# "FutureCity" Initiative and Next Stage

—Integrated Approaches and Global Partnerships by SDGs and Paris Agreement—

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Global policy issues for a sustainable society
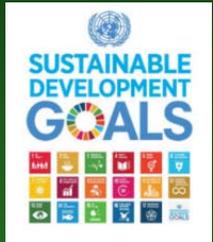
SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) (2015.9)

⇨ Improvement of environmental quality ,Q

The Paris Agreement (2015.12)

⇨ Reduction of environmental load ,L
(Emission of CO_2)

⇨ Q and L are the two major factors of environmental planning

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Integrated assessment of the two policy issues

Small ← → L(load) → Large

★★★★★   ★★★★   ★★★

High ↑

Q(quality)

Sustainable

$$\text{Environmental efficiency} = \frac{Q}{L}$$

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Low ↓
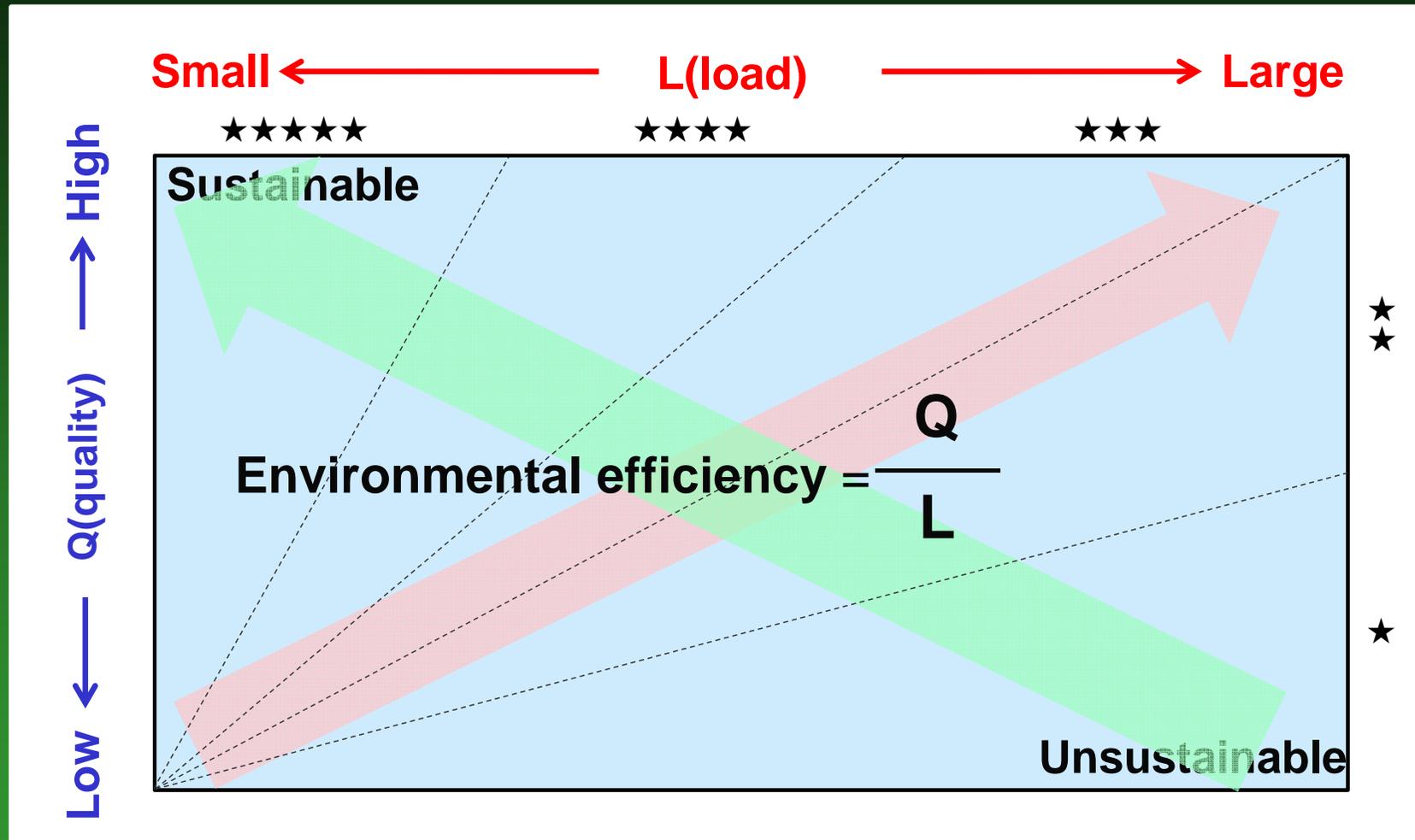
Unsustainable

⇨ Planning for realization of a sustainable society based on reduction of L and improvement of Q

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Sustainability assessment of the earth and human beings

Sustainable range for both the earth and human beings

Small ← L(environmental load) → Large

(Best)

Developed countries

England Germany
Japan France

USA Australia
Singapore
Qatar
UAE

Russia

(boundaries of human living standard)

Cuba

Brazil
China

Emerging countries

(Environmental load limit)

