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# Case Studies and Lessons Learned from Bike-sharing Programs in Japan

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1. Background
2. Management System of Bike-sharing
3. Case Studies in Japan
4. Conclusion

# 1. Background Bike-sharing

- environmentally friendly public transportation
- rent from one port and return to any other port



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# 1. Background



Generation	Components	Characteristics
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>No Tech</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bicycles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Distinct colors</li> <li>▪ No docking stations</li> <li>▪ Bicycles unlocked</li> <li>▪ Free of charge</li> </ul>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>Low Tech</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bicycles</li> <li>▪ Docking Stations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Distinct bicycles</li> <li>▪ Specific docking stations</li> <li>▪ Bicycles have locks</li> </ul>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>High &amp; Smart Tech</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bicycles</li> <li>▪ Docking Stations</li> <li>▪ Kiosks / User Interface Tech.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Distinct bicycles</li> <li>▪ Specific docking stations</li> <li>▪ Bicycles have locks</li> <li>▪ Electric bicycles with solar power</li> <li>▪ Mobile phones &amp; smart cards</li> </ul>

# 1. Background



## Research Questions

1. Why are there so many different bike-sharing systems around the world?
2. What is necessary for success in Japan?

## Hypothesis



1. Funding and revenue streams differ by venue
2. In Japan, integration with other related policies is crucial.
3. NPOs play vital roles under the integrated policies

## 2. Management

### Suppliers and Operators



Source: each homepage



**bixi**



**CLEARCHANNEL**



**B cycle**



**BICI IN CITTA'**



**next bike**



**JCDecaux**

System & Supplier	Example
Cyclocity by JCDecaux	France, Australia, Belgium, Ireland, Spain etc
Smart Bike by Clear Channel	France, Norway, Spain, Mexico, Japan etc
Bixi	Canada, USA, UK
Next Bike	Germany, Austria
B-Cycle	USA
Bicincittà'	Italy, Spain

## 2. Management



City (Since)	Bike	Port	Operators
Paris, France (2007)	20600	1451	JCDecaux
Barcelona, Spain (2007)	6000	400	Clearchannel
London, U.K. (2010)	6000	400	Bixi
Lyon, France (2005)	4000	340	JCDecaux
Washington, U.S.A (2010)	1100	114	Local government & private
Rennes, France (2009)	900	81	Public transport agency
Denver, U.S.A. (2010)	600	40	Local government company & NPO
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (2010)	194	19	Private company
Toyama, Japan (2010)	150	15	MCDcaux
Kitakyushu, Japan (2010)	116	10	K-TMN
Alessandria, Italy (2008)	74	6	Bicincitta'

## 2. Management



City	Staff	# of Bike		# of Port		Daily users	
		Total	Per staff member	Total	Per staff member	Average	Per staff member
Paris	400	20600	52	1451	3.6	70000	175
Lyon	40	4000	100	250	6.3	15000	375
Rennes	4	200	50	25	6.3	320	80
Kita kyushu	5	116	23	10	2	25	5



Only Electric-assisted bicycles

## 2. Management



### Business Models - For profits

- Provide profitable bike-sharing services with minimal government involvement
- Public-private partnership
- Government subsidies
- Member/nonmember usage fee

Provider	Revenue Sources	Program Example
Advertising Company	Advertising funding from city street furniture, billboards, bikes, and BS stations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SmartBike (U.S.)</li><li>• Cyclocity (France)</li></ul>
Public Transport Agencies	Ads on bikes and BS stations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hangzhou Public Bicycle (China)</li><li>• Call a Bike (Germany)</li></ul>

(Revised by Authors based on the source: S. Shaheen, S. Guzman, and H. Zhang 2010) <sup>9</sup>

## 2. Management



### Local gov't or NPO initiative Models

- Public-private partnership
- Government subsidies
- Member/nonmember usage fee

Provider	Standard Operating Model	Program Example
Local Government / Public Authority	Directly design and operate a BS program for the well being of cities or a local gov't purchases BS services provided by others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Bikes (Denmark)</li> <li>• Bicincittà (Italy)</li> <li>• Nubija (South Korea)</li> <li>• YouBike (Taiwan)</li> <li>• Shanghai Public Bicycle (China)</li> </ul>
Non-Profit	Provide BS services with the support of public agencies or local councils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BIXI (Canada)</li> <li>• Hourbike (UK)</li> <li>• Wuhan Public Bicycle (China)</li> <li>• City Bike (Kitakyushu)</li> </ul>



### 3. Case studies in Japan



# of bicycles

5000000

4500000

4000000

3500000

3000000

2500000

2000000

1500000

1000000

500000

0

1977

1981

1985

1989

1993

1997

2001

2005

2009

As of 2008, 208 cities have 388 **rental bicycle stations** and 21977 **rental bicycles** near train stations(Cabinet Office 2008).

— Bicycle parking capacity

Provision of  
Bicycle parking lots  
&  
Rental bicycle  
service

or

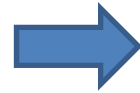
# 3. Case studies in Japan



## Japan's History

### First – Kurume City “Light Blue Bikes”

1<sup>st</sup> generation bike-sharing (manual) like “white Bike” in Netherlands



**Unsuccessful**



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**In recent days...** projects and many public experiments began

### Toyama

- Well-known French system (MCDcaux)



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### Setagaya, Tokyo

- Sanyo's electric bicycles & solar parking lots



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### Kyoto

- With mobile phone company (Softbank)
- Point card “Felica”
- IT “Twitter”



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### Kitakyushu

- Integration of car-sharing & bike-sharing system
- Electric bicycles
- Eco-point ▪ Reeducation



