Strengthening Local Governance in the Environmental Management: Case study in Japan and Lessons for Vietnam

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Why do I choose the topic?

- Japan's success in environmental governance
- Environmental issues in Vietnam
- Limitation in Vietnam's local authorities in environmental governance

Issues of environmental governance in Vietnam

- The perceived lack of local governments' commitment to environmental protection
- Lack of citizen's participation
- Lack of financial resources….

Research Questions

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WHAT are the roles of local governments in environmental governance in Japan?

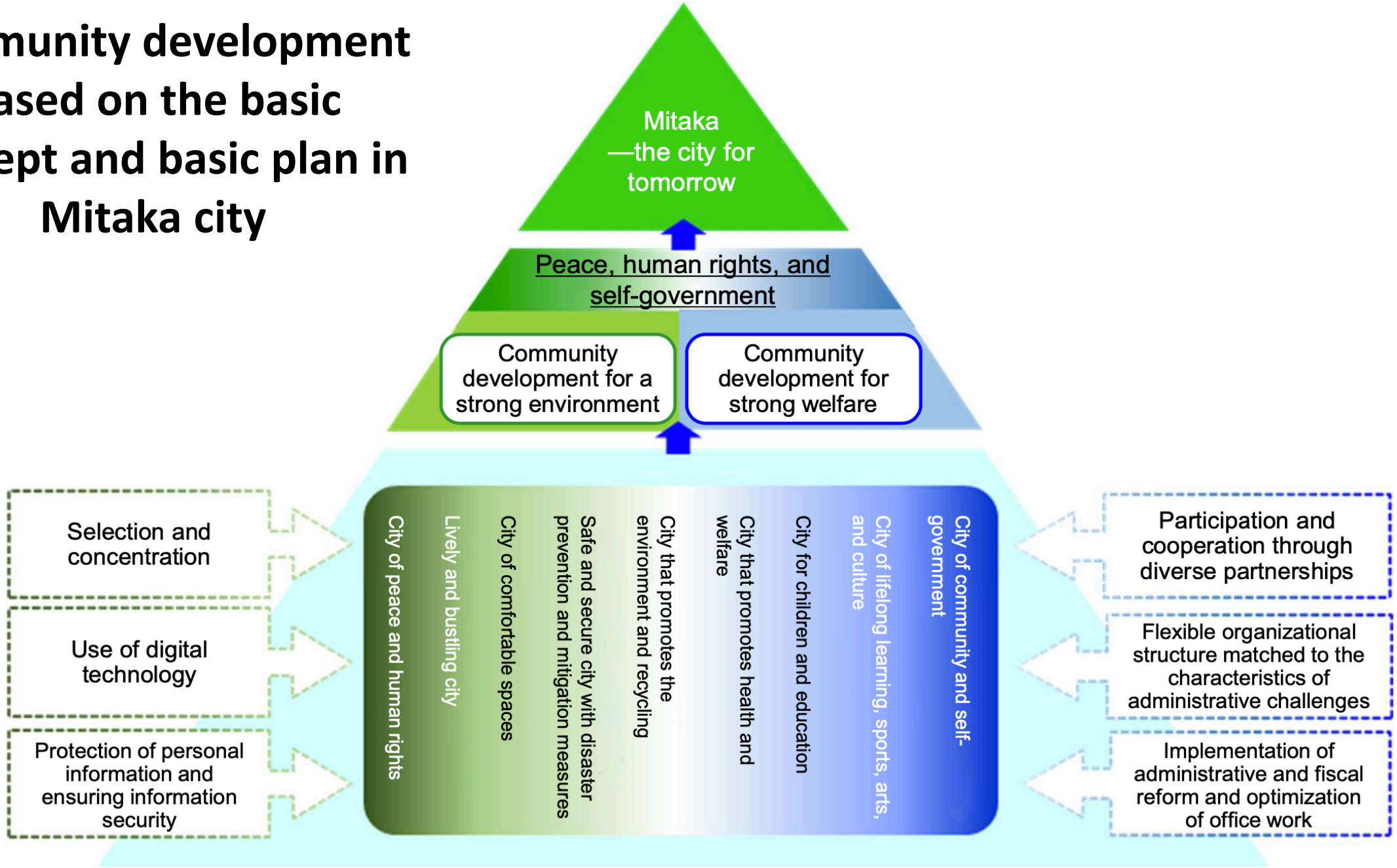
(2)

- **WHAT lessons** can Vietnam learn from Japan in enhancing the roles of local authorities in environmental governance?

WHAT ROLES of local governments in environmental governance in Japan?

- **Making a framework of regulations and projects** (i.e top-down, bottom –up approaches; “War on Waste”; Tachikawa “Green Springs”…)
- **Attracting citizen’s participation** (Mitaka,…)
- **Promoting private public partnership**
- **Financing and building facilities** (23 special cities in Tokyo…)
- **Adopting technology** (in Waste management - Koto city…)
- **International cooperation**…

Community development based on the basic concept and basic plan in Mitaka city



Also, **themes are set each fiscal year**, and programs are carried out in connection with Mitaka Area Points to solve local issues and create vitality in the area.

*Themes for FY2024: Environmental protection, health promotion, disaster prevention

- **WHAT LESSONS** **can Vietnam learn from Japan in enhancing the roles of local authorities in environmental governance?**

- More decentralization
- Improving capacity and awareness of local governments and citizen in environment protection
- Enhancing public engagement
- Promoting private public partnership
- International cooperation (i.e JICA projects…)….

CHALLENGES…?

1. Financial Capacity
2. Policy and legislative environment
3. Leadership and human resources
4. Information and technology
5. Climate Change…..

THANK YOU!