

Sustainability Assessment of Cities based on Paris Agreement and SDGs

– Activities of FutureCity Initiative in Japan –

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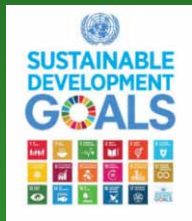
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Global policy issues for a sustainable society



The Paris Agreement (2015.12)

⇒ Reduction of environmental load, L
(Emission of CO₂)

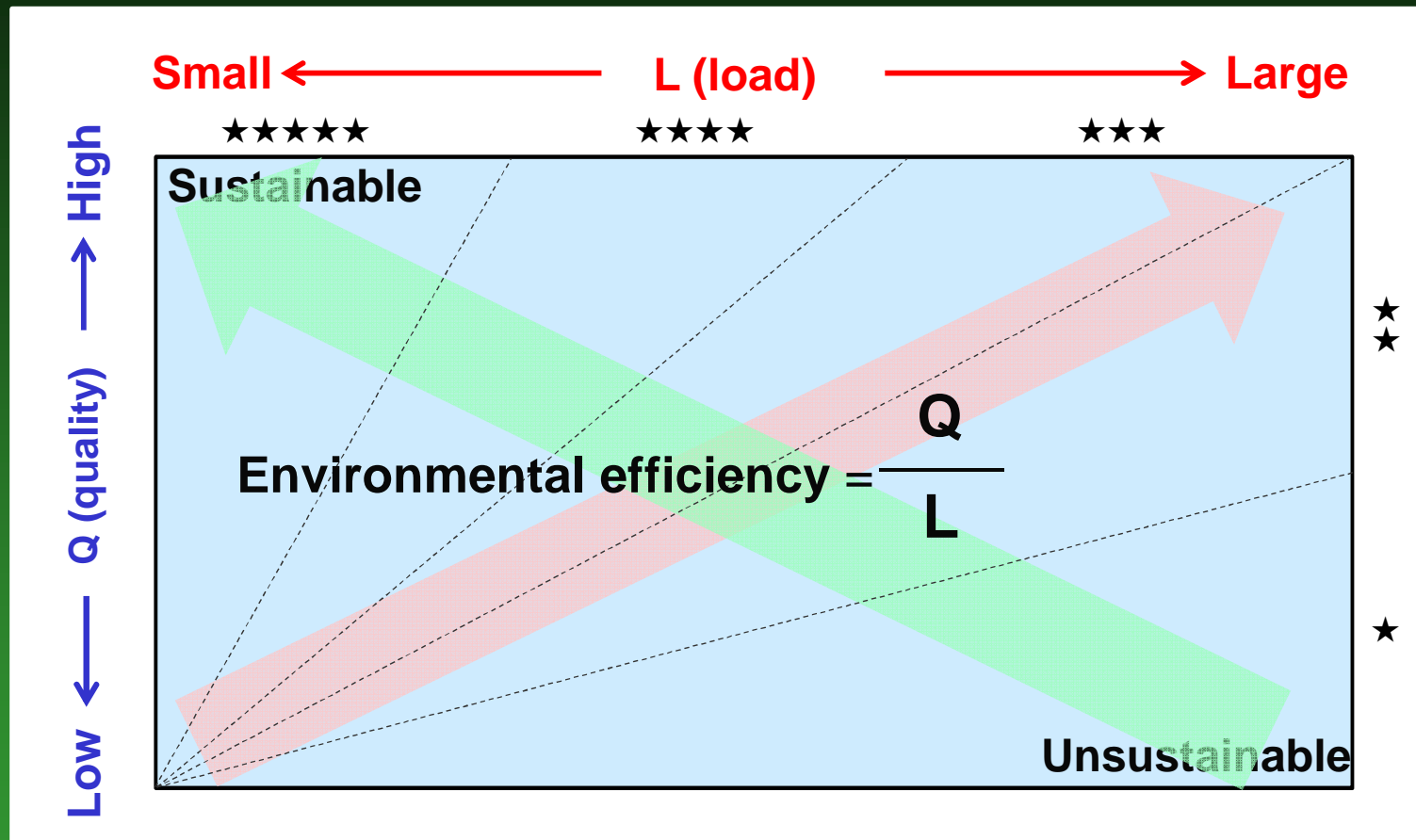


SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) (2015.9)