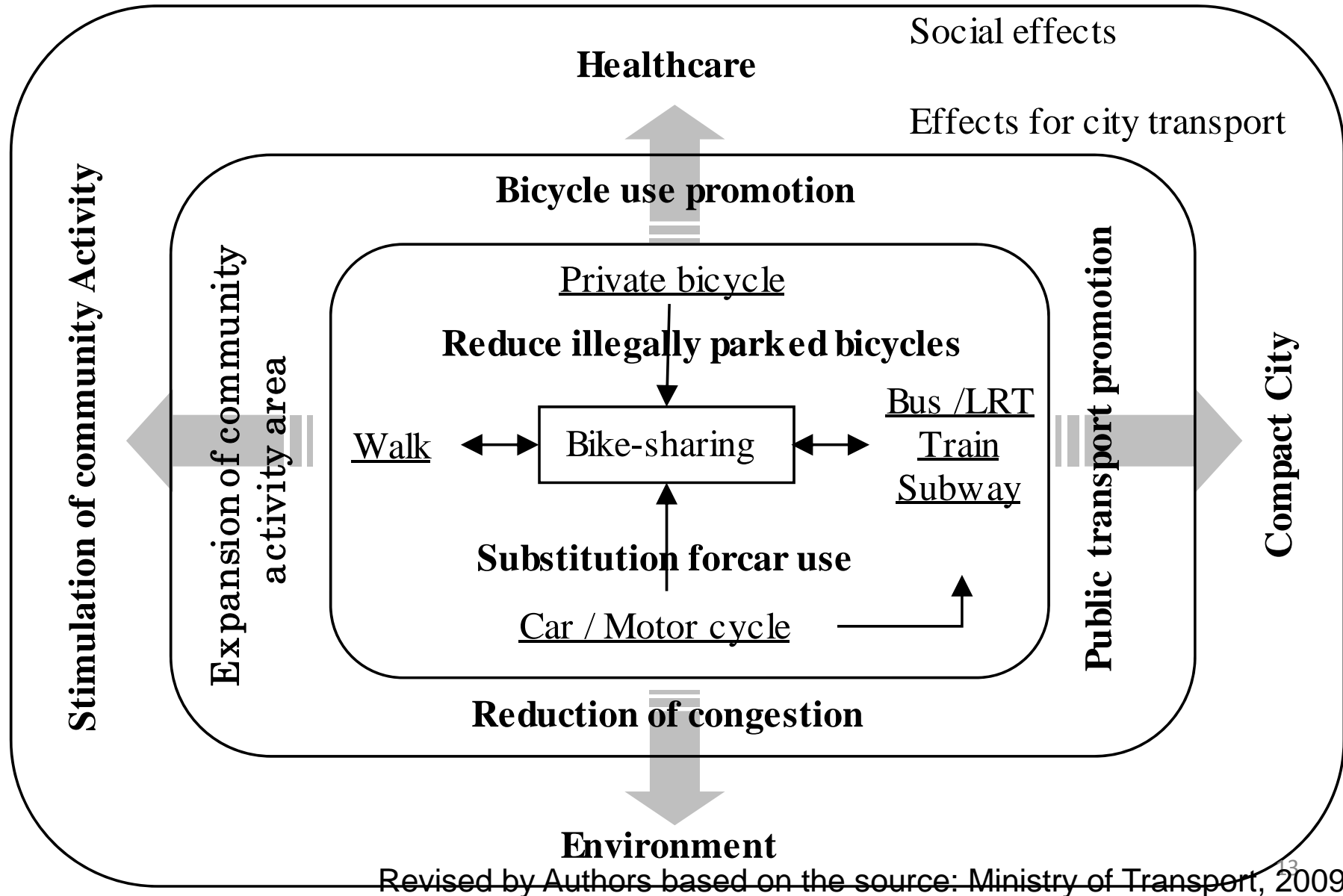
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### 3. Cases in Japan

#### Expected effects of bike-sharing system





### 3. Case studies in Japan



City	Since	Ports	Bikes	Notes
Edogawa (E Cycle)	2009	3	400	
Setagaya (Gayarin)	2010	3	108	Run by <b>NPO</b> : Electric assisted bikes, rental cycle, bicycle parking & solar charging
Yokohama	2011	10	100	
Toyama (Cyclocity)	2010	15	150	Run by <b>Advertising company</b>
Kyoto (Minaport)	2010	4	90	Bicycle parking lots
Sakai	2010	4	450	
Hiroshima (Norincycle)	2011	10	150	
Kitakyushu (City Bike)	2010	11	116	Run by <b>NPO</b> : Electric-assisted bikes, bicycle parking lots, bike-related education, rental cycle, car-sharing, Ecopoint & solar charging
Naha	2006	6	50	Run by <b>NPO</b> : Electric assisted bikes & rental
Sapporo (Porocle)	2011	7	50	



