

Cooperation between Local Government **Tokyo & Yubari**



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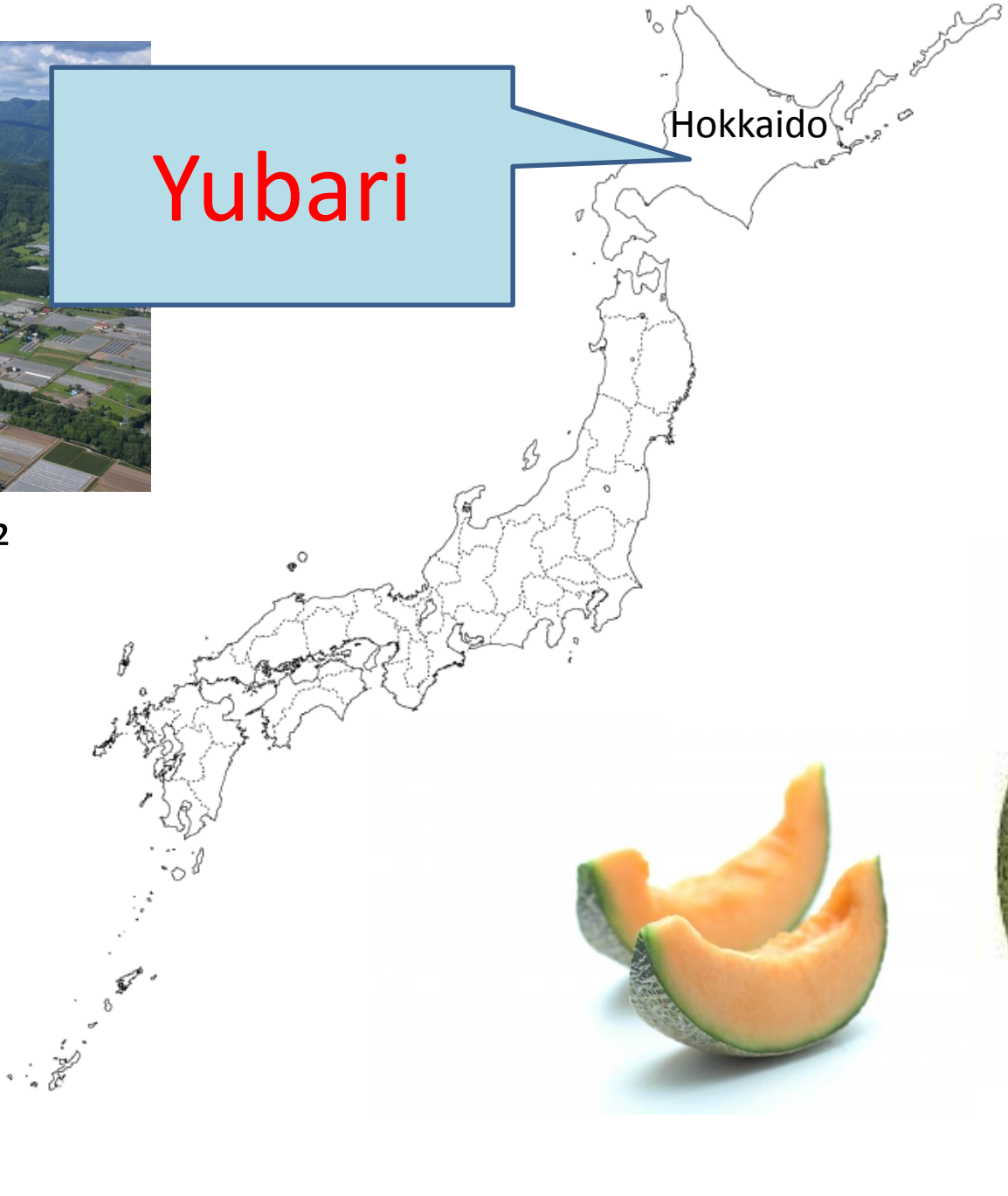
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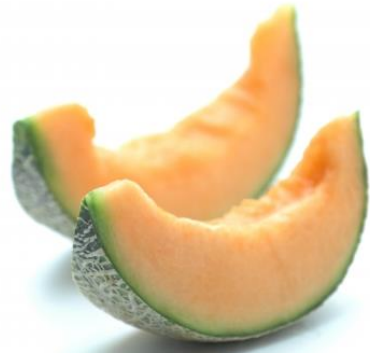




Yubari



Size of area: 763.2 km²
Population: 9,000





Yubari City Bankruptcy

Yubari City is **the only city in Japan**, which went bankrupt with a debt of 60 billion yen (**AUD 700 million**).