India
Cambodia

Ethiopia

Niger

Developing countries

(Worst)

High ← Q (environmental quality) → Low
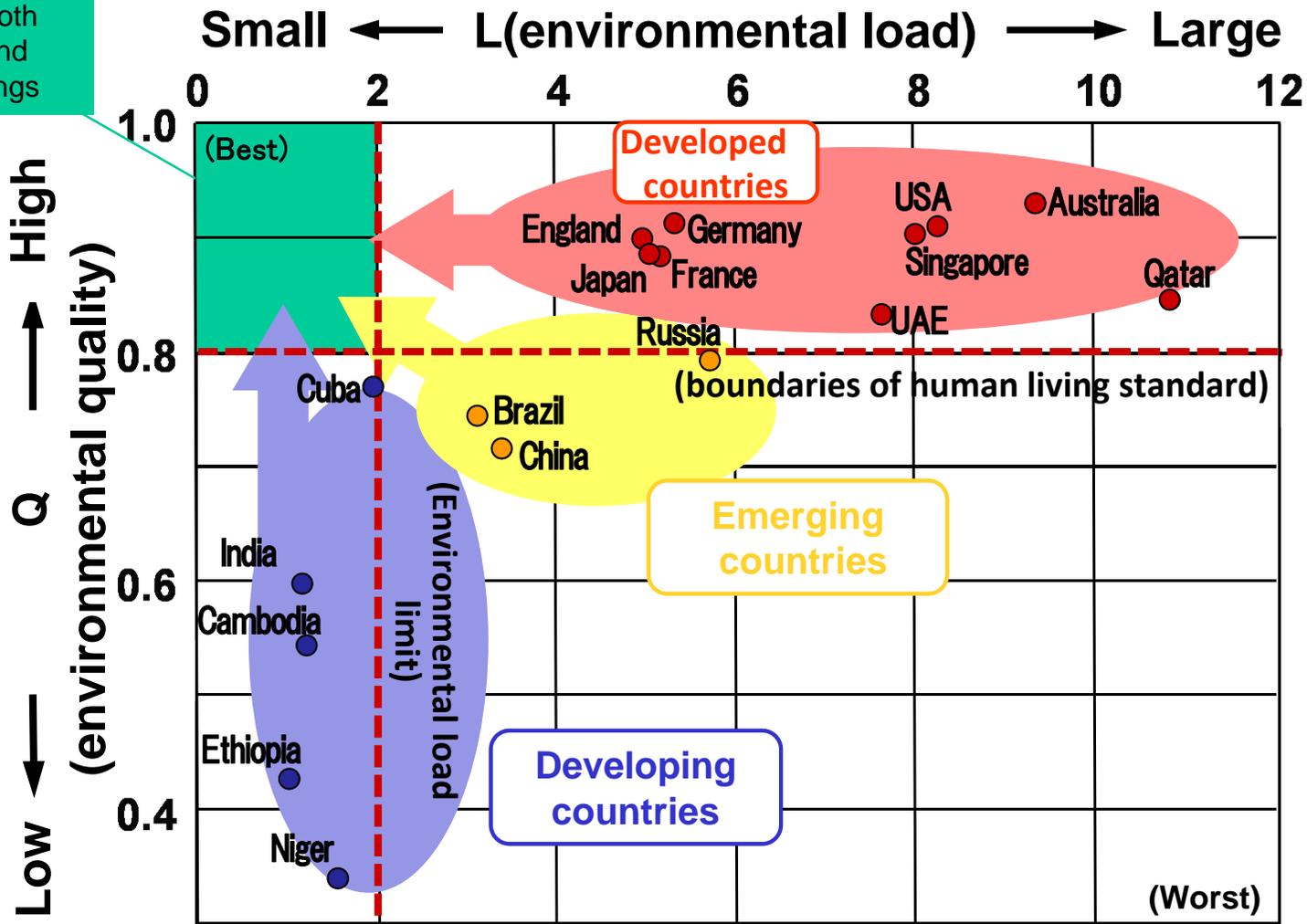
Horizontal axis
L: environmental load
Ecological Footprint

Dimensionless estimates by Biocapacity

Vertical axis
Q: environmental quality
Human Development Index

References: Global Footprint Network, How We Can Bend the Curve, Global 1Footprint Network 2009 Annual Report

⇒ Developed countries: How can L be reduced without degrading Q?

⇒ Developing countries: How can Q be enhanced without increasing L ?