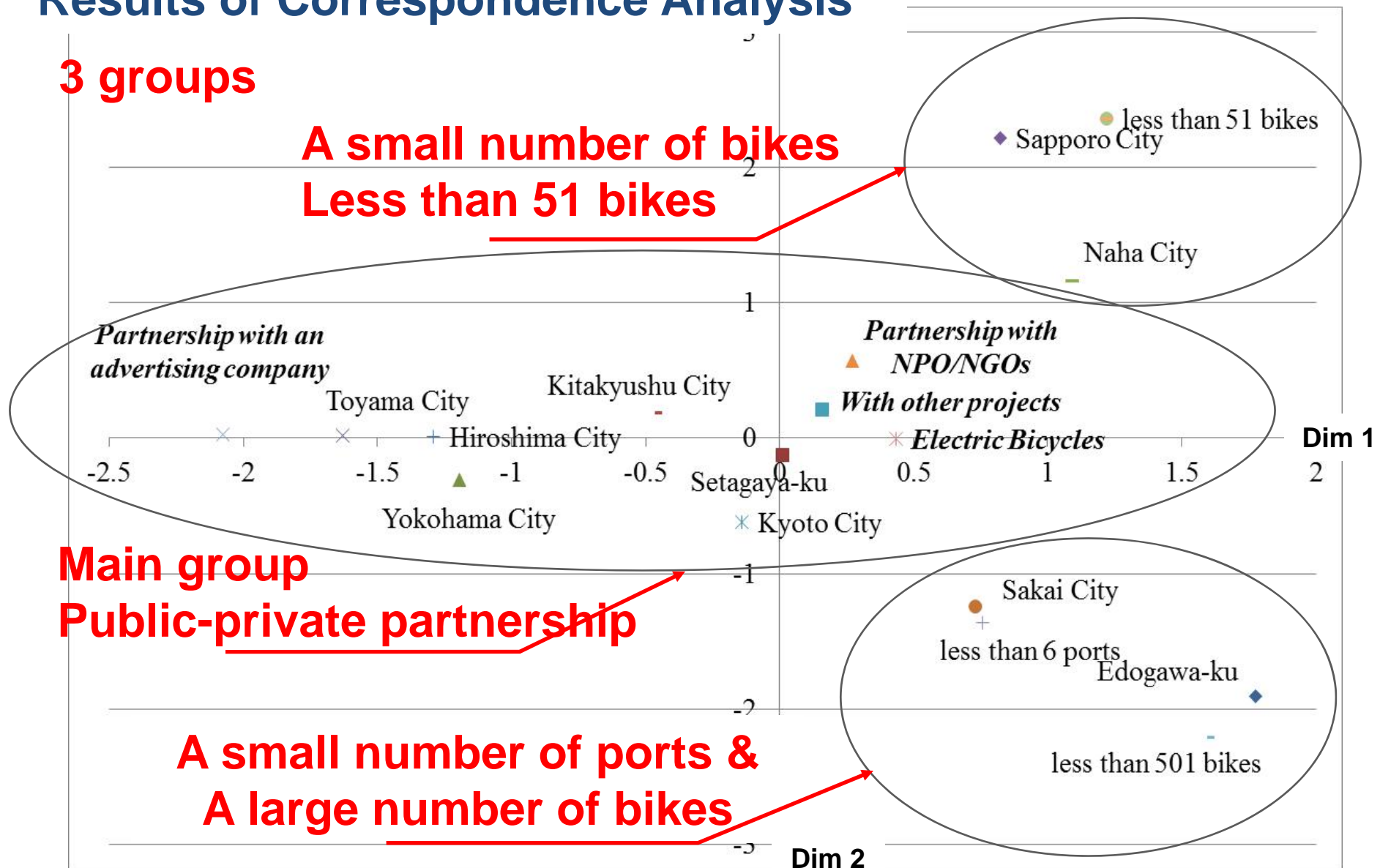
### 3. Case studies in Japan

#### Results of Correspondence Analysis



**3 groups**

**A small number of bikes  
Less than 51 bikes**





### 3. Case studies in Japan



		Setagaya ,Tokyo	Toyama	Kitakyushu
Provider		Local Government	Local Government/ Cyclocity	NPO K-TMN
Management		Setagaya-ku Silver Jinzai Center	Local Government/ Cyclocity	NPO K-TMN
Bikes		Bikes: 108 Ports: 3	Bikes: 150 Ports: 15	Bikes: 116 Ports:11
Cost	Capital	\88,000,000	\150,000,000	\116,590,000
	Manage- ment	\15,600,000 /5years		\500,000/ month
Revenue Source		▪ Subsidies ▪ Usage Fee	▪ Subsidies ▪ Usage Fee ▪ Advertising	▪ Subsidies ▪ Usage Fee

# 3. Case studies in Japan

## Setagaya-ku



Setagaya-ku



Service Contract

Furniture Contract

Sanyo's Energy Policy & Local NPO

Setagaya Seniors' Human Resource Center

Technical Operability

**SANYO**

Source: Sanyo's website

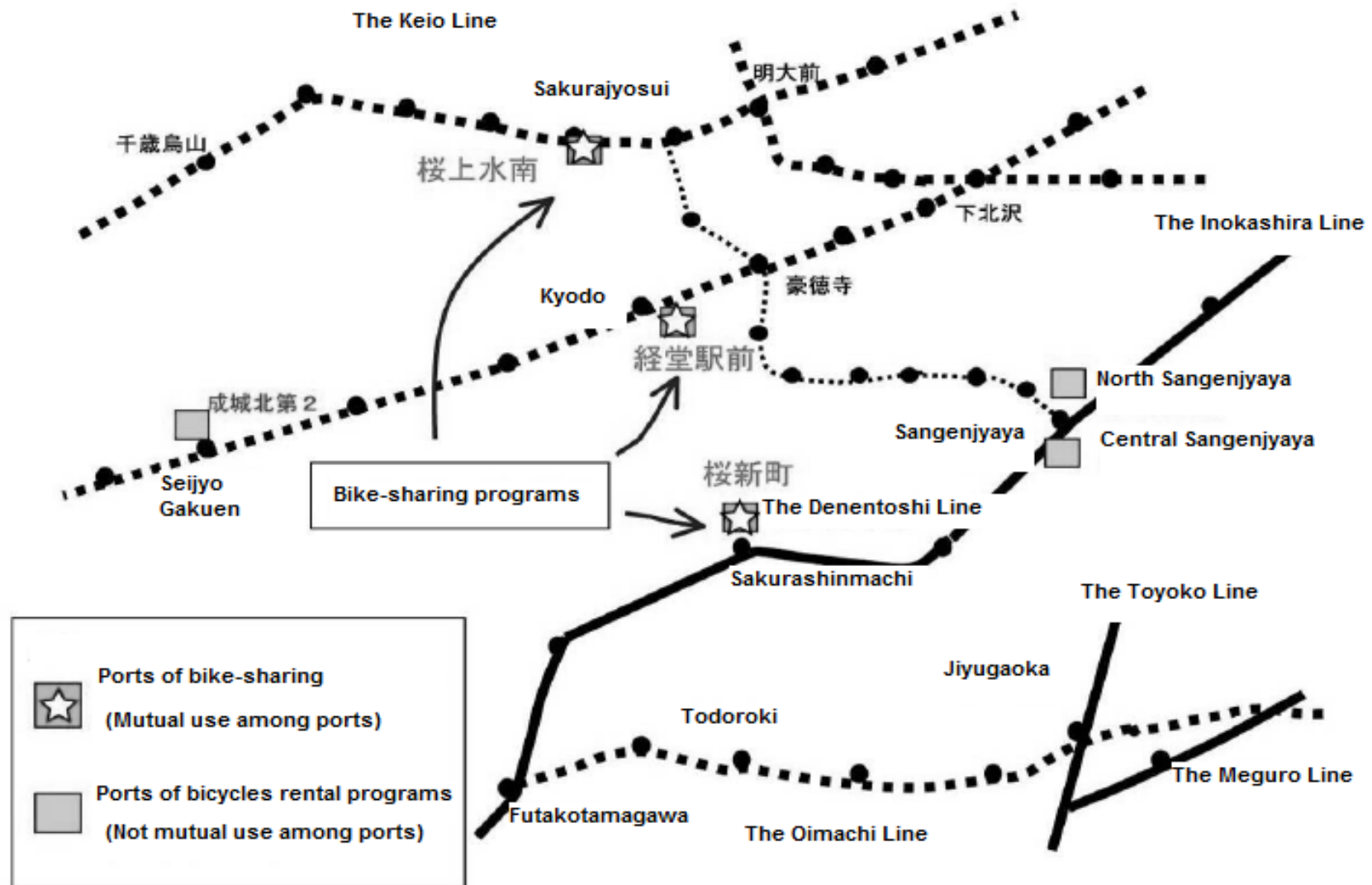
**SANYO's "Smart Energy System"** Electric Bicycles & Solar Parking lots



Pictures: taken by Authors

# 3. Case studies in Japan

## Setagaya-ku



# 3. Case studies in Japan

## Kitakyushu



NPO  
Town Mobile  
Network  
Kitakyushu

Technical Operability

Management



Electric Bicycles

Locker, Battery



Car-sharing



Mobility for older people



Reeducation



Bicycle Manners



Parking



Eco Points projects



Cycle tour





### 3. Case studies in Japan



Japan Railway (JR)  
Nishi Kokura Station  
( 8 bikes )



Mobility Center

( Kokura: 7 ports 92 bikes,  
Higashida: 3 ports 24 bikes )

24 hours auto  
management system

World 1st



JR Kokura North ( 8 bikes )



JR Kokura South ( 20  
bikes )



City plaza ( 8  
bikes )



Total 92 bikes



City ward ( 20 bikes )



Kita-ku ward ( 20  
bikes )



Municipal center ( 8  
bikes )