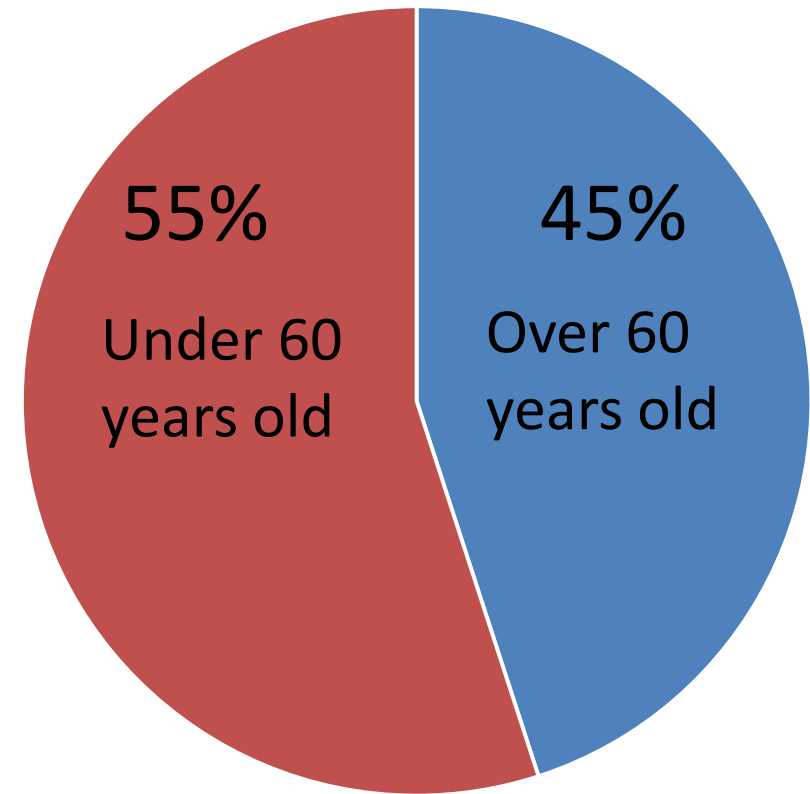
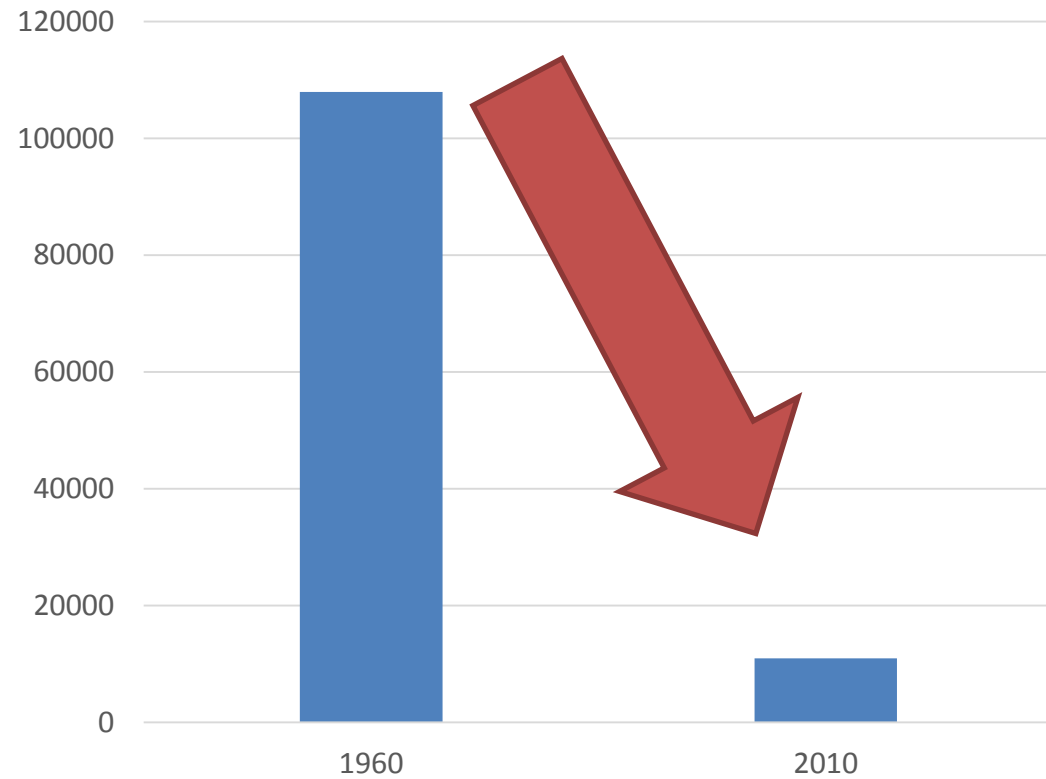
Energy policy changed from coal to oil.