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Sustainability assessments of cites (CASBEE-City [International version])

Small ← L → Large

★★★★★   ★★★★   ★★★

High

(Sustainable)

Sustainable City

Q

Low

- Toronto
- Tokyo
- Osaka   Sydney
- Athens   New York
- Istanbul
- Santiago   Mexico City
- Delhi   Jakarta
- Kolkata

(Unsustainable)

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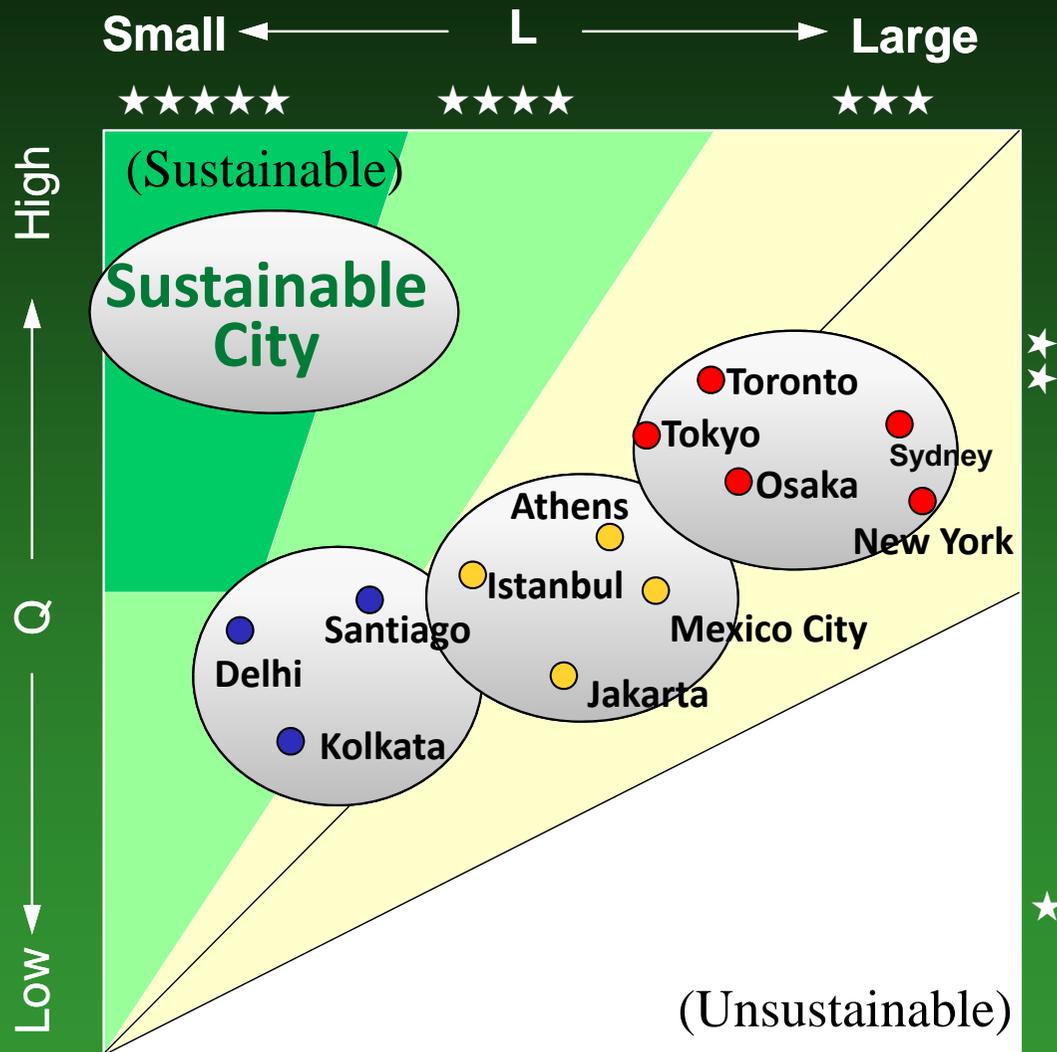
Group Red (e.g. Toronto):
Necessary to reduce L

Group Yellow (e.g. Jakarta):
Necessary to improve Q ,with reducing L

Group Blue (e.g. Kolkata):
Necessary to improve Q without increasing L

L = Environmental Load
as CO_2 emissions（per year, capita)

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

CASBEE: Comprehensive Assessment System for Built Environment Efficiency

⇨ Cities of developed countries, low environmental efficiency

Direction of reforming the City Environment
(CASBEE-City [International Version])

Small ← **L** → **Large**

★★★★★   ★★★★   ★★★

High

(Sustainable)

