

# Age-friendly city efforts in Akita City

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### **Geographic features and industry**



[ POPULATION ] 307,919人(**30th September 2019**) [ AREA ] 906.07 km<sup>2</sup> [INDUSTRIES](1st June 2016) Primary 0.4% (agriculture, forestry, fisheries) Secondary 13.1% (mining, manufacturing, construction) Tertiary 86.5% (finance, insurance, service, telecommunications,etc)

## **Tradition and History**

### Akita Kanto Festival (Important Intangible Folk Culture Asset)



### Tsuchizaki Minato Hikiyama Festival (Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO)





### Front line of JAPAN = Front line of the World

### **Population Ageing**



### Population in Akita city





## Timeline



### **One Coin Bus Project**

Encouraging the elderly to go out, socialize, and enjoy life

- Affordable fee(Especially for long distance)
- Easy of use(One flat rate, easier than bus coupon tickets)



Increasing:

- The number of bus users
- Social participation of the elderly





### **Senior Film Festival**



<u>Concession ticket : 500 yen</u> For 65 and older with "one coin bus certificate" or "disability certificate"

## 10 mins lecture – movie





# New City Hall, universally desinged for easy access

- Offering one stop-concierge service at the front desk
- The central citizen service center, a local autonomy, is also located in the facility.
- The ground floor lobby can be open to the public as a shelter in times of natural disasters.



# **Age-Friendly Partner Project**

105 businesses and professionals such as bank, hotel, hair salon, temple, supermarket, construction, etc.

Creating agefriendly community



Snow removal volunteer

Register private companies as "agefriendly partners" that support the elderly



Bench installation



Beauty salon that can be used in a wheelchair





### The program that leads locals' mutual support

# case1 : creates friendly and familiar environments utilizing regional features

#### Regional diagnosis with SWOT analysis



Local events with a theme of common interests



Prevention of the need for nursing care through community support



Elderly nursing care class for men

Outdoor party

Joy of sake

## The program that leads locals' mutual support

### case2: Making friendship beyond generations

# What is it like to have a long life?



The value of cross generational relationships



Easy going, comfortable and natural friendships that keep people involved



### For the realization of Age-friendly city



It is important to create a town through three-way collaboration between "government", "private businesses" and "citizens"





# Thank you for your kind attention

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