⇒ Improvement of environmental quality, Q

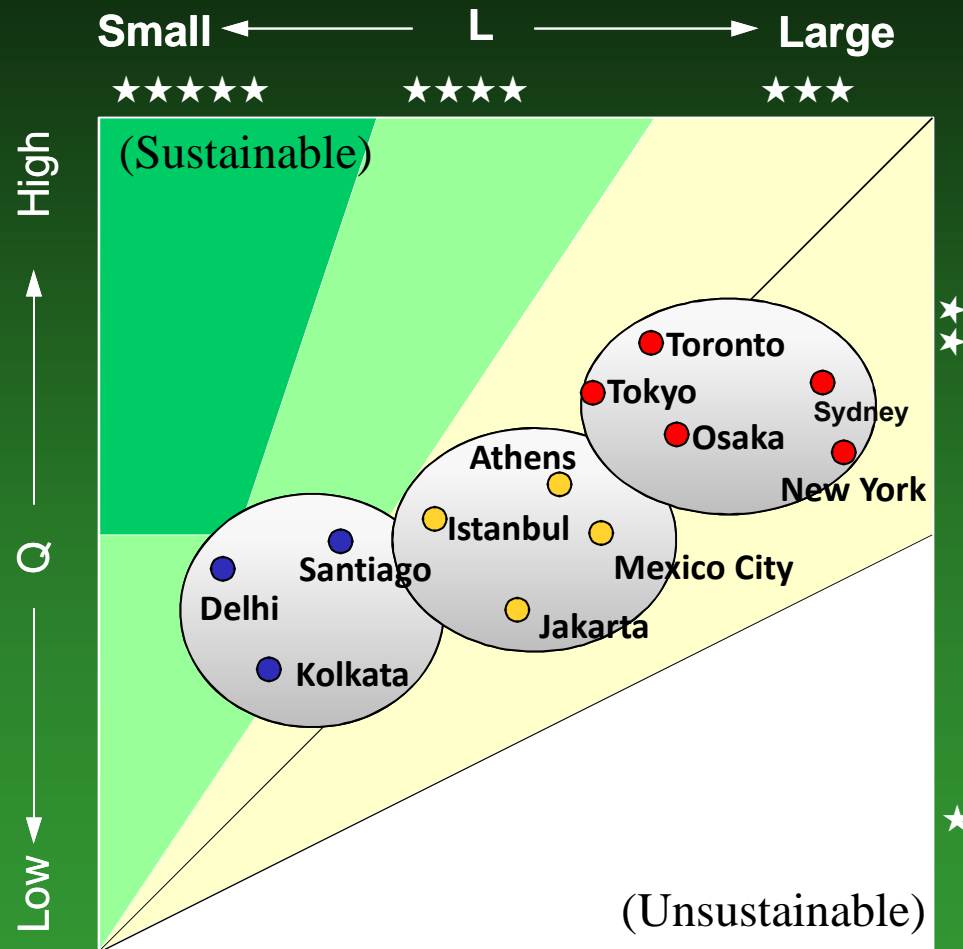
⇒ Q and L are the two major factors
for sustainable society design

Integrated assessment of the two policy issues based on Q - L chart



⇒ Realization of a sustainable society based on reduction of L and improvement of Q

Sustainability assessment of cities based on Q - L chart (tentative, by CASBEE-City)



Group Red (e.g., Tokyo)
(in developed countries)

Group Yellow (e.g., Jakarta)
(in emerging countries)

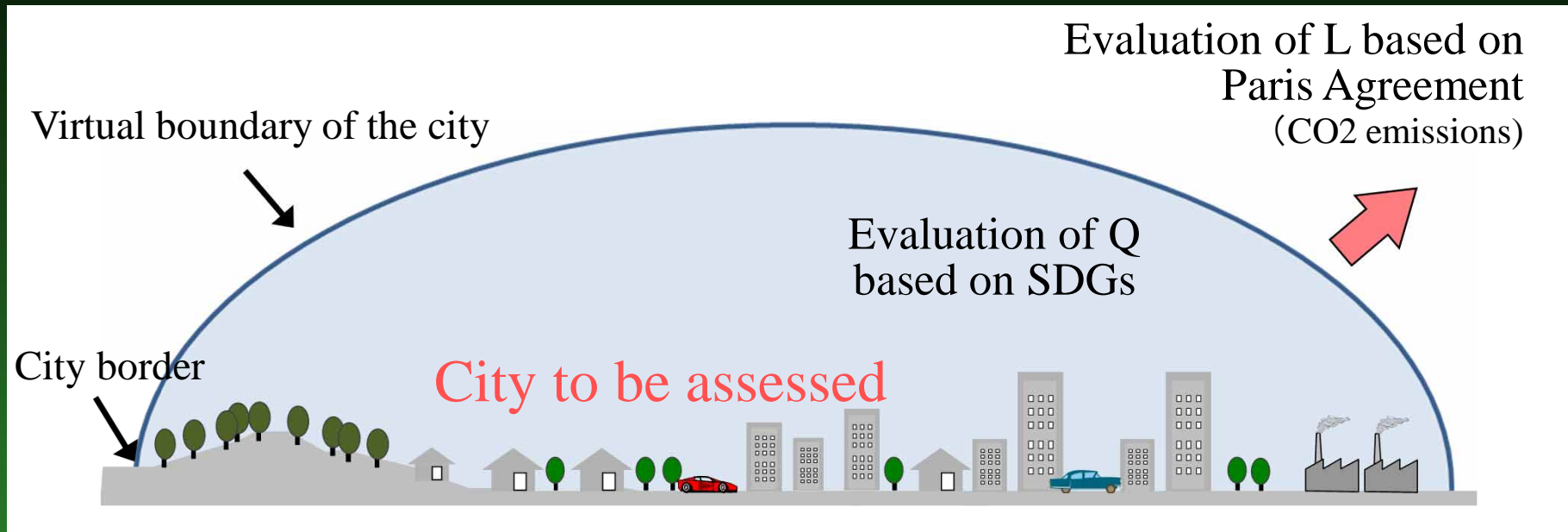
Group Blue (e.g., Kolkata)
(in developing countries)