**CITY BIKE**

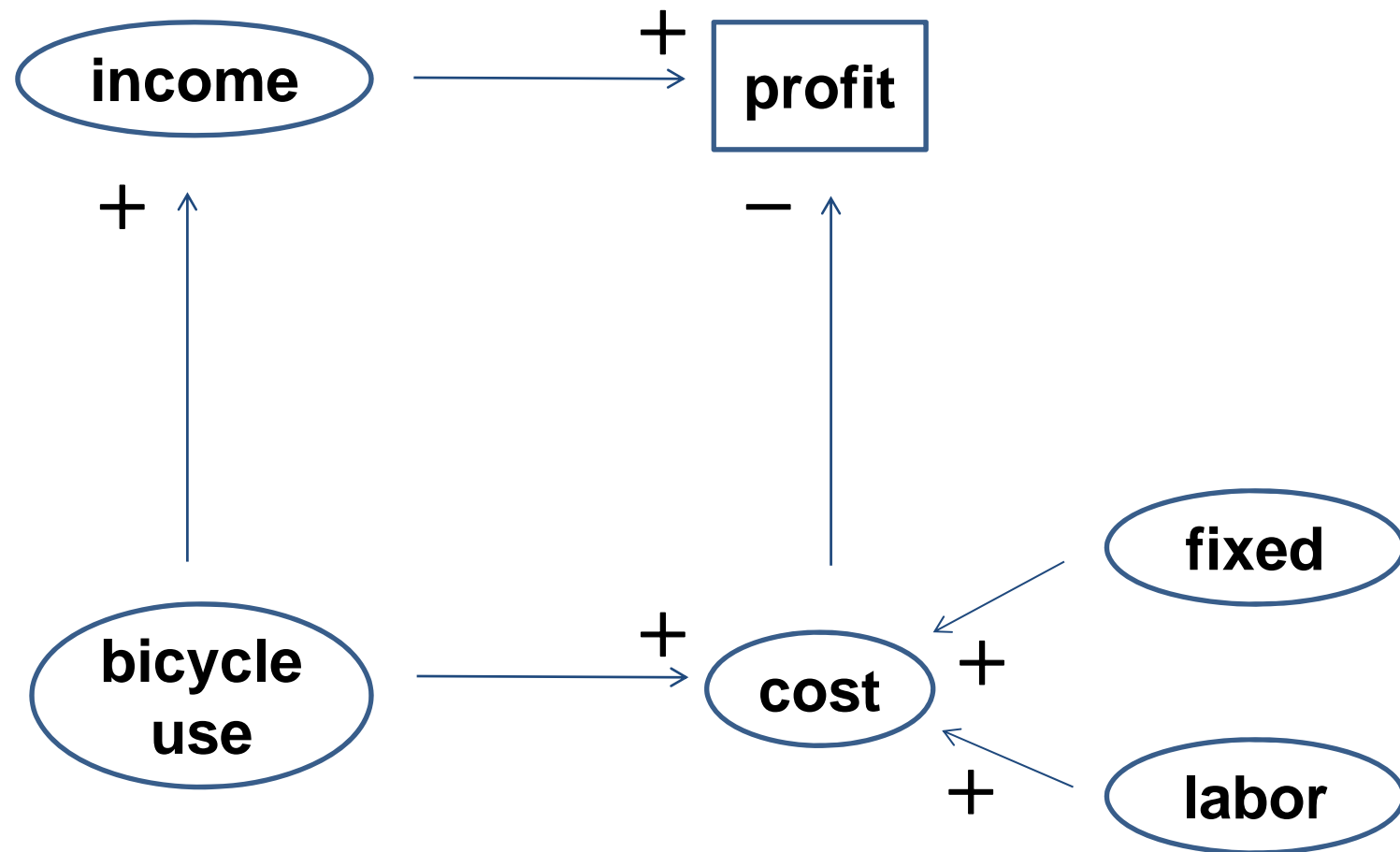
Since March 27, 2010

Less than 1 km

## 4. Conclusion



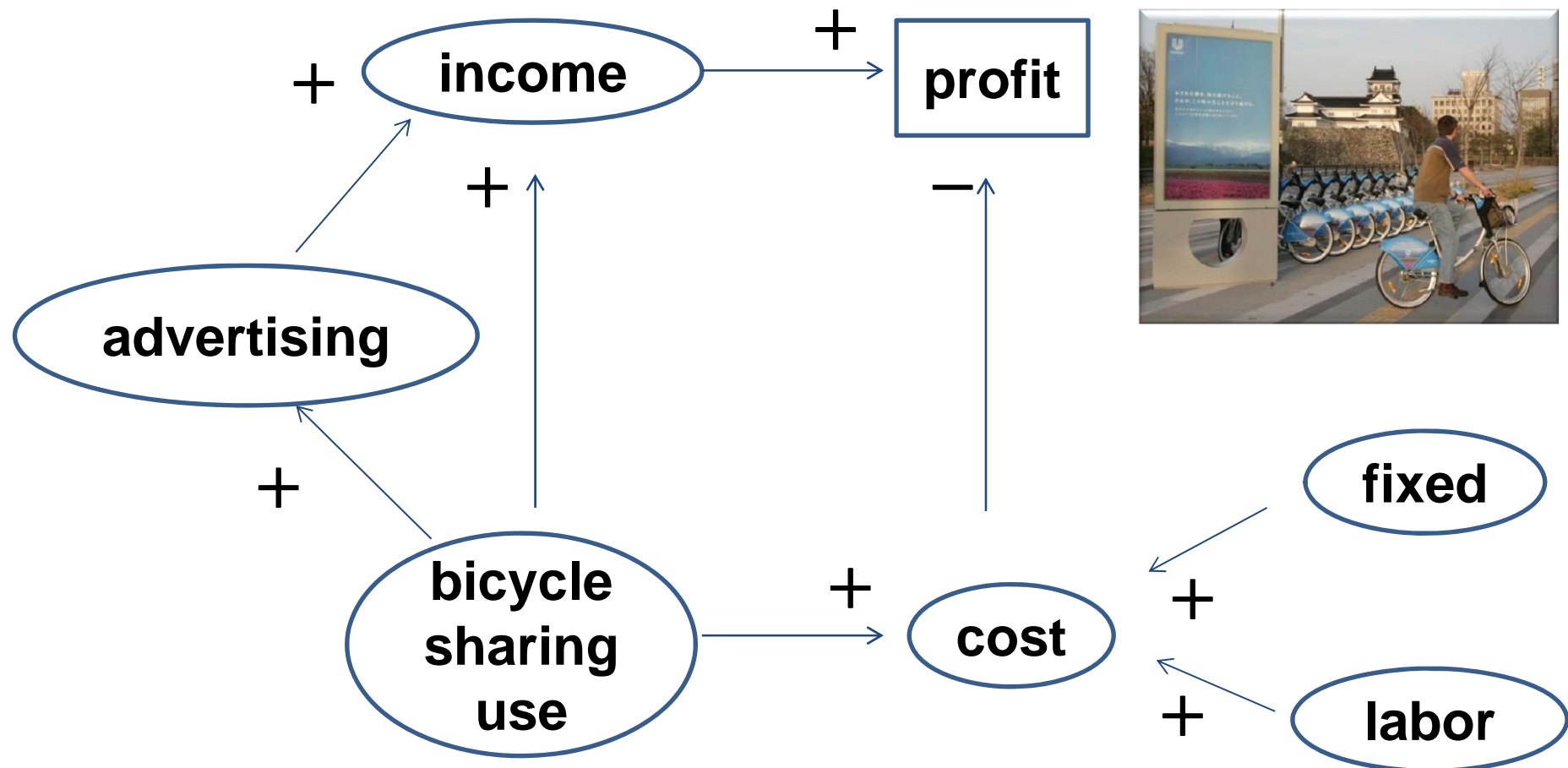
### Public Bicycle Programs Business Models



