



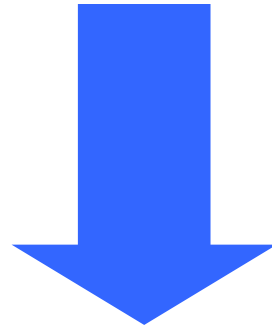
# **Japanese Local Government**

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# Tiers of Government

(JAPAN)

**Central  
Government**

**Local Government**

**Prefectural  
Government**

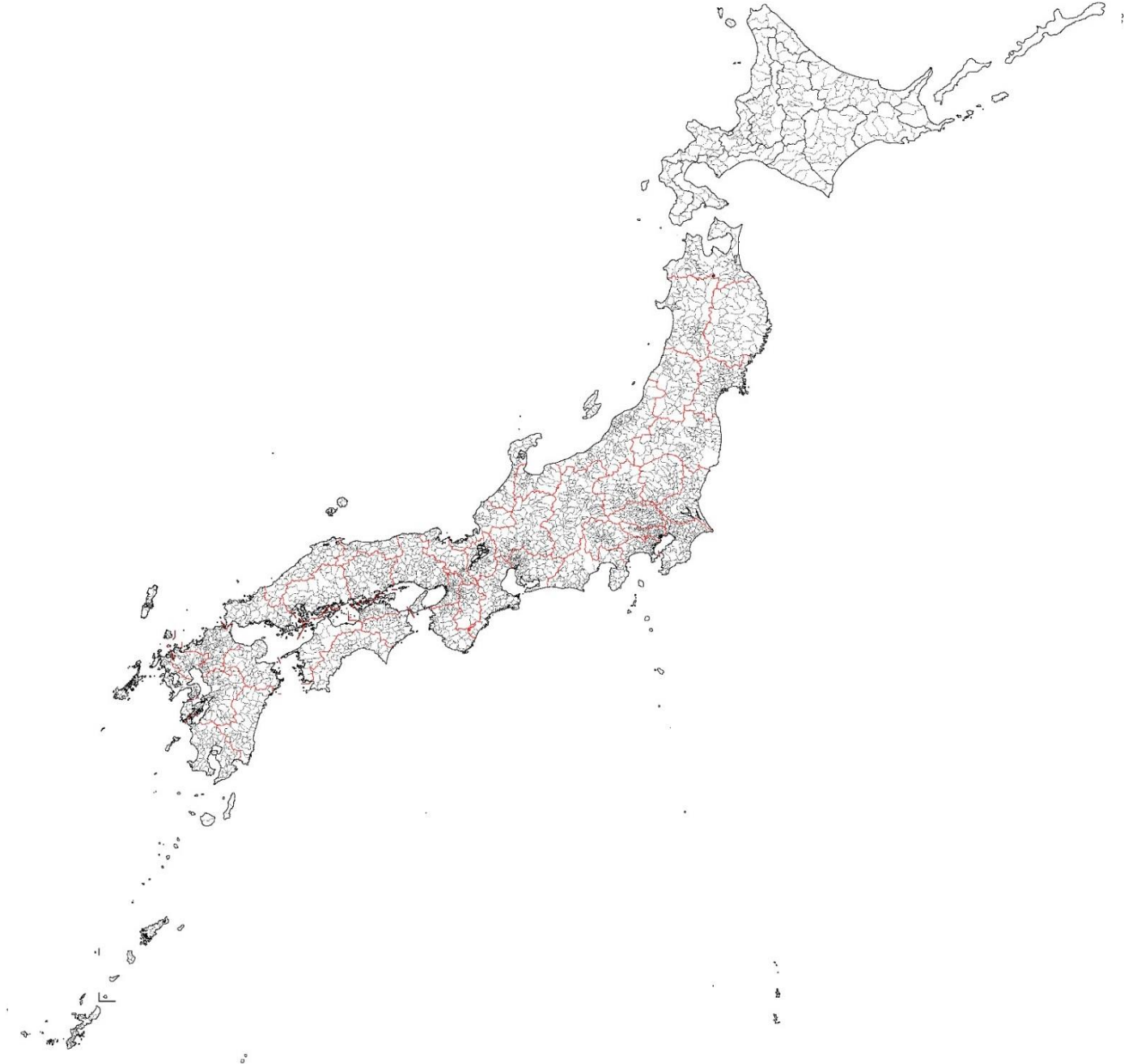
**Municipal  
Government**  
(City, Town & Village)

(AUSTRALIA)

**Commonwealth**

**State  
Government**

**Local  
Government**  
(Council, Shire..)



## Prefectures (47)

- Populations range from 600,000 to 13 million
- Incorporate wide areas covering between 15 to 179 municipalities