L = Environmental Load
as CO₂ emissions (per capita)

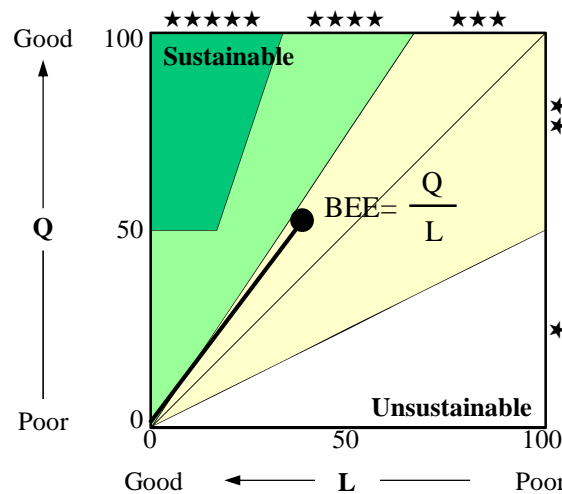
Q = Quality of City Environment
based on the SDGs, etc.

⇒ Built Environment Efficiency Q/L :
★★★★★ for blue cities while only ★★/★★★★★ for red cities

CASBEE-City : Assessment tool developed in Japan

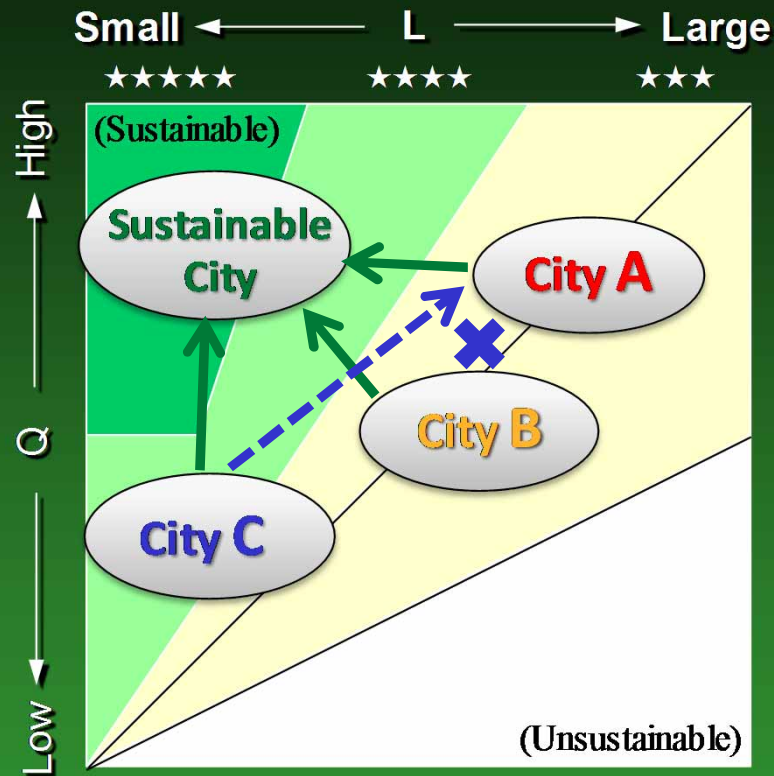


Q – L chart
and
BEE = $\frac{Q}{L}$
(Built
Environment
Efficiency)