## 4. Conclusion



### Public Bicycle Program Business Model (Integration with Advertising)





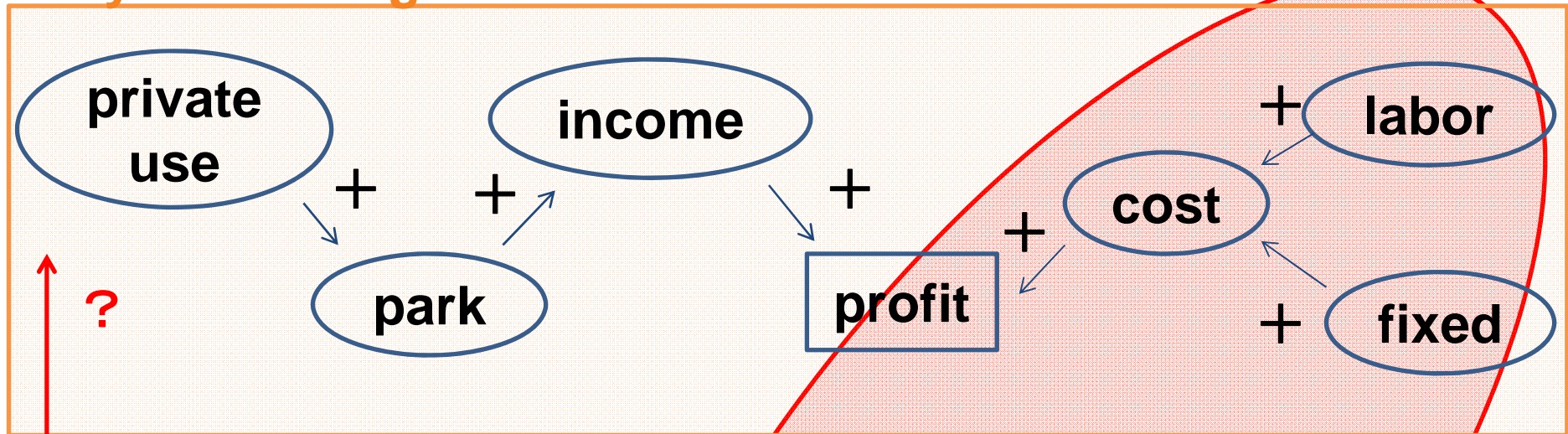
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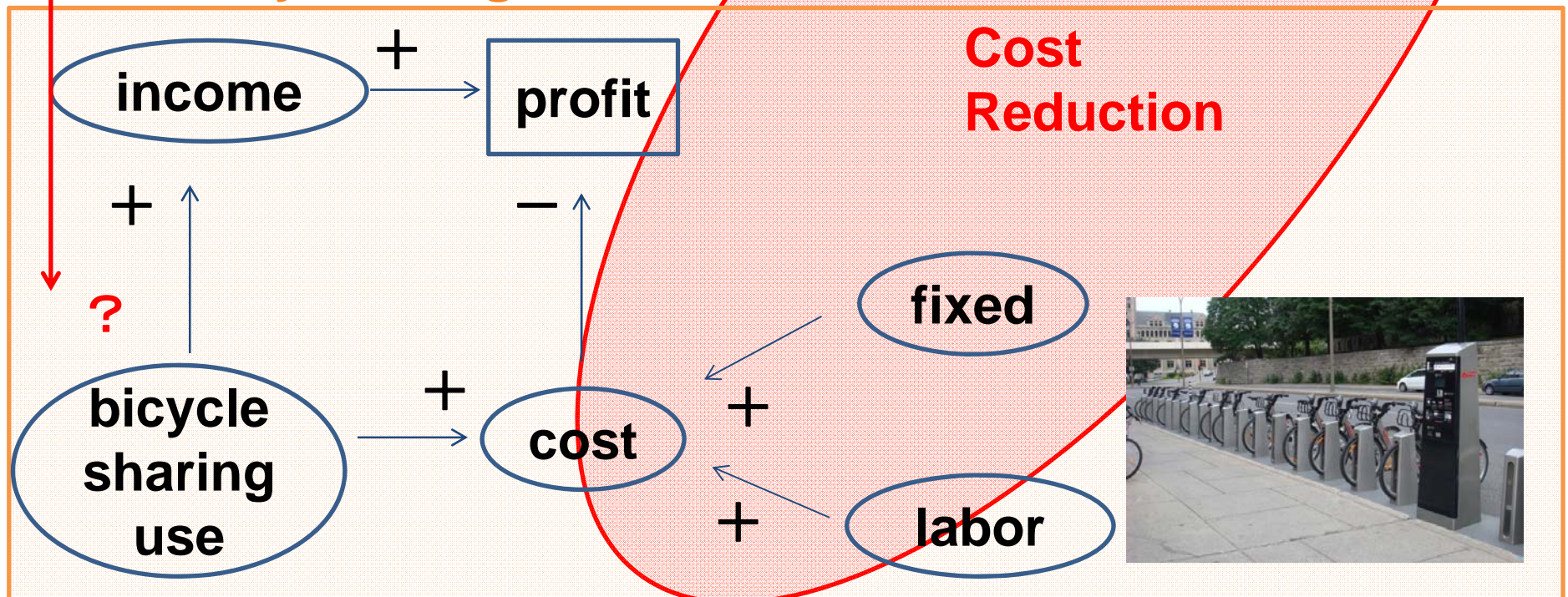
# Public Bicycle Program

