incentive for new projects based on SDGs is necessary</td>
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