CASBEE:
Comprehensive
Assessment
System for
Built
Environment
Efficiency

Direction for reform of City Environment (based on reduction of L and improvement of Q)



City A
(in developed countries):
Necessary to reduce L

City B
(in emerging countries):
Necessary to improve Q,
while reducing L

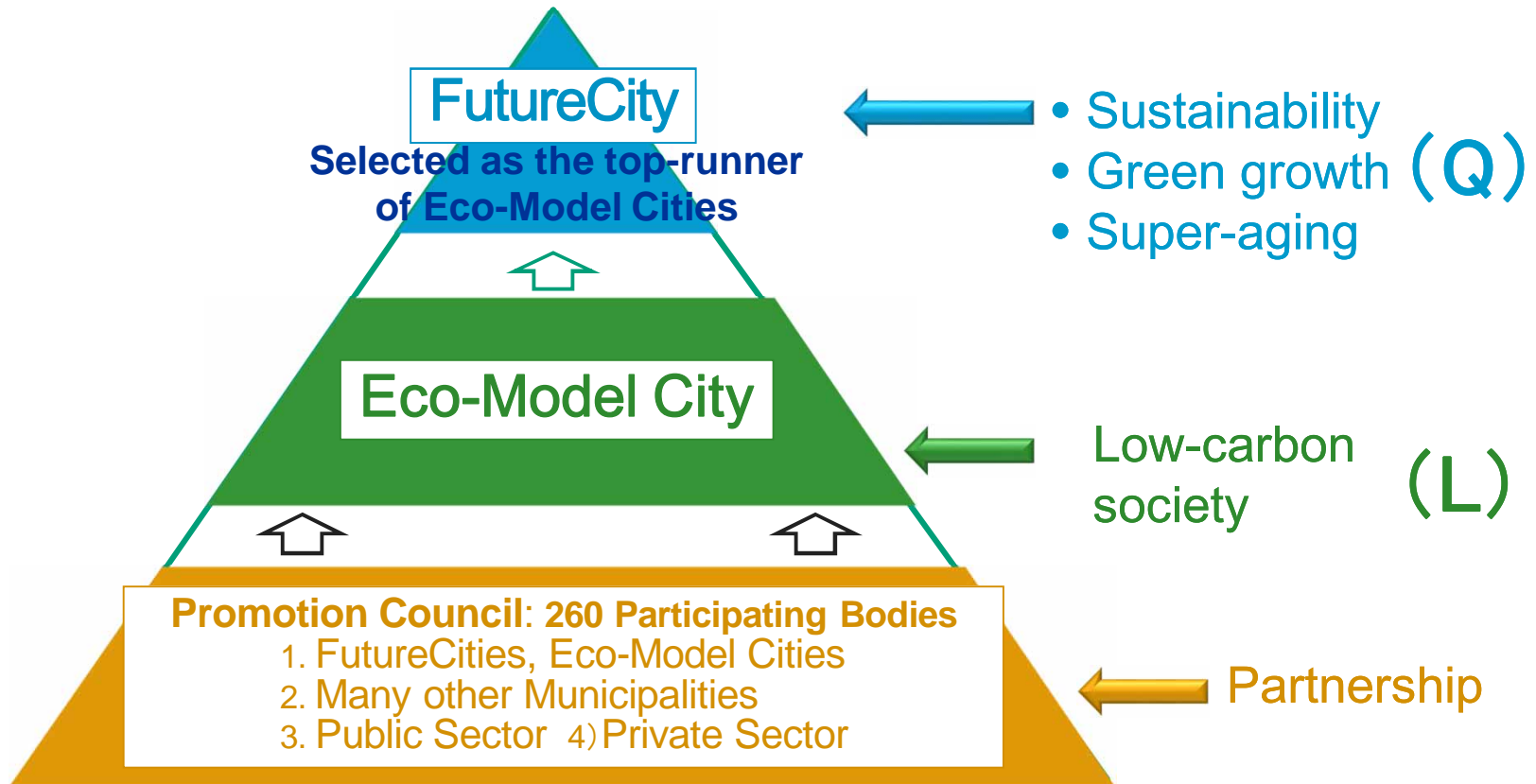
City C
(in developing countries):
Necessary to improve Q
without increasing L

- ⇒ Duty of developed countries: present the models for realizing sustainable cities as quickly as possible to developing countries.
- ⇒ Urgency for reduction of CO₂ emissions in developed countries by 80% by 2050

FutureCity Initiative promoted by the Japanese Government towards a low-carbon society

