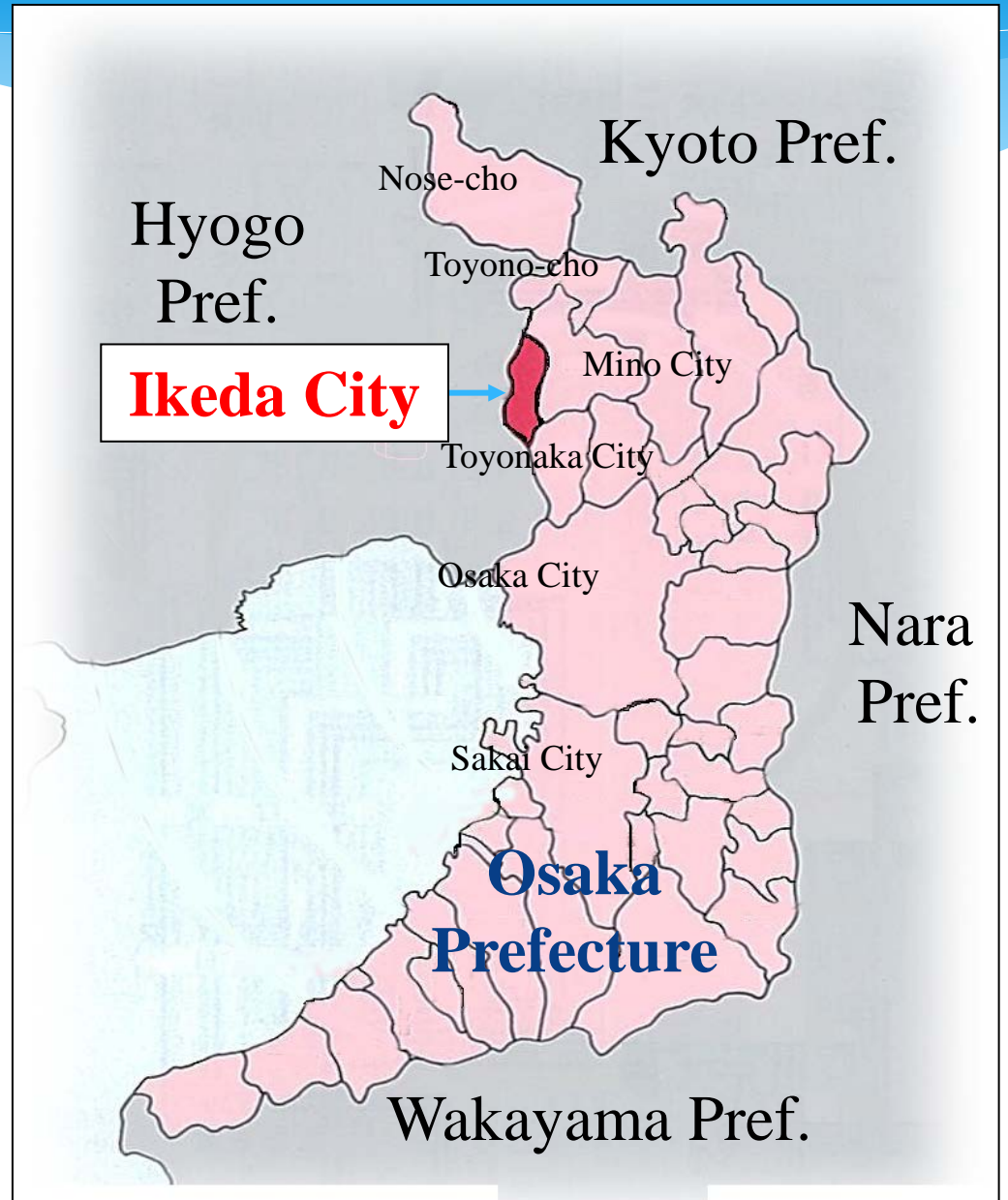


# **“Regional Decentralization” in Ikeda City**

**Ikeda City**

**General Policy Department**

# Location of Ikeda City



# Outline of Ikeda City



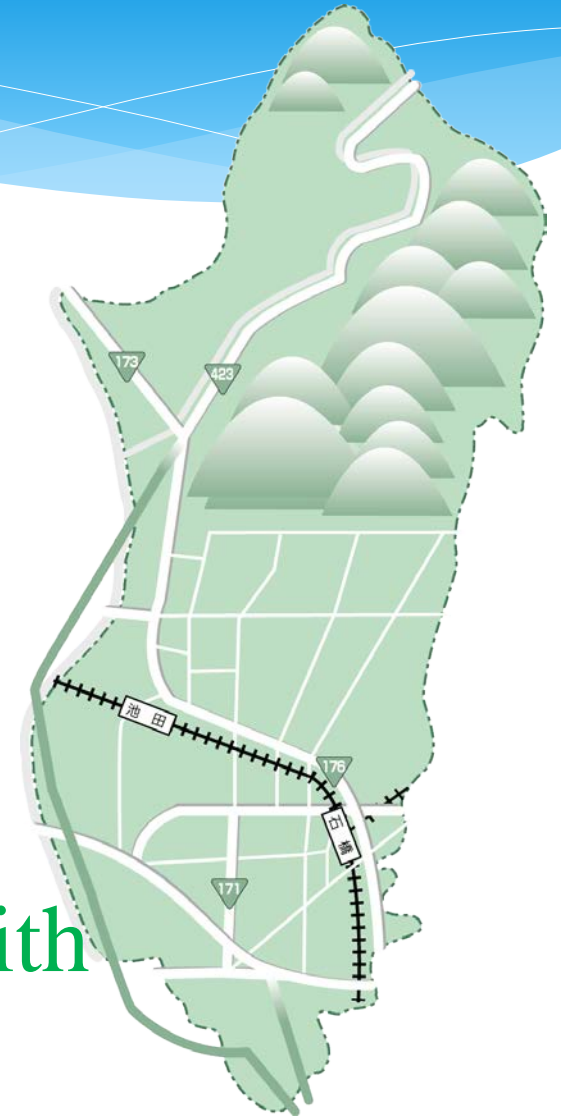
City seal

Establishment:	April 1939 (the 75th year )
City Area:	22.09 km <sup>2</sup>
Topography:	3.82 km from east to west 10.28 km from north to south
Above sea level:	Highest 483.9 m      Lowest 14.4 m
Population:	102,700 (46,094 households) (as of May 2014)
Budget size:	About 36.6 billion yen (FY2012 general account expenditures)
City tax revenues:	About 17.54 billion yen (account settlement for FY2012)
Number of the official employees:	1,174 (As of April 1, 2014)

# Vision for a Garden City

- Greenery of Satsukiyama
- Clear waters of the Ina River and Yono River
- Local resources that create liveliness and energy

“A Community in Harmony with People, Nature and Culture”



# Ikeda City's Tourism

Number of visitors to  
tourist facilities  
1,469,171  
(Performance from April  
2013 to March 2014)



(Kawanishi City, Hyogo Pref.)

Garden trees in Hosokawa



Rakugo Museum

Smallest zoo in Japan  
Satsuki-yama Zoo

Gangarabi

City Hall

Ikeda Bank head office

Ramen Museum

Daihatsu Motor



Osaka University



(Toyonaka City)