Sustainable City

City A

City B

City C

Q

Low

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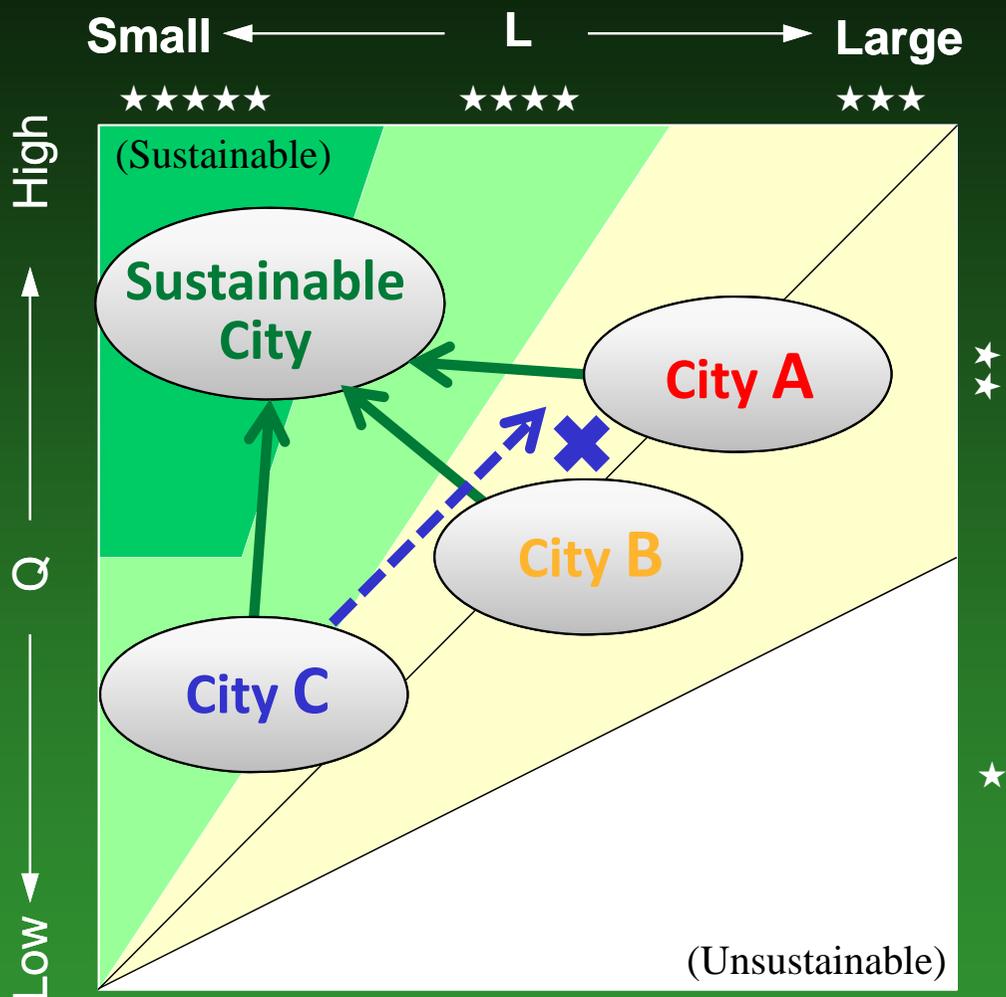
City A
（in developed countries）：
Necessary to reduce L

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

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

L = Environmental Load
    as CO_2 emissions（per year, capita）

Q = Quality of City Environment
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⇨ **Obligation of developed countries: To present the models realizing Sustainable Cities as quickly as possible to developing countries.**

⇨ **Urgency of cutting CO_2 emissions to 80% by 2050**

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Framework of "FutureCity" Initiative

FutureCity

Selected as the top-runner of Eco-Model Cities

- Sustainability
- Green growth （Q）
- Super-aging

Eco-Model City （L）

Low-carbon society

Promotion Council: Participating Bodies 260
1）FutureCities, Eco-Model Cities,
2）Many other Municipalities,
3）Public Sector, 4）Private Sector
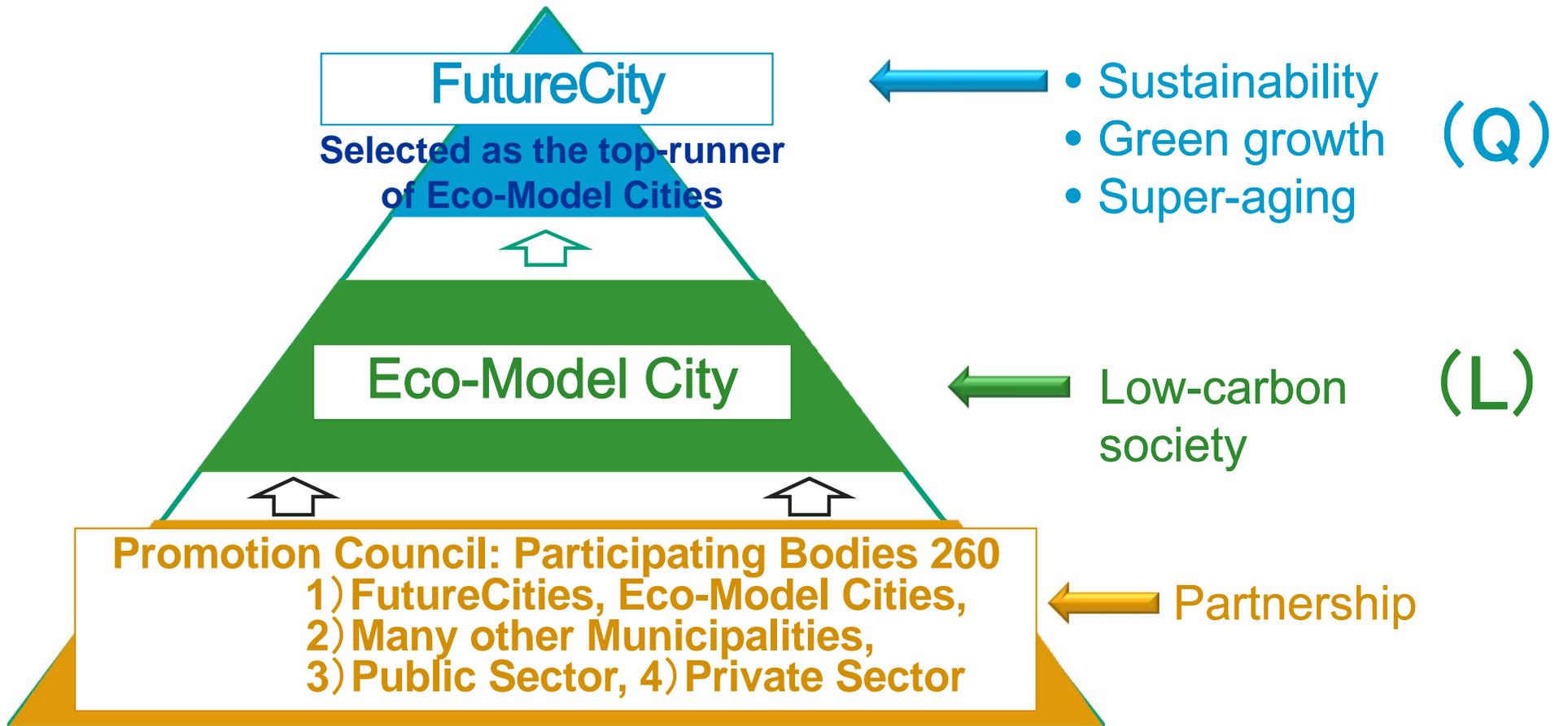
Partnership