1. Certification and commendation of top-runner cities by the Central Government
 - ⇒ Dissemination of best practices achieved in FutureCity Initiative to other cities in Japan and overseas
 - ⇒ Global Partnership
2. Present a clear image of a sustainable society of the future to the public
 - ⇒ FutureCities as a target to be achieved
 - ⇒ Partnership between citizens and local governments
3. Establishment of a nationwide council for promotion of “FutureCity” Initiative
 - ⇒ Partnership between private/public sectors and local governments
4. Evaluation of activities of each city by the Central Government
 - ⇒ PDCA by local governments
 - ⇒ Facilitate improvement of the governance of mayors

Framework of FutureCity Initiative

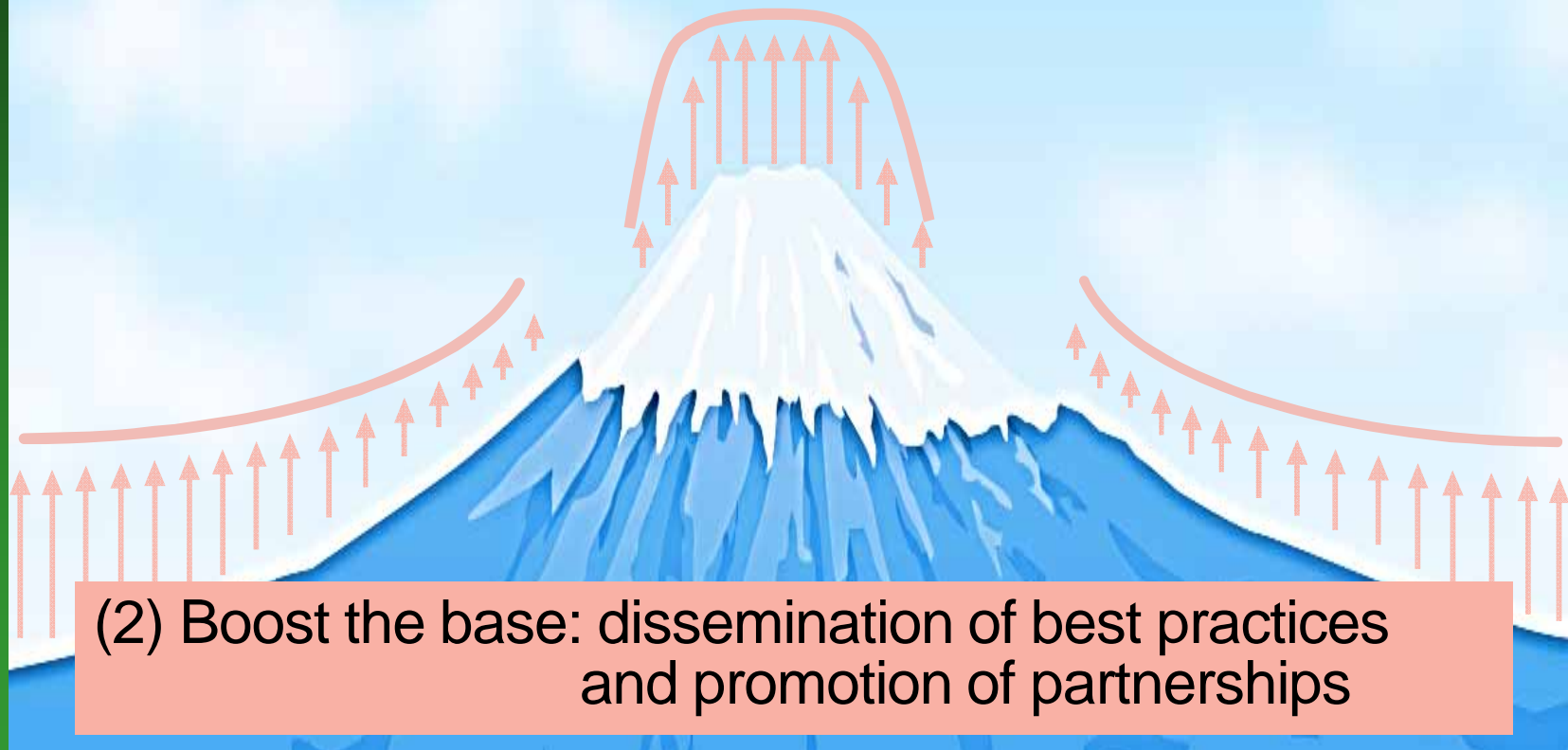


⇒ FutureCity initiative is a practice field for city management towards a sustainable society