Ina River Fireworks Festival

Ina River

Osaka International Airport

# About Regionally-Decentralized Systems

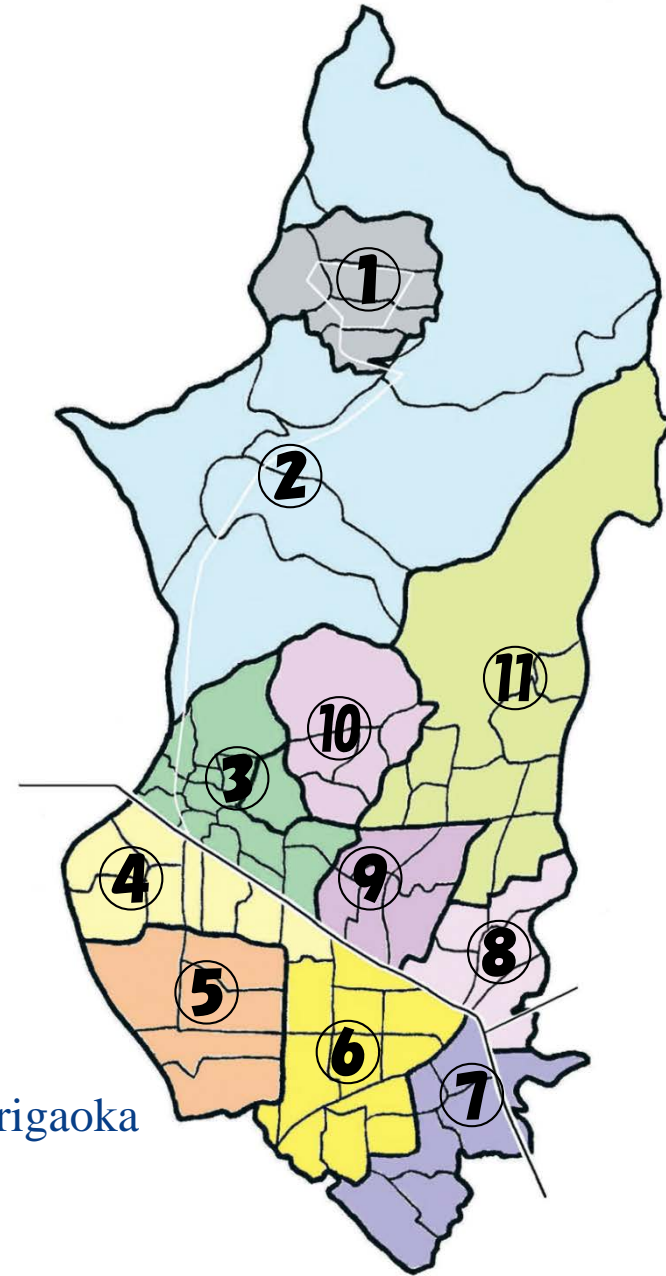
- Keyword “We create our own community by ourselves”
- Started in 2007. Currently the 8th year.
- The first such system in Japan

# What Kind of System?

- A system that entrusts citizens with the decisions on how to use the budget of 1% of the individual inhabitant tax.
- “Local Community Promotion Councils,” composed of citizens propose, to the city, ways to spend the budget so as to contribute to their own communities.

# Local Community Promotion Councils of the 11 elementary school-zones in Ikeda City

- ① Local Community Promotion Council of Fushiodai
- ② Local Community Promotion Council of Hosokawa
- ③ Local Community Promotion Council of Ikeda
- ④ Local Community Promotion Council of Kureha
- ⑤ Local Community Promotion Council of Kanda
- ⑥ Local Community Promotion Council of Kitateshima
- ⑦ Local Community Promotion Council of Ishibashiminami
- ⑧ Local Community Promotion Council of Ishibashi
- ⑨ Local Community Promotion Council of Hachizuka/Midorigaoka
- ⑩ Local Community Promotion Council of Satsukigaoka
- ⑪ Local Community Promotion Council of Hatano