## Business Model (Integration with Bicycle Parking)

## Bicycle Parking Lots



## Public Bicycle Program



## Non-profit

Promotion of  
Environmentally  
Friendly Action

Re-education  
of Traffic  
Rules

Reduction of  
Illegally  
Parked  
Bicycles

Revitalization  
of Local Area

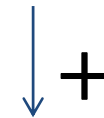
Cycle  
Tour

## Bicycle Parking Lots

private  
use



park



income



profit



cost

labor



fixed



## Public Bicycle Program

electric  
assisted  
bicycle  
sharing



## 4. Conclusion



### **Statistical analysis, and interview field work**

1. Advertising business model is globally well-known, but it is not applicable to all cities, especially in Japan.
2. Integrated strategies: important in terms of finance, sharing new tech., education & local community's activity, especially in Japan
3. Cooperation between Local authorities, companies and NPOs: necessary for integrated strategies

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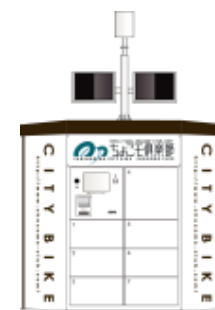
NPO Town Mobile Network Kitakyushu

Associated with Kitakyushu City

# Kitakyushu Community Cycle

## CITY BIKE

CITY BIKE Cycle Port

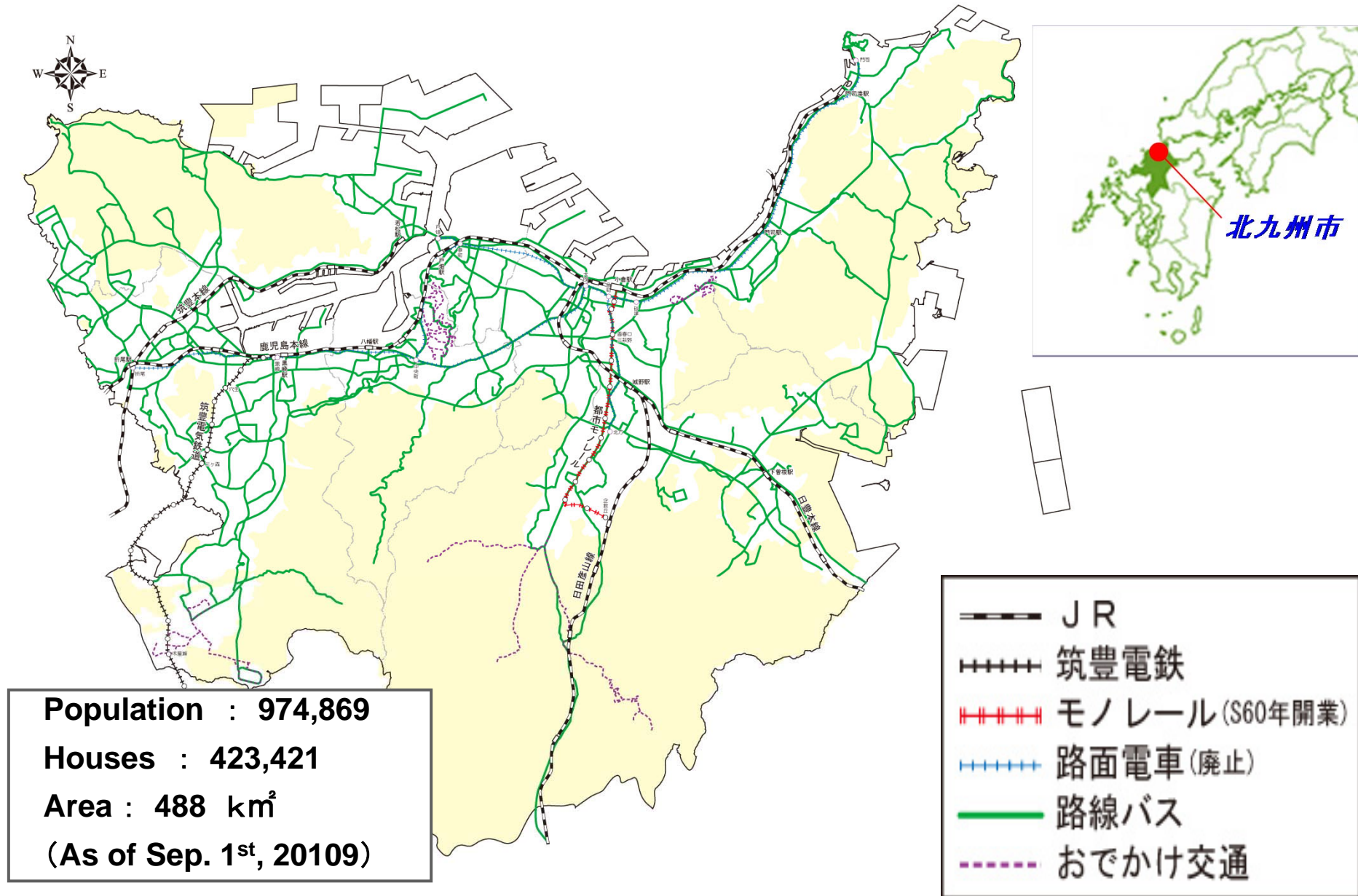


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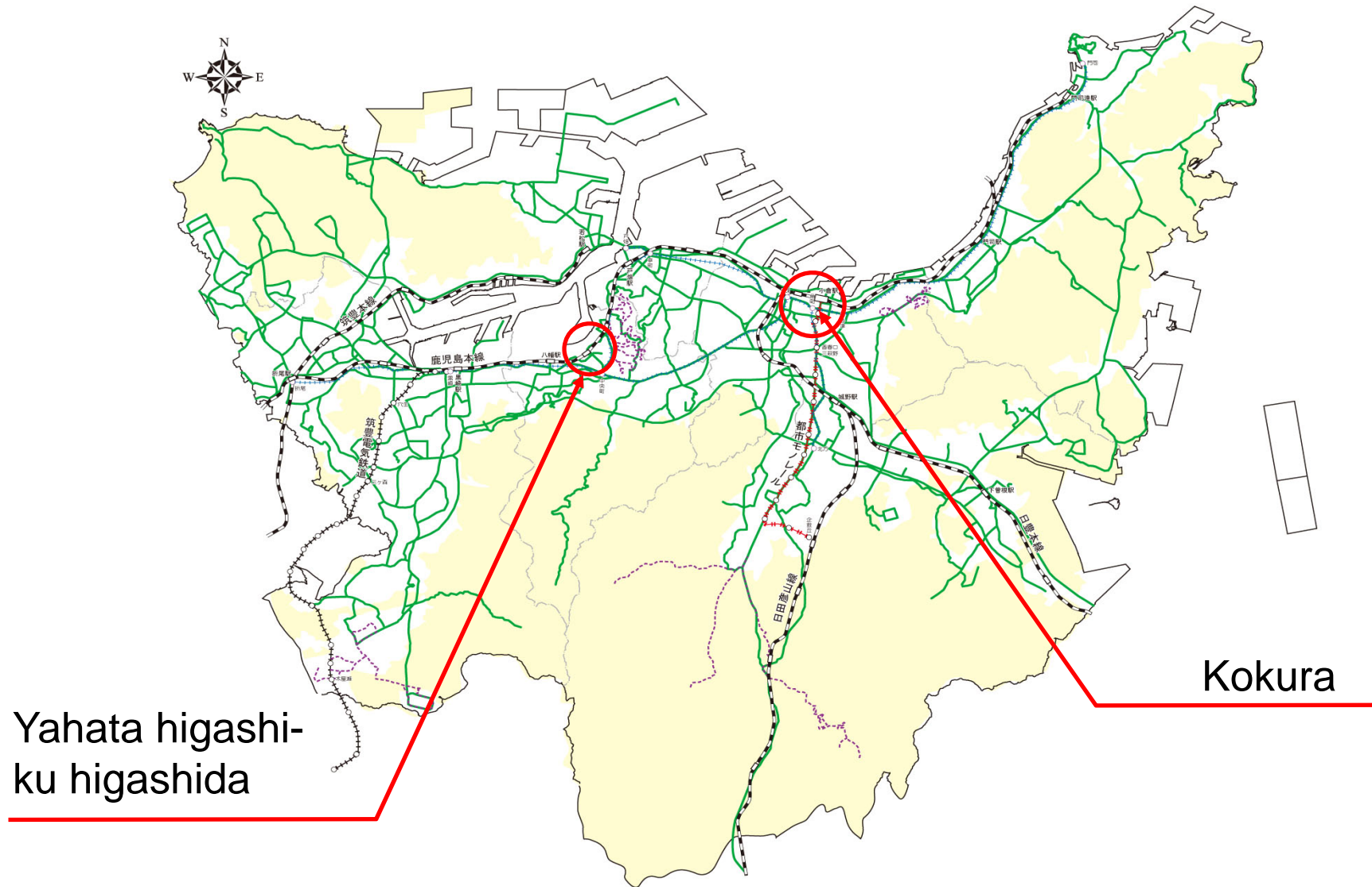


Electric Assistant Bicycle