Outline of activities

1. Certification by the Central Government

   ➡ Unified approach by all departments in each FutureCity

2. Publish the targets to be achieved by each FutureCity

   ➡ Partnerships between citizens and FutureCities

3. Advisory board composed of specialists

   ➡ Design a leading, sustainable society

4. Establishment of the Promotion council for the "FutureCity" Initiative

   ➡ Partnerships between the private sector, public sector, and municipalities

5. Evaluation of the outcome of FutureCities by the Government

   ➡ Performing management by PDCA and improving the governance of chiefs

6. Dissemination of the best practices to other cities in domestic and abroad

   ➡ Global Partnerships

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Aim of "FutureCity" Initiative

⇨ First, present a clear image to the public
   of a sustainable society of the future.

⇨ FutureCities as a target to be achieved.

⇨ Motivate citizens toward the creation
   of a sustainable city.

⇨ Spread the scheme of FutureCities
   throughout Japan and overseas.

⇨ Promote a transition to a sustainable society by
   Global Partnerships.

Eco-Model Cities selected by the Government (totaled 23 cities)
（13 cities + 7 cities + 3 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	Nishiawakura 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
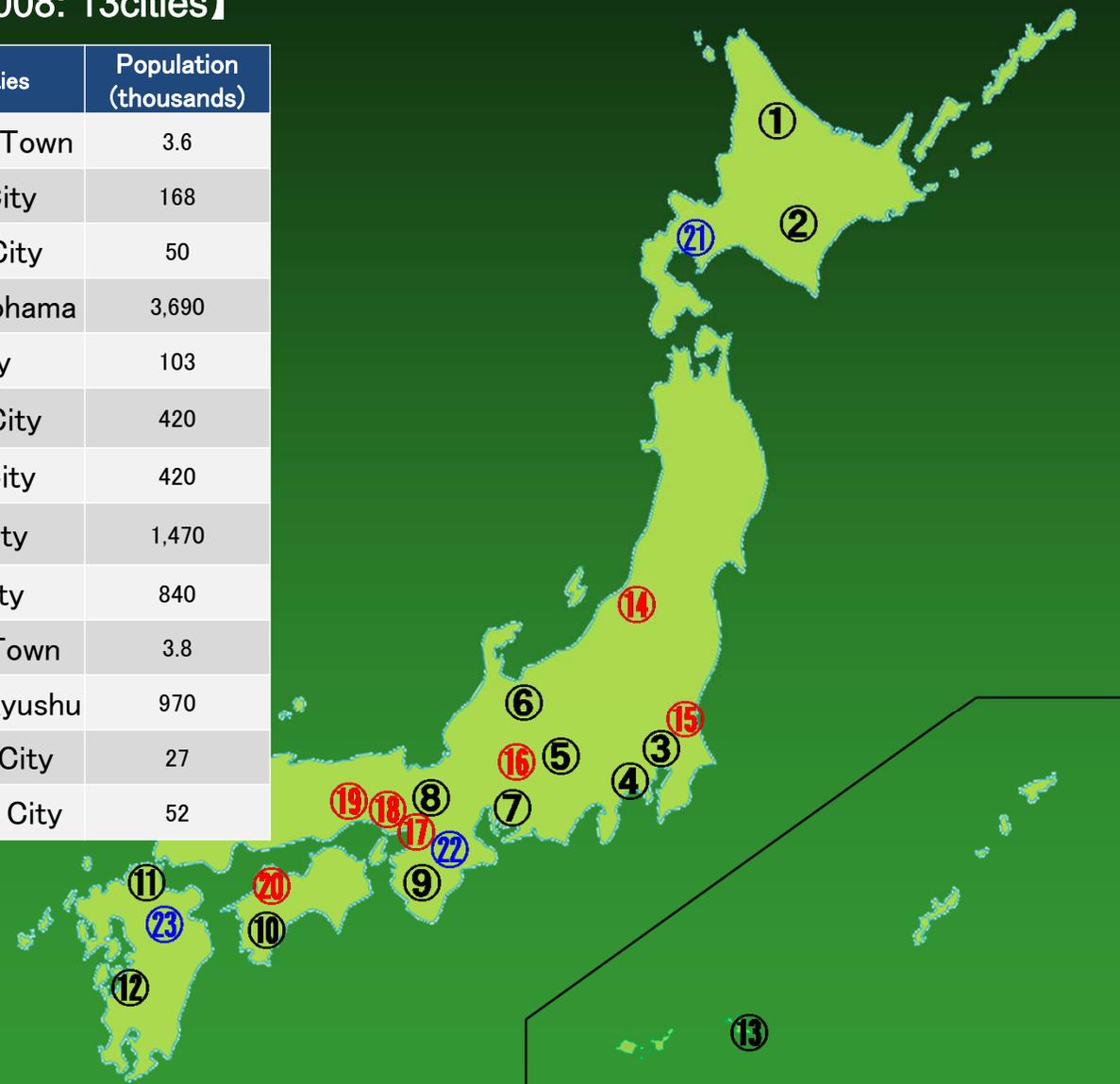
⇨ Many best practices achieved toward a low carbon society