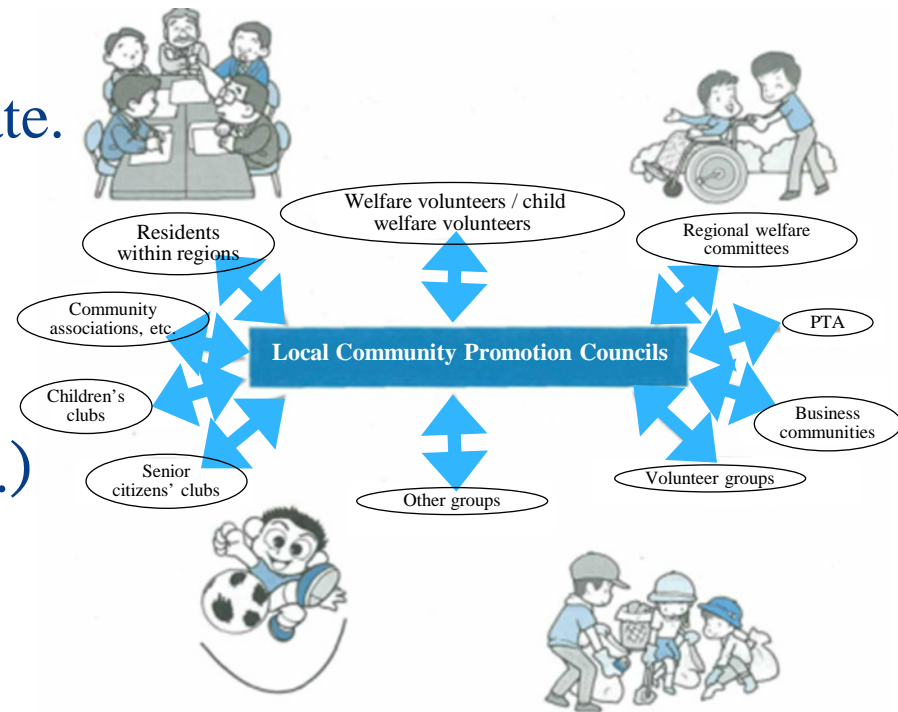


# Who Constitutes a Local Community Promotion Council?

- Any residents who wish to improve their local communities can participate.

- Representatives of local groups (community associations, regional welfare providers, PTAs, etc.)