Failure of tourism industry in Yubari



Population decrease and aging



Yubari City Bankruptcy

In 2006, Yubari City suffered a financial collapse with a debt of 60 billion yen (AUD 700 million).



Tokyo Metropolitan Government declared its support to Yubari for regional reactivation.



Tokyo's support to Yubari

Tokyo Metropolitan Government dispatched 2 staff members to Yubari City in 2007.

Up till 2016, more than 10 staff members have been dispatched to the city and more than 50 staff members have visited Yubari for training.





Yubari



Hokkaido

840km

Tokyo



Tokyo

Yubari

Size of area	2,188km ² (Junee 2,030km ²)	763.2 km ²
Population	13,600,000 (NSW + VIC=13,300,000)	9,000 (Junee = 6,000)
Staff members	40,000	270 (in 2006) → 100 (in 2010)
Budget	AUD 162 billion (36% of the Australian Federal Government Budget)	AUD 211 million (Newcastle AUD 220 million)

Tokyo decided to start support activities

“As public servants working in Japan’s capital, Tokyo Metropolitan Government staff must give 120% effort—100% for Tokyo and an additional 20% for all Japanese citizens and for the entire nation.”



Shintaro Ishihara
1999~2012
Governor of Tokyo



Naoki Inose
2007~2012
Vice Governor
2012~2013
Governor of Tokyo



Tokyo decided to start support activities

In January 2007,
Two junior staff members were dispatched
to Yubari.



Supporting Activities

Reopened the snow festival for the first time in five years.

Conducted research to figure out what citizens want the city to do.

Hold an exhibition on Yubari products at the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building



Mayor Inauguration

Mr Naomichi Suzuki, One of the staff members of Tokyo Metropolitan Government who was dispatched to Yubari ran for the Mayor of Yubari and be elected as the Mayor.