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FutureCities selected by the Government
(11 cities: 2011)

Shimokawa Town

Toyama City

Kashiwa City

City of Yokohama

City of Kitakyushu

(Outside of disaster-hit regions)

Kamaishi City

Rikuzentakata City, Sumita-cho, Ofunato City

Higashimatsushima City

Iwanuma City

Shinchi Town

Minamisoma City

(Disaster-hit areas)
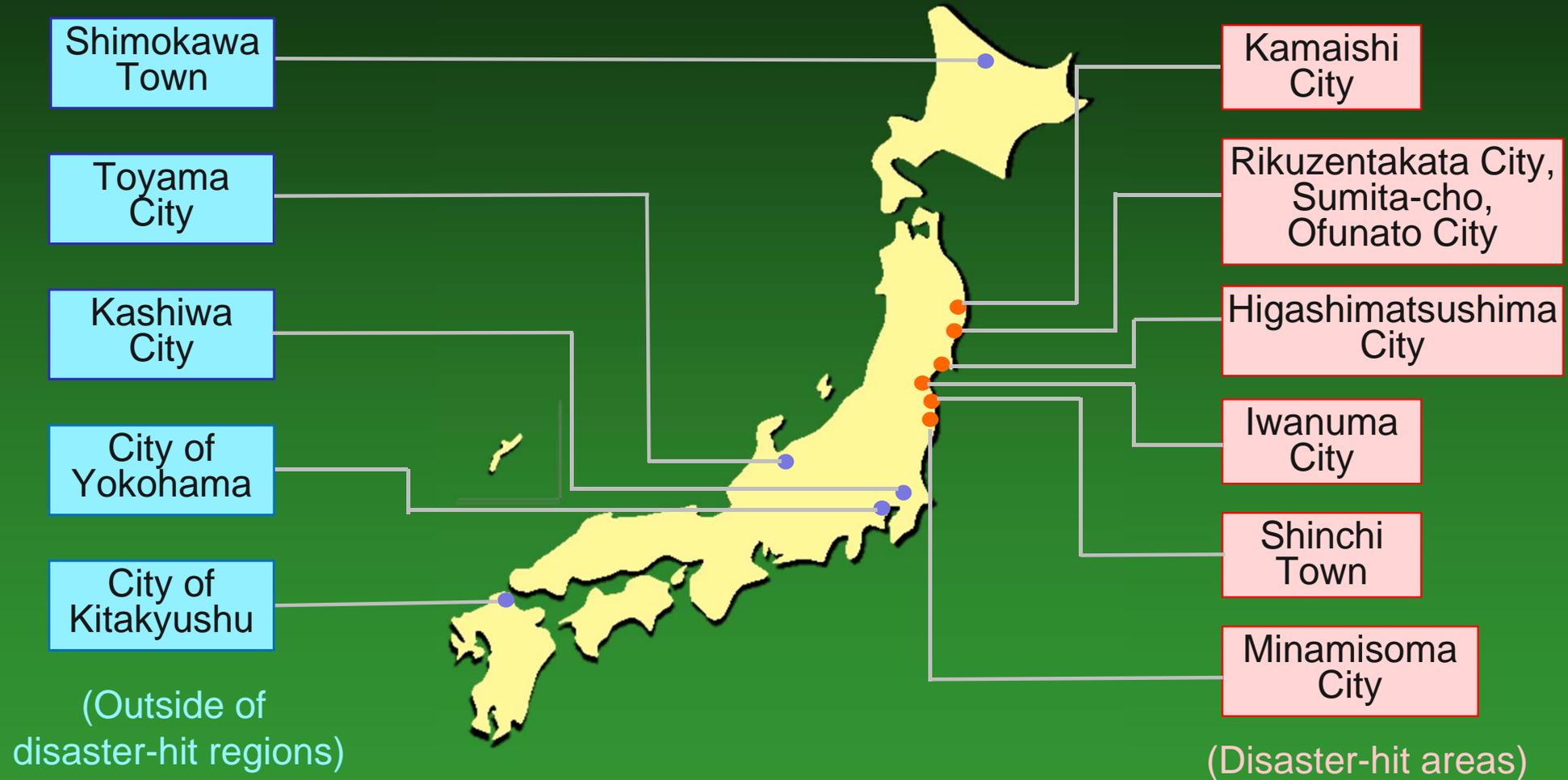
⇨ A variety of ambitious proposals towards a sustainable society