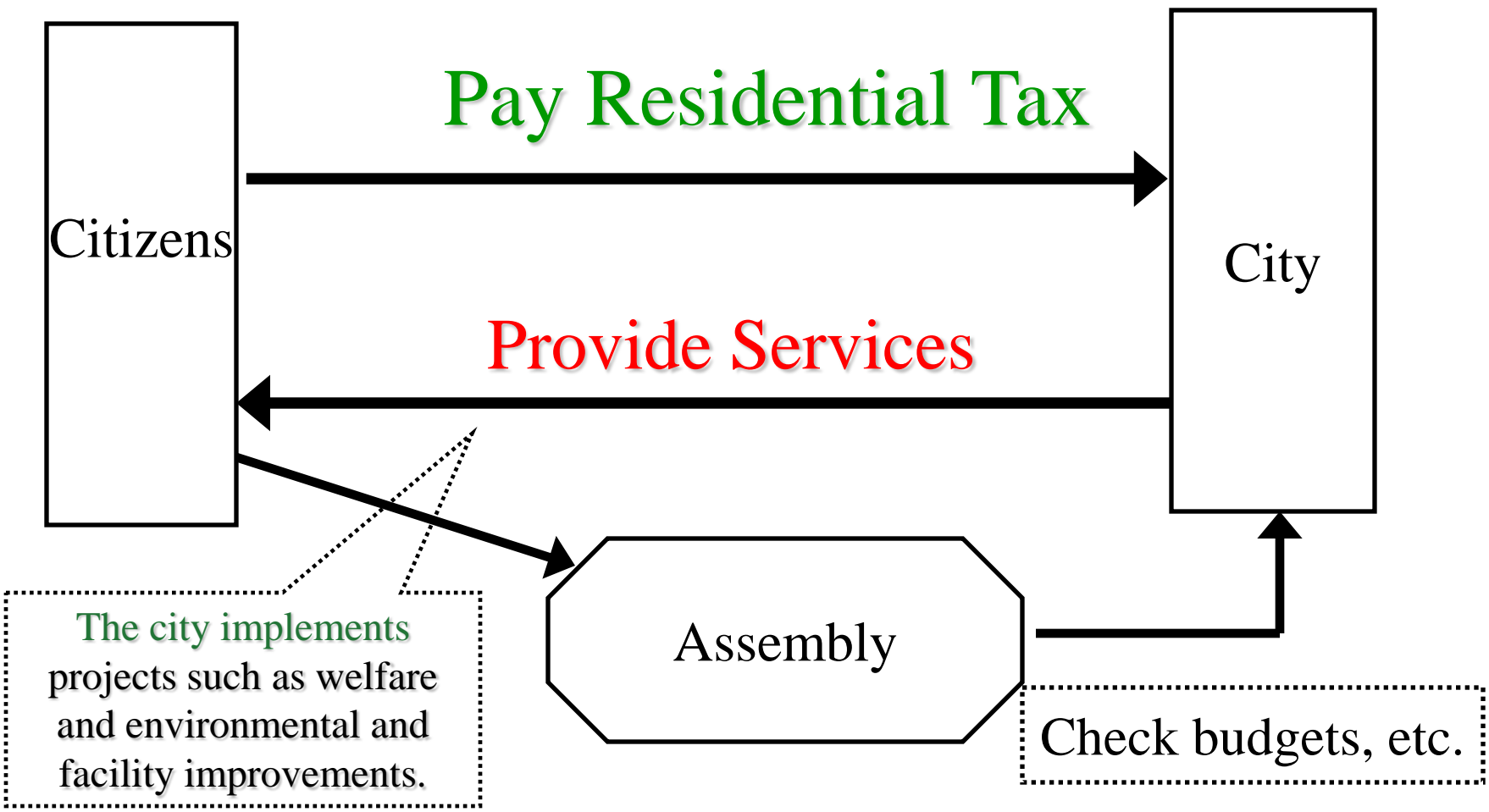
\* All volunteers



