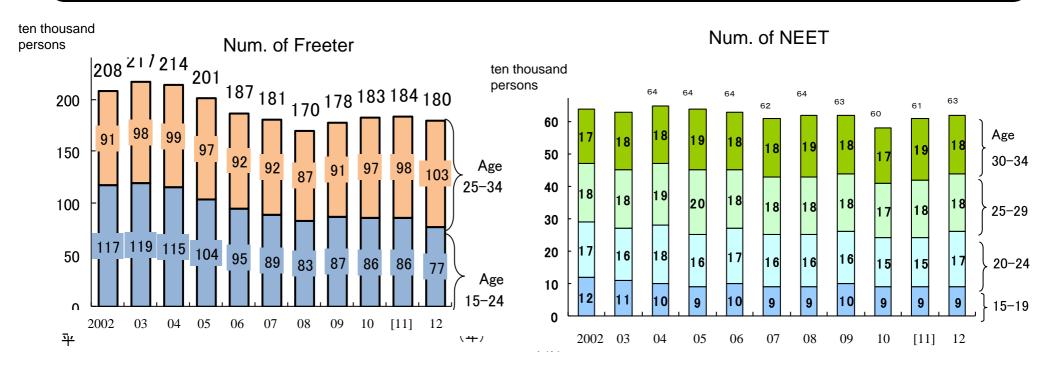
4 Provision against young people ("Freeter" (Job hopping part-time workers), NEET)

Transition of number of Freeter & NEET

- O Number of Freeter was 2.17 million and peaked in 2003. After 2003, it had decreased for 5 years continuously however it was increasing for 3 years. It was 1.76 million in 2012 and 40 thousand decreased compare to previous year.
- O Number of NEET has been approximately 0.6 million since 2002. It was 0.63 million in 2012.



Source: Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

[]: exclusive of Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima

HRD support Program for the young workers

The Program is incorporated into the Emergency HRD • Employment Support Fund

<u>Supplementary Budget for FY2012</u>: 60 billion yen

(Utilization of the remaining amount of the said Fund will enlarge the size of the project up to around 80 billion yen.)

Strengthening the program of "Support for rechallenging" in the early stage of the young people, aiming for their vocational independence

Grant for supporting HRD and stable employment for the young people (Youth Challenge Grant)

Project Size: 72.8 billion yen

Subsidies will be provided to the employers in case that they provide the vocational training (3 month ~ 2 year period, utilizing the Job-Card system as well as in other trainings) for the their young workers or that a trainee is employed stably as a regular worker.

Content of Subsidy

(Grant for Training) 150 thousand yen/month per person (Grant for the regular employment) 500 thousand yen will be paid for1 year stable employment and another 500 thousand yen will be for another 1 year stable employment

Enhancement of Vocational Ability



Toward *Vocational Independence of the young

Regional Youth Support Station Program

- 1. Consultation Support Service at Youth Support Station Consultation support by professionals will be provided at the Youth Support Station, to assist with employment for young people including the NEET.
- 2. Promotion of collaboration between the Youth Support Stations and Schools Supporting for the students through home-visit and for the dropouts by sharing information on them with schools, will be done with building collaboration system with schools.
- 3. Intensive Training Program for the young unemployed, etc.
 Supporting aggressively with the employment for the young including "NEET", by assisting with their livelihood including by a training camping style and by conducting practical training at enterprises intensively.

Content of Subsidy

3: Intensive training program for the young unemployed

(Training Grant) Maximum 100 thousand yen per person /month

Project size: 6 billion yen



Rousing

eagerness for employment

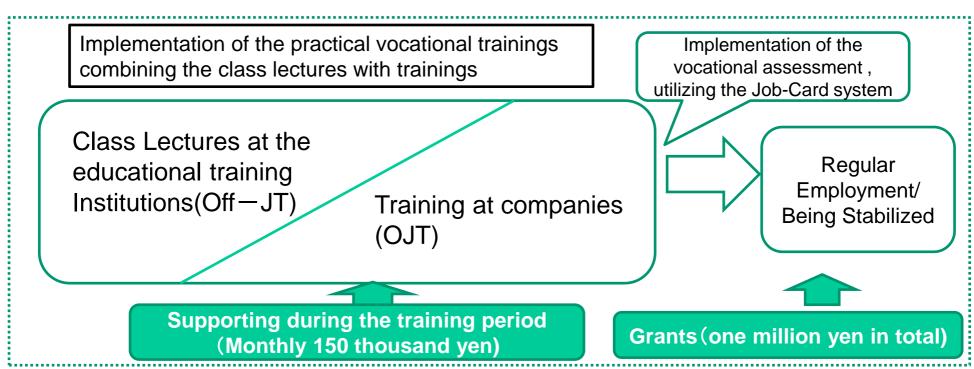
Grants for HRD and Stable Employment for the young people

Program will be incorporated into the Emergency HRD and the Employment Support Fund

Project Size:72.8 Billion Yen

Content of Program

- Supporting the employers who is to hire the trainees as their regular employees (to fulfill and strengthen the vocational trainings, which utilize the job-card system) after implementing the practical vocational training, which is combined the class lectures with trainings for the non-regular young workers.
- <u>Target</u>: Young non-regular workers (Under the age of 35)
- <u>Content of Support</u>: Supporting the employers who implement the practical vocational trainings (3 months to 2 years) for the target workers. Further the grant will be provided to the employers in case that they employ the trained workers regularly and that their employment becomes stable after finishing vocational trainings.
- <u>Subsidy Amount</u>: 150 thousand yen will be granted monthly, 500 thousand yen will be paid for 1- year period of the stable employment and another 500 thousand yen for another year period of stable employment.



Regional Youth Support Station Project

Amount of Extra Budget for FY2012 : 6 billion yen (0 yen)

- O Despite the decrease in the population of the young people, the number of the NEET has re -mained large. Assisting with the employment of the young including NEET etc, is the crucial measure, which enables those who are at risk of being plunged into the public assistance system in future to become economically independent and supporters for the society.
 - Comprehensive supporting measures must be taken to support them continuously on individual base, considering each circumstances.
- O For this to be accomplished, network among the regional youth support institutions are to be established through collaboration with the local governments. As its base, "regional youth support stations" will be operated to support the young(the NEET, etc) in determining their future paths like employment and so on. (This program started to operate in 2006).
- O Utilizing the extra budget for FY2012, the operation bases of Youth Support Stations will be increased, which aim to prevent the above stated young from becoming NEET beforehand by promoting the support for students and dropouts through "program to promote collaboration between the Youth Support Stations and schools". Furthermore, "Intensive training program for the young unemployed", in which their livelihood is supported including in the camping style and on-the-job trainings are intensively conducted, will be implemented to support strongly the employ -ment of the young like NEET, etc.

To be continued