Promotion of Green growth through creation of 3 values

⇨ Creation of environmental value, social value and economic value

- Low carbon
- Biodiversity
- Resource recycling and 3R (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)
- Aquatic and aerial environment
- Super energy-saving society, etc.

Creation of environmental value

- Response to the super-aging of society
- Health and nursing care
- Disaster prevention, safety and security
- Social capital
- Social solidarity, fairness, etc.

Creation of social value

Creation of economic value

- Accumulation of knowledge and information
- Knowledge economy
- Employment and income
- New industry
- Minimization of social cost, etc.

Process for Realizing the FutureCity

Human Resources

Goods

Capital

Regulatory Reform, etc.

Concentrated Investment

Practices in society for creating new values

Towns that are pleasant to live in

Towns with vitality

FutureCity

Best practices transmitted within and outside of Japan
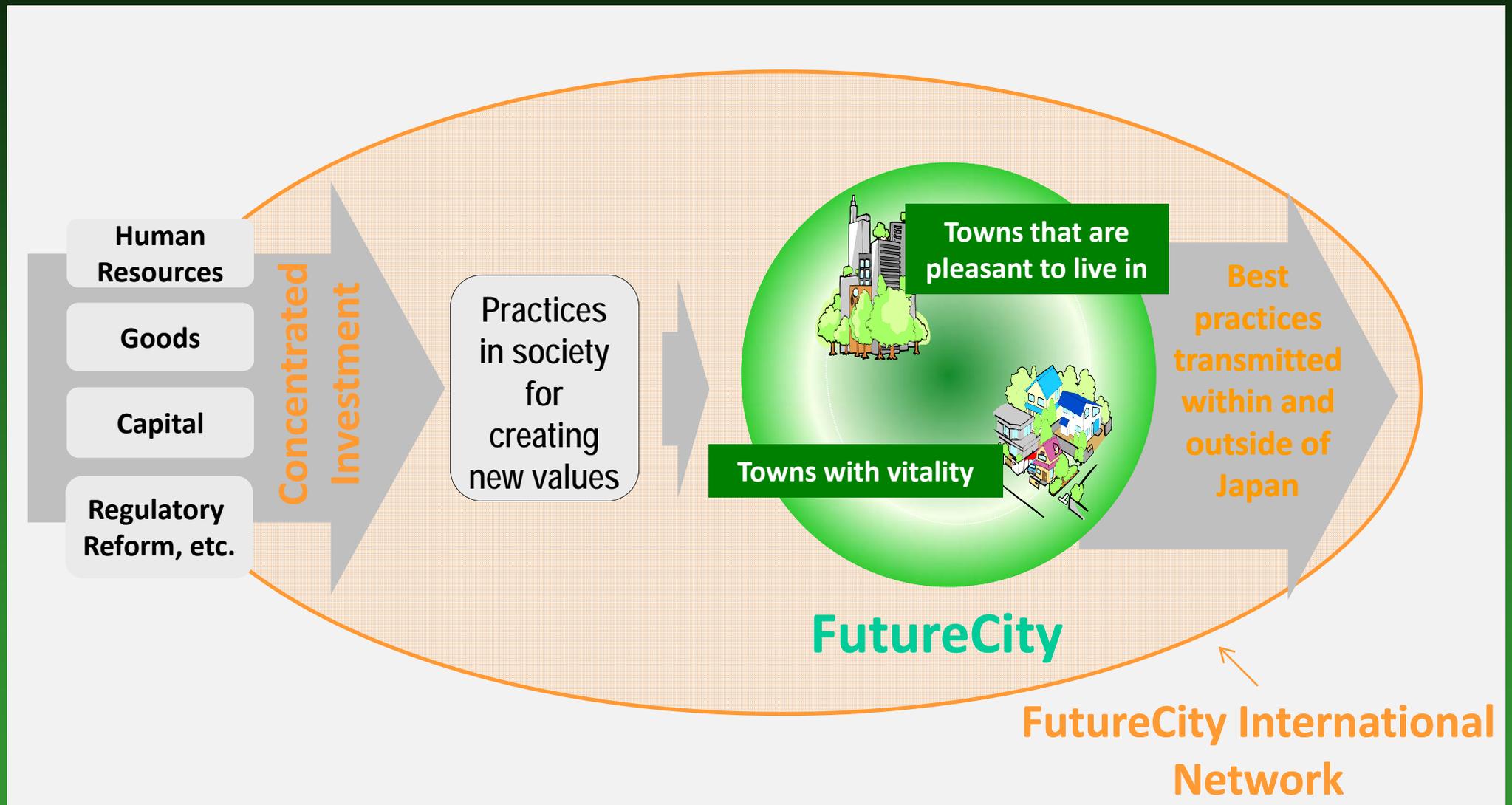
FutureCity International Network

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

Greeting by the Minister of Foreign Affairs

Shuzo Murakami (then Chairman of the Expert Study-Group for the FutureCity Initiative)
Introduction of the FutureCity Initiative

(Rio+20: United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development)

Why has the FutureCity initiative achieved great success ?