# Kitakyushu City



# Map





# City Bike Management System

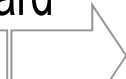
## Bike-sharing with Electric Assistant Bicycles

### Management Machine

Operation



Insert a card



Let's see if it's available...

## Auto Management System



### Manual

1. Select "Menu" on a touch panel
2. Insert a card
3. Take a key and a battery
4. Unlock a bicycle



### Merits of CITY BIKE

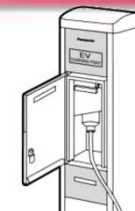
Environmental-friendly

24 hour Auto Management

Easy Operation

Reduce illegally parking bicycles

Reduce car parking lots



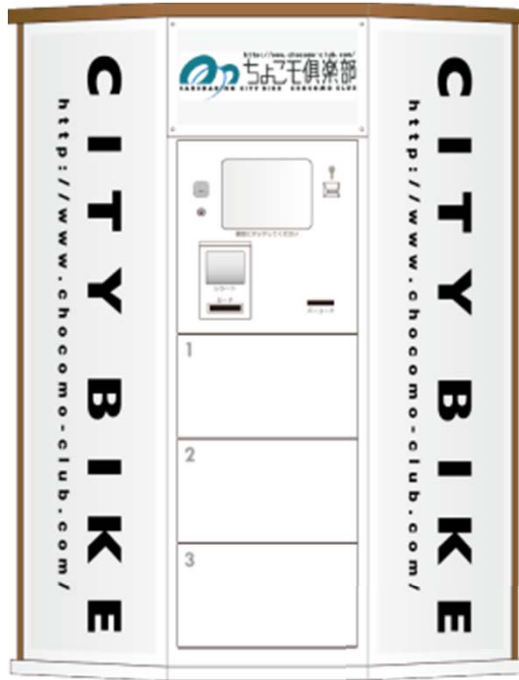
Applicable to EV charging

Same operation to return

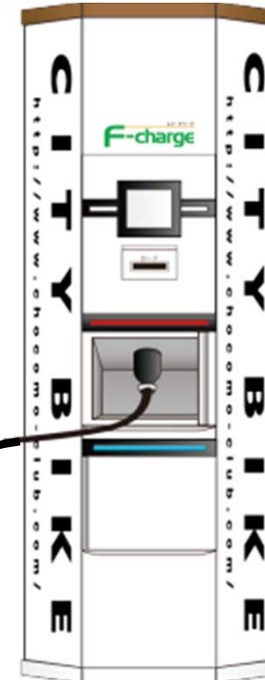
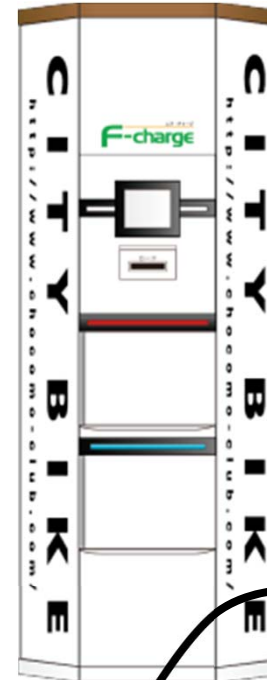


# Future vision of Mobility Center

## ●Mobility Center



Front



Side



Shopping E V Cart



City Bike



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日産リーフ



マイクロモビリティ

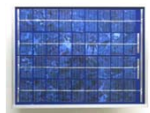
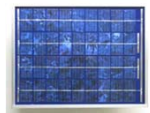
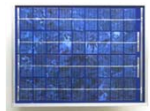
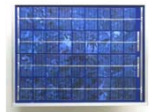
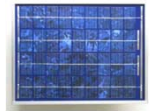
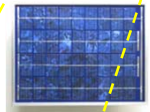


E V Community Vehicle



# Disaster emergency power supply

# CITY BIKE

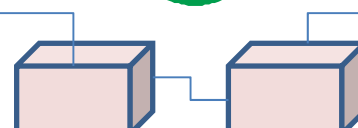
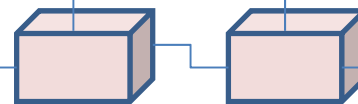
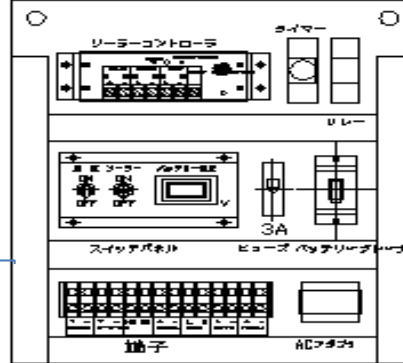