## Municipalities (1,741)

- Cities (790), Tokyo's special wards (23), Towns (745) & Villages (183)
- Populations range from 170 to 3.7 million
- Different responsibilities based on population



# Division of work between the national government and local regions

		Public investment	Education	Welfare	Other	Industry and economy
Local Regions	Central government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressways</li> <li>National highways (designated sections)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Universities (national university corporations)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pensions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defense</li> <li>Diplomacy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currency</li> <li>Trade</li> <li>Energy</li> </ul>
	Prefectures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National highways (other)</li> <li>Prefectural roads,</li> <li>Harbours, Forests, Rivers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior-high schools (Y10- Y12)</li> <li>Managing elementary and junior-high school <i>staff members</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health care centres</li> <li>Vocational training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urban planning, etc. (zone designation)</li> </ul>



# Municipalities

## Provide basic services and infrastructure to the community

- resident registration
- welfare & health services
- compulsory education (yrs 1-9)
- rubbish collection and disposal, recycling, environment protection
- fire & ambulance services
- community roads, water supply, sewage, cultural & recreational facilities
- city planning

\*Major cities also take on some roles and responsibilities of prefectures



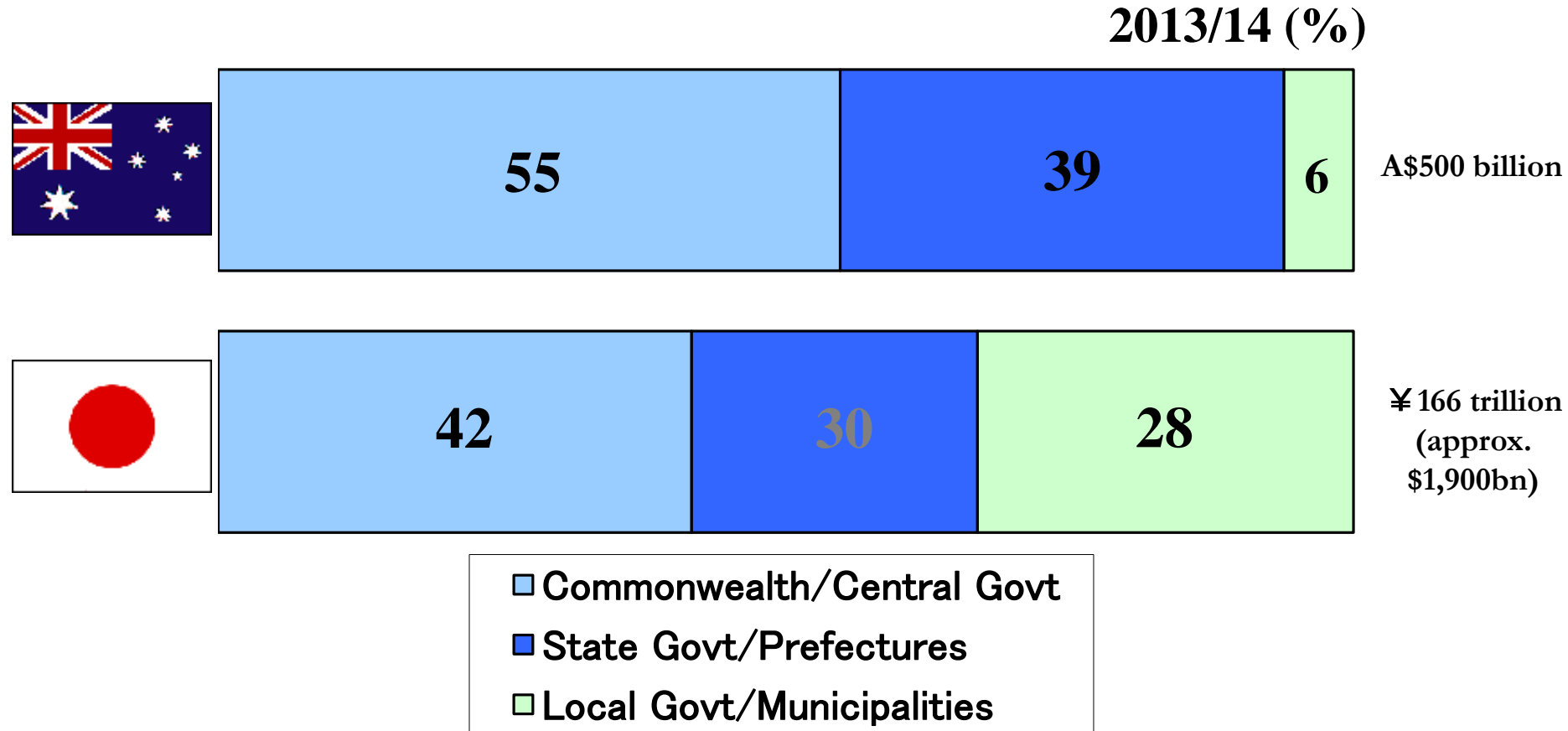
# Principle of Municipalities First

Whenever possible, service delivery should first go to the *municipalities*, then to the *prefectures*, and only when their governments cannot handle a task should it go to the *Central Government*.