1. Local governments are motivated and incentivized by receiving the prestigious title of FutureCity from the Central Government

2. FutureCities promoted their action plans on their own initiative and created the Self-sustaining model

Next Stage of "FutureCity" Initiative

In future

SDG FutureCity （Tentative）

FutureCities

Eco-Model Cities

Promotion Council for the "FutureCity" Initiative

2011

2008

Pursuit of SDGs

Promotion of Paris Agreement

International Contribution

green growth

Super aging

Resilience

Low carbonization

Partnership
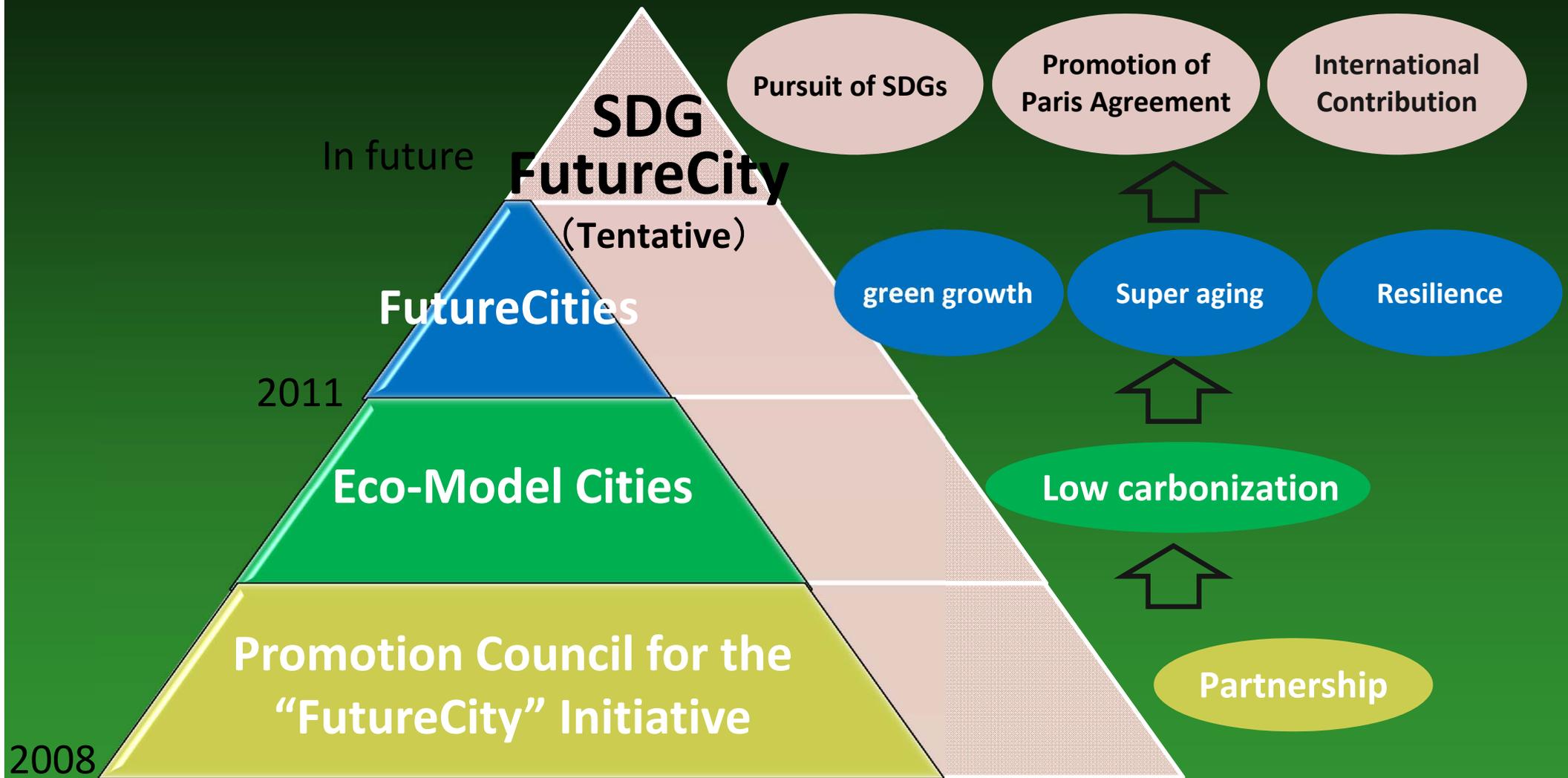
◆Achievement of "FutureCity" Initiative

◆Furthere promotion of "FutureCity" Initiative

◆Future direction: SDG FutureCity

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