Aim of FutureCity Initiative:

(1) Raise the peak and (2) Boost the base

(1) Raise the peak: select and certify top-runner cities by Central Government



(2) Boost the base: dissemination of best practices and promotion of partnerships



Eco-Model Cities selected by the Government (23 cities: 2008 ~ 2013)

【Selected in 2008: 13cities】

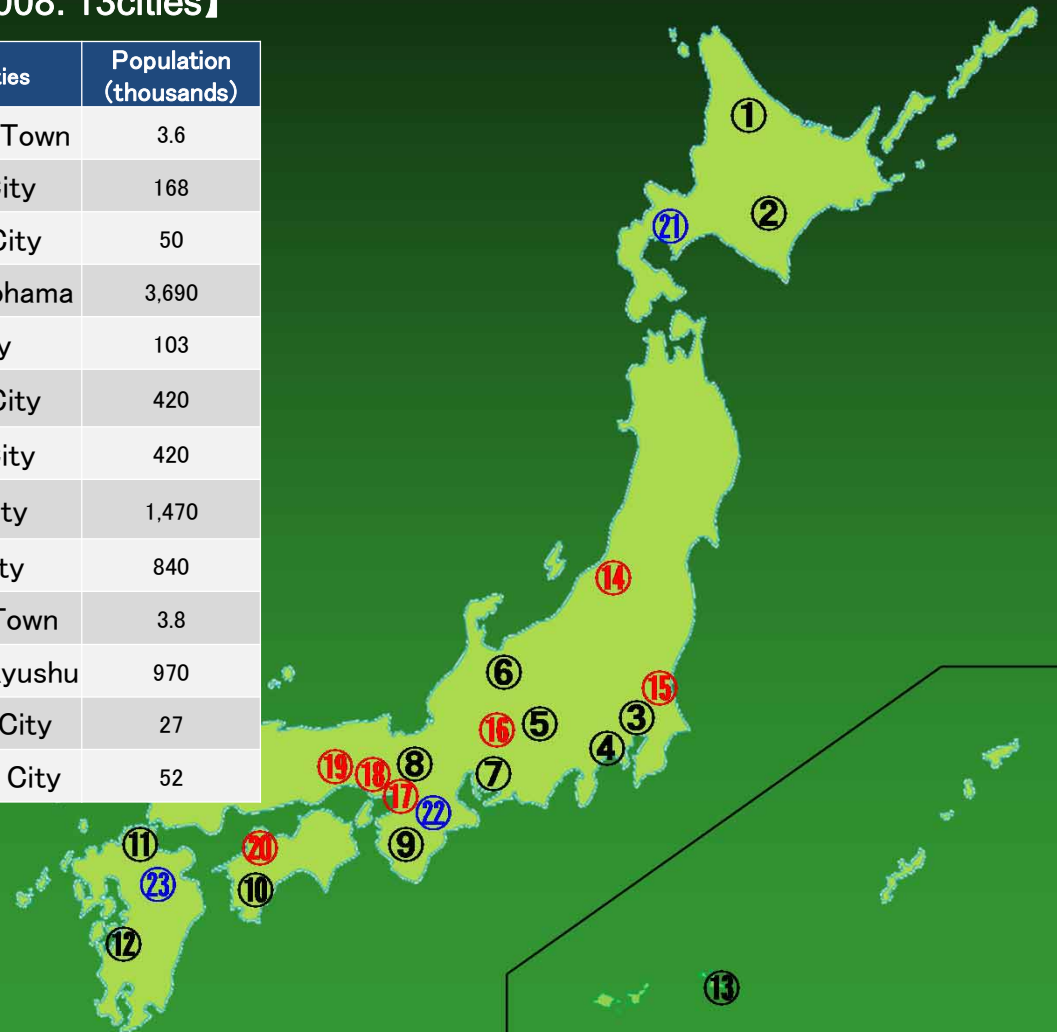
No.	Name of cities	Population (thousands)
①	Shimokawa Town	3.6
②	Obihiro City	168
③	Chiyoda City	50
④	City of Yokohama	3,690
⑤	Iida City	103
⑥	Toyama City	420
⑦	Toyota City	420
⑧	Kyoto City	1,470
⑨	Sakai City	840
⑩	Yusuhara Town	3.8
⑪	City of Kitakyushu	970
⑫	Minamata City	27
⑬	Miyakojima City	52

【Selected in 2012: 7cities】

No.	Name of cities	Population (thousands)
⑭	Niigata City	808
⑮	Tsukuba City	217
⑯	Mitake Town	19
⑰	Amagasaki City	451
⑱	Kobe City	1,542
⑲	Nishiwakura village	1.6
⑳	Matsuyama City	513