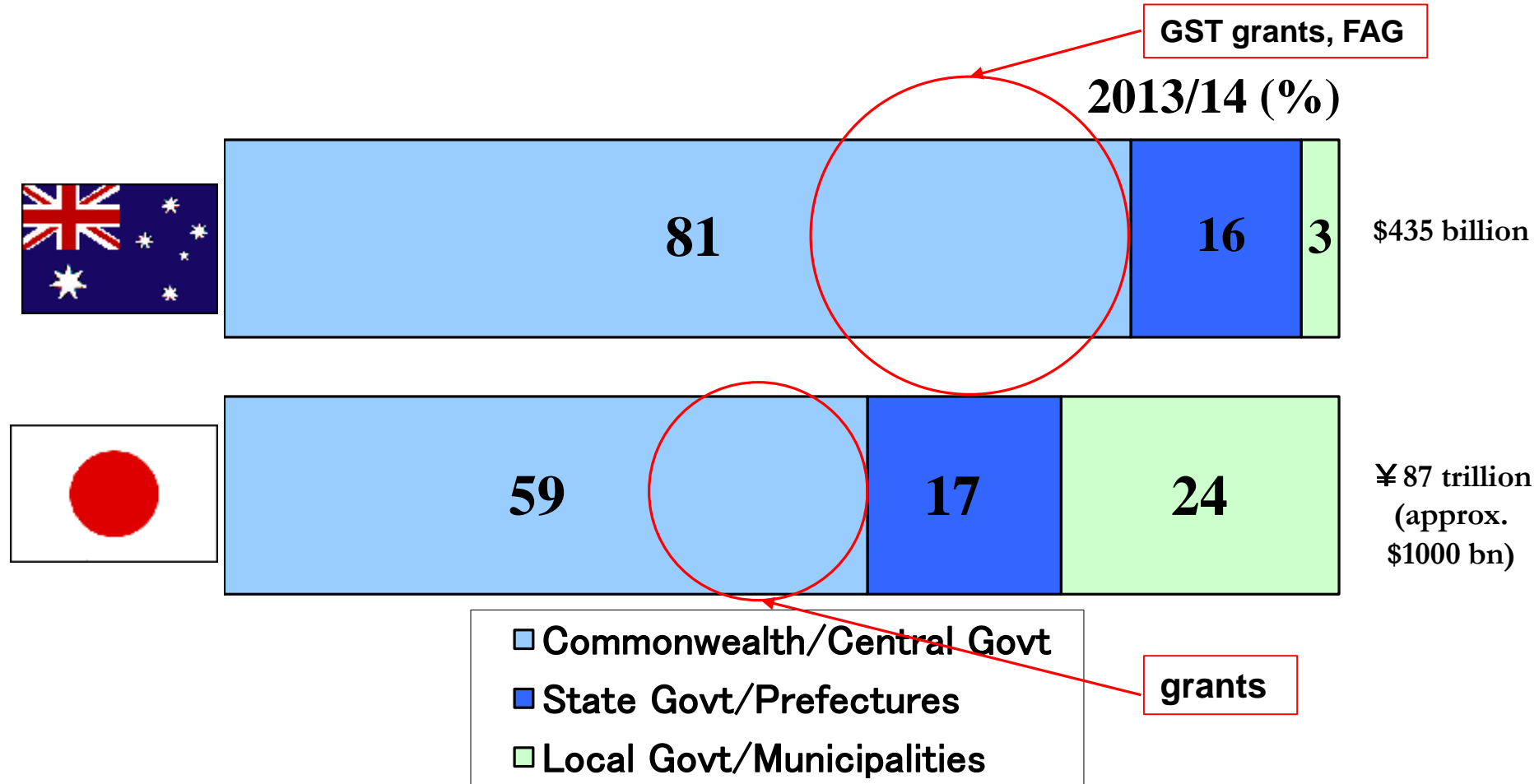
# Local Public Finance – Expenditure



Source: Based on Government Finance Statistics (ABS 5512.0) (excludes multijurisdictional expenditure). 図説日本の財政 他



# Local Public Finance – Tax Revenue



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