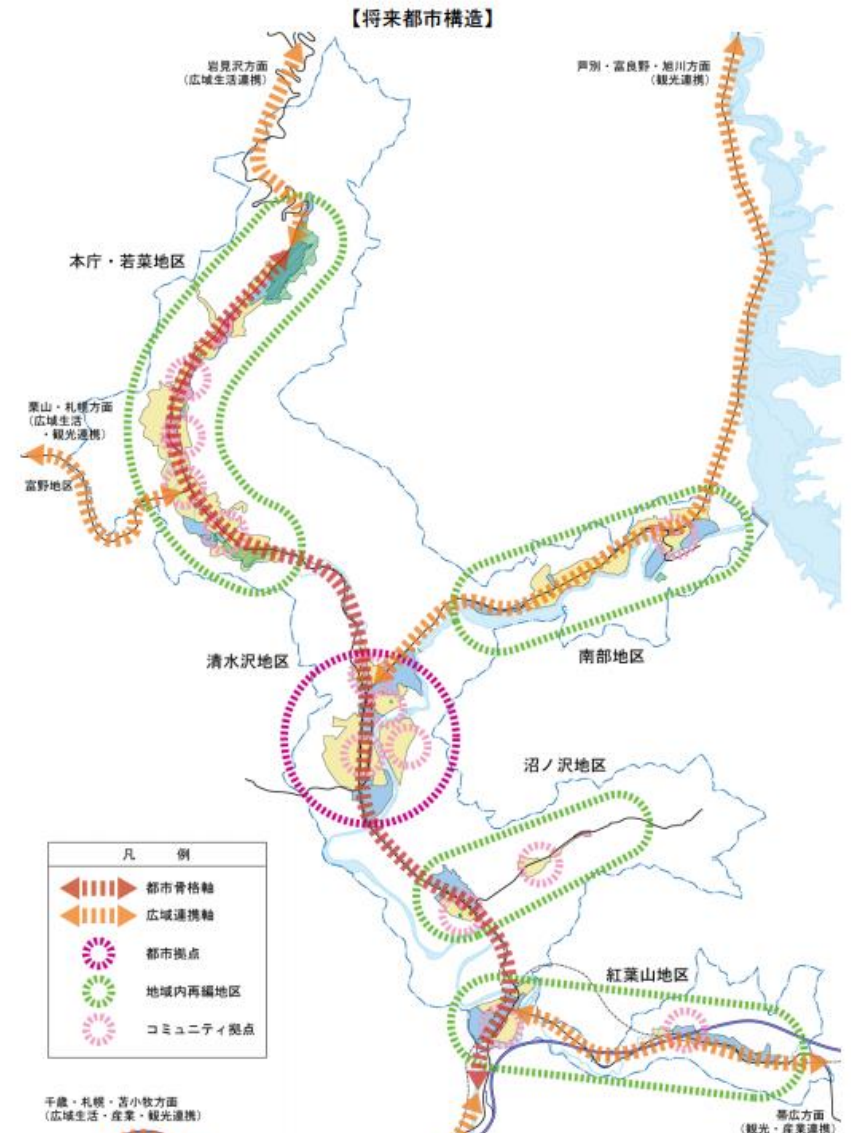


Naomichi Suzuki, Mayor of Yubari



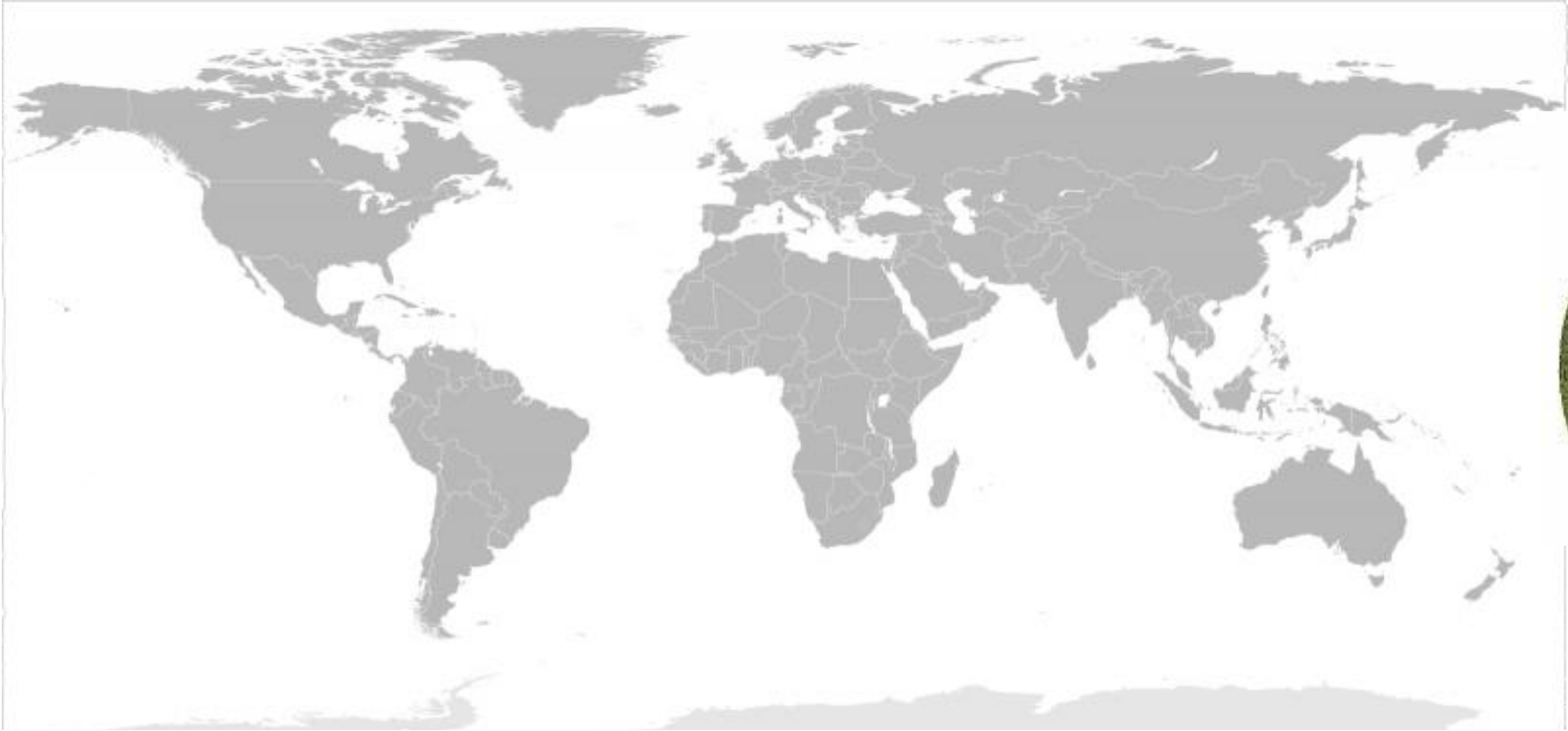
New Mayor's Policy

Integrated Compact City
Plan into the Yubari City
Planning Master Plan.



New Mayor's Policy

Started exporting Yubari melons abroad.



New Mayor's Policy

Made good use of home town tax.



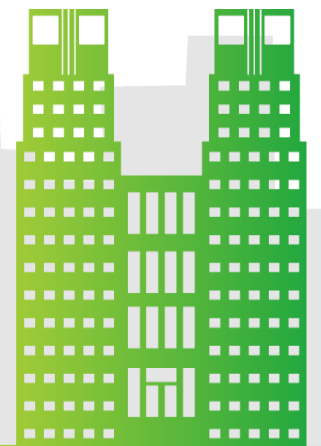
New Mayor's Policy

Enhanced relations with Tokyo.



Local Government Cooperation

Donated a bus which was used in Tokyo to Yubari.



Local Government Cooperation

Dispatch artists to Yubari to hold art or music events.



Local Government Cooperation

Dispatch firefighters to Yubari and help to clear snow,
exchange opinions with firefighters in Yubari.



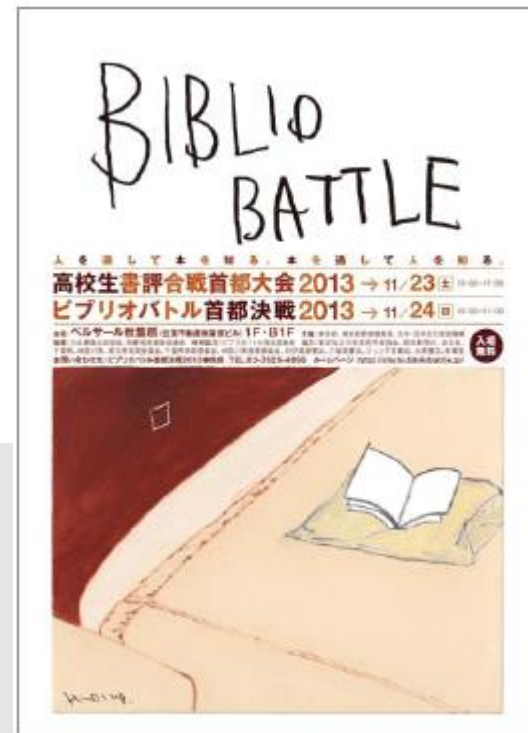
Local Government Cooperation

Send Tokyo Metropolitan Institute High School students to Yubari and interact with students in Yubari.



Local Government Cooperation

Invite students from Yubari to the Book review event held in Tokyo.



Local Government Cooperation

Sell a bottle of water and donate 5 yen (AUD 6 cents) to Yubari for each purchase.



Yubari City's Debt

Up to today, Yubari City has paid more than one-third of debt.



夕張市の借金時計 全会計

● 再生振替特例債償還終了年月は
2027年3月です。あと 3696日 です。

● 借金時計の現在時は
2017年2月15日 20時 23分 3秒 です。

● 夕張市の市債(借金)の残高は

380 億 **4112** 万 **7409** 円 です。

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再生振替特例債のみ

左記市民一人あたり

一般会計(再生振替特例債含む)

左記市民一人あたり

全会計(一般会計+特別会計+企業会計)

左記市民一人あたり

🕒 一時間あたり 約 **9万 1424円** 減っていきます。

🕒 一秒あたり 約 **25円** 減っていきます。



The Merits of Cooperation for Tokyo

Staff members become more aware of financial affairs and risks.

Staff members can get ideas through the experience in Yubari and the interaction with people in Yubari.





THANK YOU

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