【Selected in 2013: 3cities】

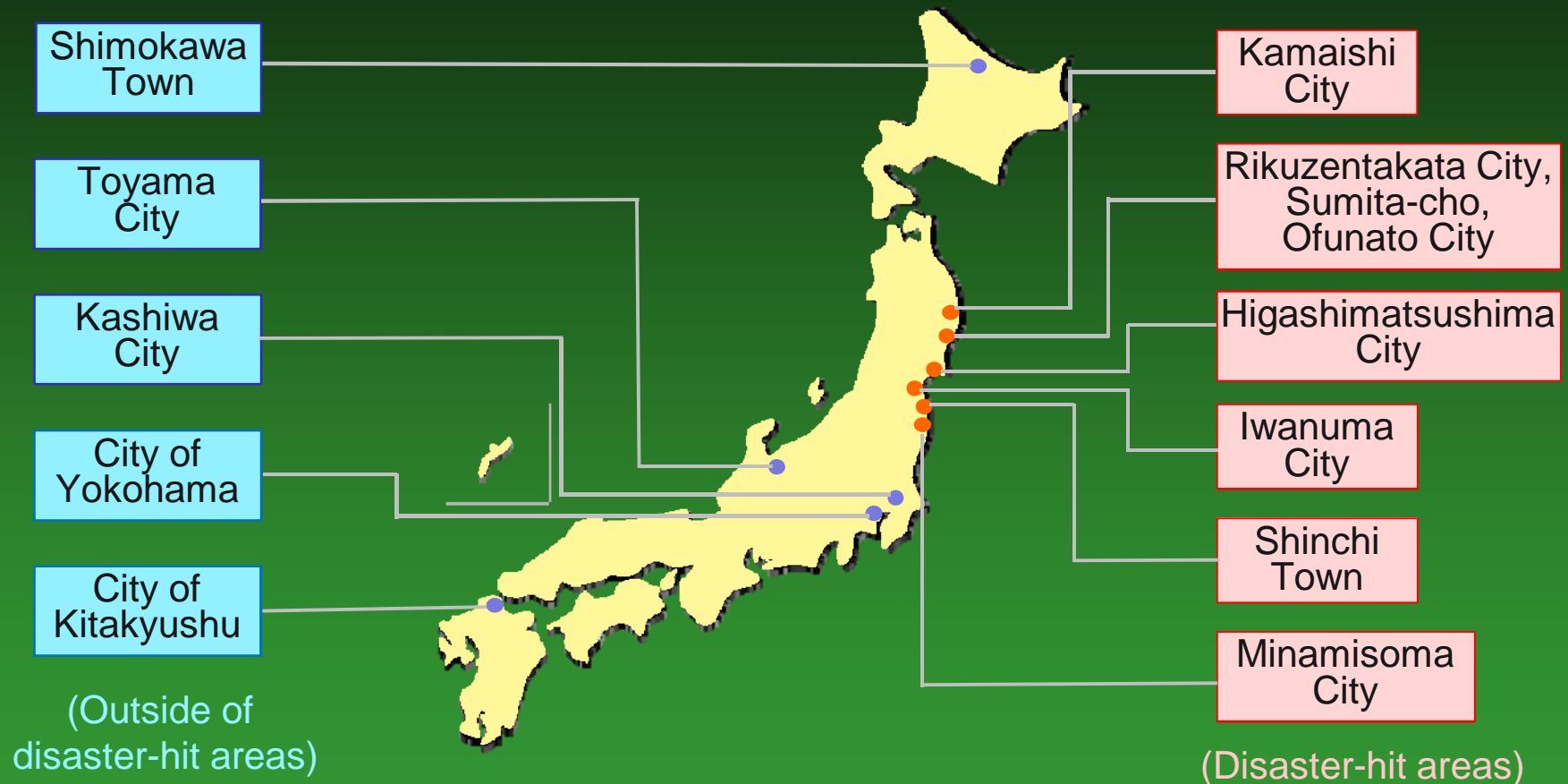
No.	Name of cities	Population (thousands)
㉑	Niseko Town	4.8
㉒	Ikoma City	121
㉓	Oguni Town	7.9



⇒ Many best practices achieved towards a low carbon society



FutureCities selected by the Government (11 cities: 2011)



⇒ A variety of ambitious proposals towards a sustainable society



International dissemination at the Rio+20 (2012)

Official side-event hosted by the Japanese Government:
“Future Cities We Want”



Greeting by the Minister
of Foreign Affairs



Shuzo Murakami (Chair of Promotion Council of
FutureCity) :
Introduction of the FutureCity Initiative



Why has such great success been achieved with the FutureCity initiative ?