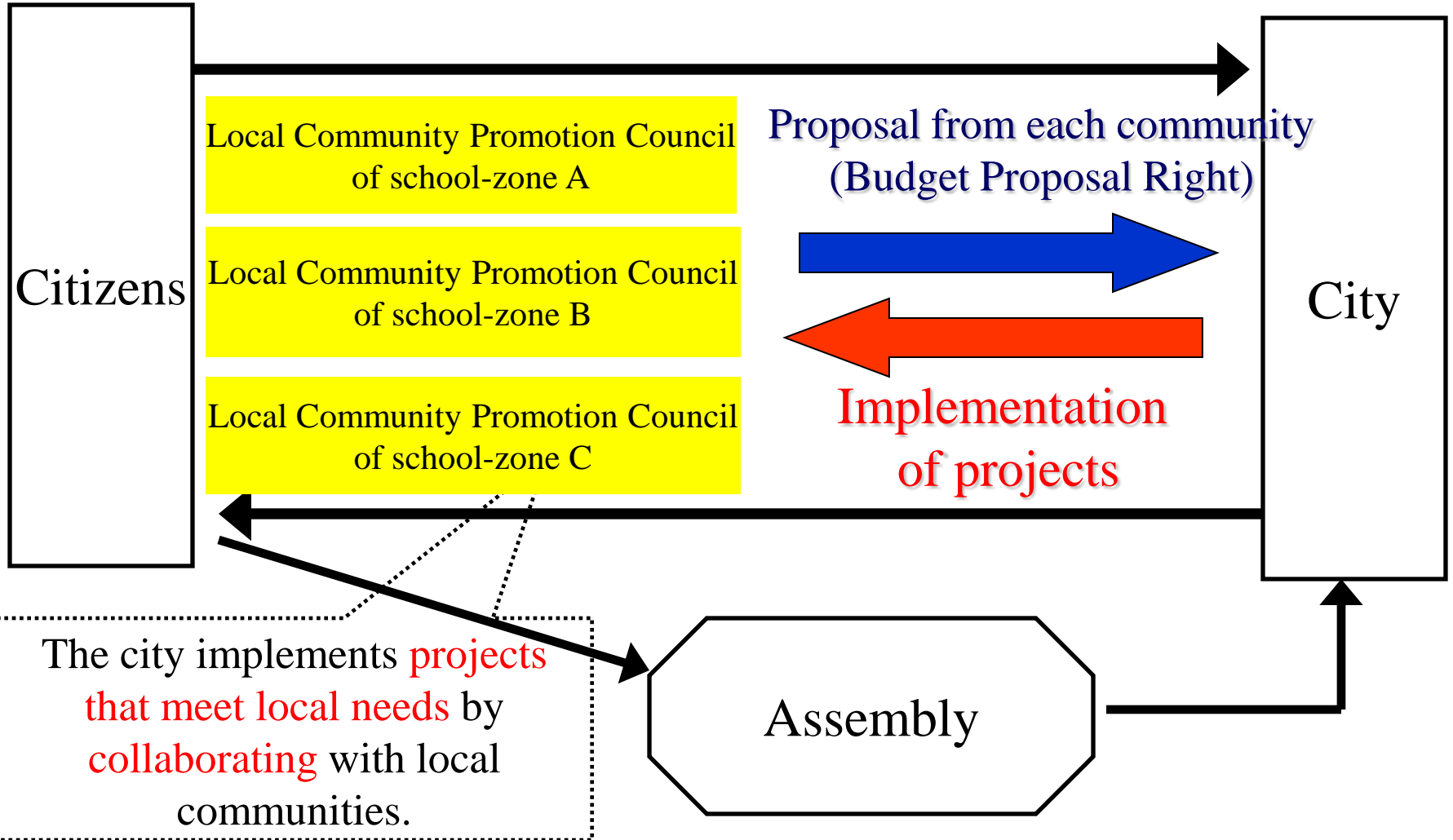
# What is the Right to Make Budget Proposals?