1. The Central government presents a clear image of a future sustainable society to citizens

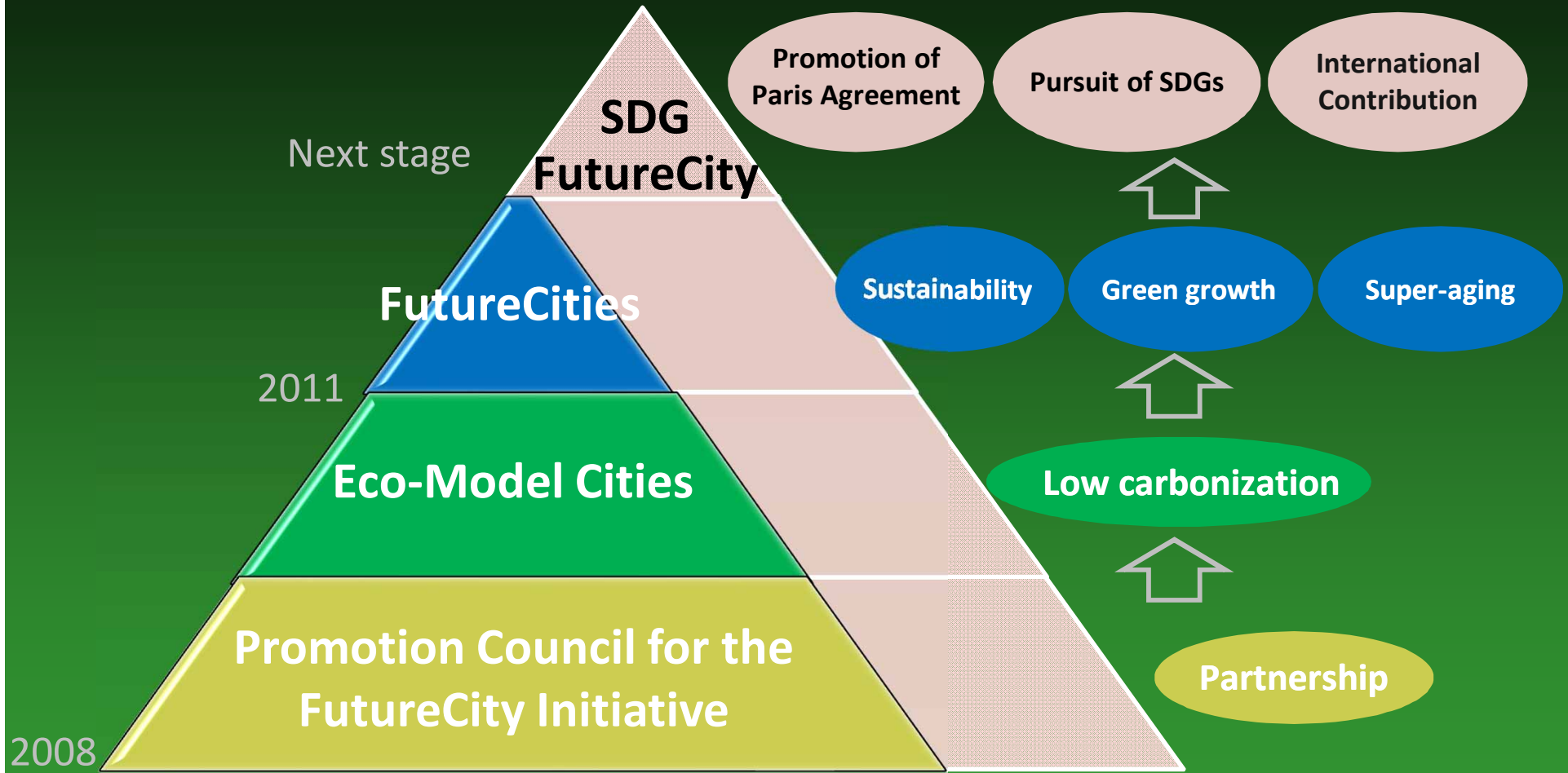
⇒ Local governments are motivated and incentivized by receiving the prestigious title of “FutureCity”

2. FutureCities promoted their action-plans on their own initiative

⇒ They created self-sustaining models for city management

3. Establishment of a global partnership among cities around the world

Next Stage of FutureCity Initiative



◆ Achievement of FutureCity Initiative



◆ Further promotion of FutureCity Initiative



◆ Future direction: SDG FutureCity