- \* The right to propose, to the city, projects that can solve community problems.
- \* An upper limit (about 8 million yen) is set on the proposed projects considering the regional population and area.

# Before the Introduction of the “Regionally-Decentralized System”



# After the Introduction of the “Regionally-Decentralized System”



# Implemented Project

## Five Main Areas

- ① Safety and Security
- ② Welfare
- ③ Environment
- ④ Public Relations
- ⑤ Community Promotion

# Example 1: Safety and Security Project (Patrolling by Safety Patrols)



# Example 2: Safety and Security Project (Comprehensive Disaster Prevention and Evacuation Drills)



# Example 3: Meal Delivery Service Project for the Elderly, etc.

(Monitoring/Greeting activities)





# Example 4: Project for Promoting the Small Picture Book Library (Communication Support)



# Efforts to Support Local Community Promotion Councils

- \* 1. Place volunteer staff in each Local Community Promotion Council.
- \* 2. Offer Leadership Training Seminars
- \* 3. Hold forums regarding Regional Decentralization

# 1. Placement of Volunteer Staff (Supporters)

## Purpose:

Provide support to facilitate collaboration between the councils and the city

## Contents:

- Participate in local meetings
- Provide explanations and information, offer consultations
- Convey local opinions to the sections in charge and make adjustments



## 2. Leadership Training Seminars

### Purpose:

- \* Train people so that they play an active role in their community

### Contents:

- \* Hold group discussions including staff members
- \* Town watching
- \* This seminar program was carried out up to 2013. Since 2014, it has been changed to a regional decentralization forum to promote the system and attract participants.



# 3. Regional Decentralization Forum

## Purpose:

- \* Increase the recognition of regionally-decentralized system
- \* Call citizens to participate in Local Community Promotion Councils

## Contents:

- \* Lectures by the city mayor or university professors
- \* Panel Discussions



Schedule for FY2014

# Issues

## For local people

- \* Shortage of active members and their aging
- \* A lot of office work
- \* A lack of ideas
- \* Exhaustion of willing members

## For the city

- \* Improvement of the environment for volunteer staff
- \* Collaboration with related departments
- \* Close examination of proposal contents
- \* Greater burden on responsible divisions



# Thank you for your attention.



- Website of Ikeda City  
<http://www.city.ikeda.osaka.jp/>

○ Cell-phone website



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