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W1,424 H894 D35

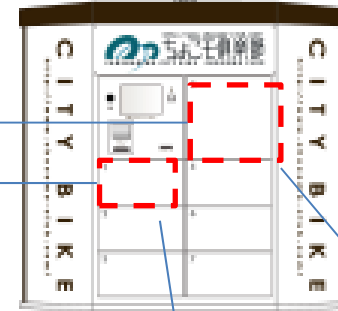
Power source  
100V



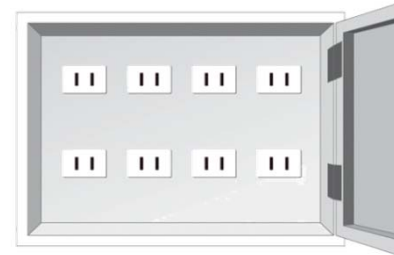
F-solar Controller



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City Bike Management System



Emergency power socket



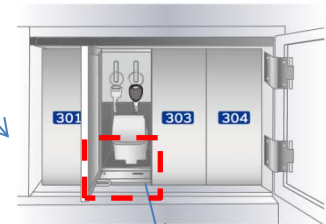
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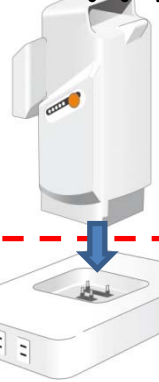
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Electric Assistant Bicycle



Auto Charging System



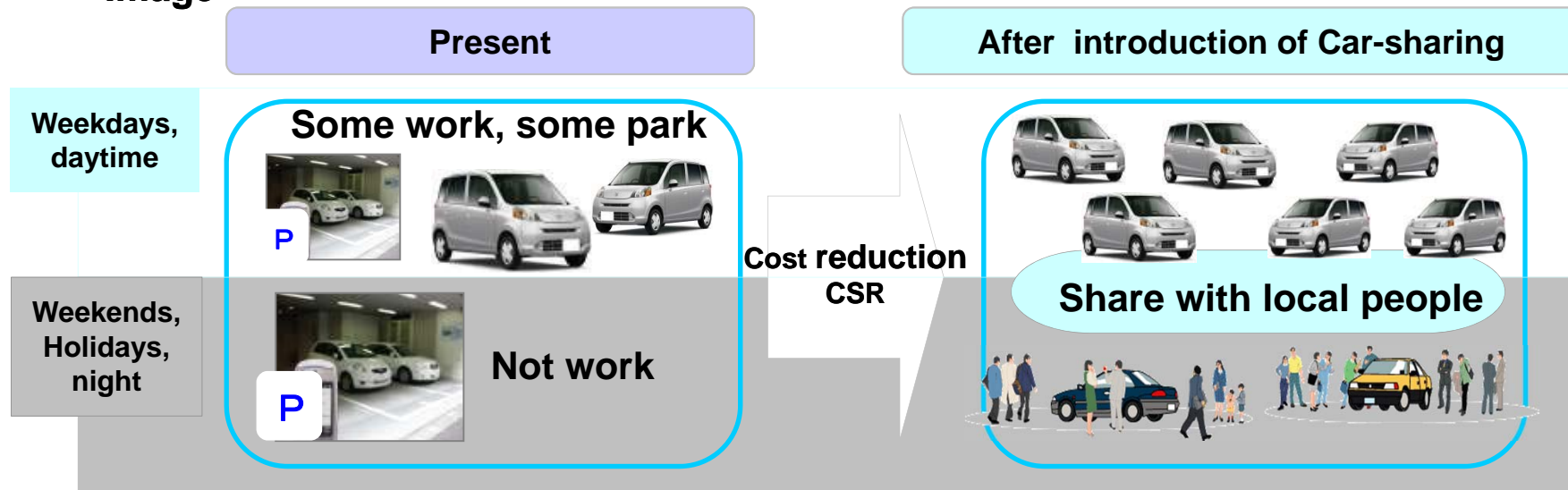
Bicycle Battery Charging System

Emergency Mobile Power Source

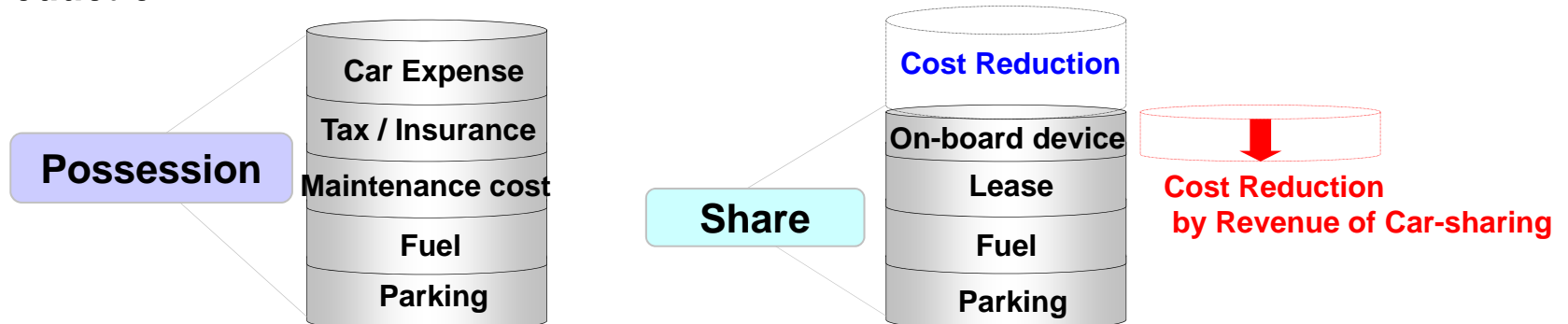
# Car-sharing for city official vehicles or commercial cars

- Effective utilization of city official vehicles and commercial cars by car-sharing.
- Sharing these cars especially, weekends and holidays, with local people
- Purchasing hybrid cars or EVs by an amount of cost reduction.

## ■ Image



## ■ Cost reduction





# Usage fee and incentive points (eco point)

## ● Fee

☆☆☆☆ Usage Fee ☆☆☆☆

### Car-sharing /Bike-sharing

Entrance fee     ¥3,150 (only for car-sharing)				
Basic fee     ¥525 / month				
Usage fee	Car	¥315 / per 30 min.	Bicycle	¥105 / per hour
		Distance fee Free for less than 50 km		Max
		From 51 km Additional fee ¥10 / km		¥525 / per day
		Time + Distance fee = Total		¥5,250 / per month
Terms of Payment		Credit card		

☆ City Bike 1 day use: \ 500

☆☆ Member's Card ☆☆



Eco point card  
Member's card



Credit cards

## ● Incentive

1. return 10% of usage fee to Eco points
2. change 500 Eco points to Local Money for shopping

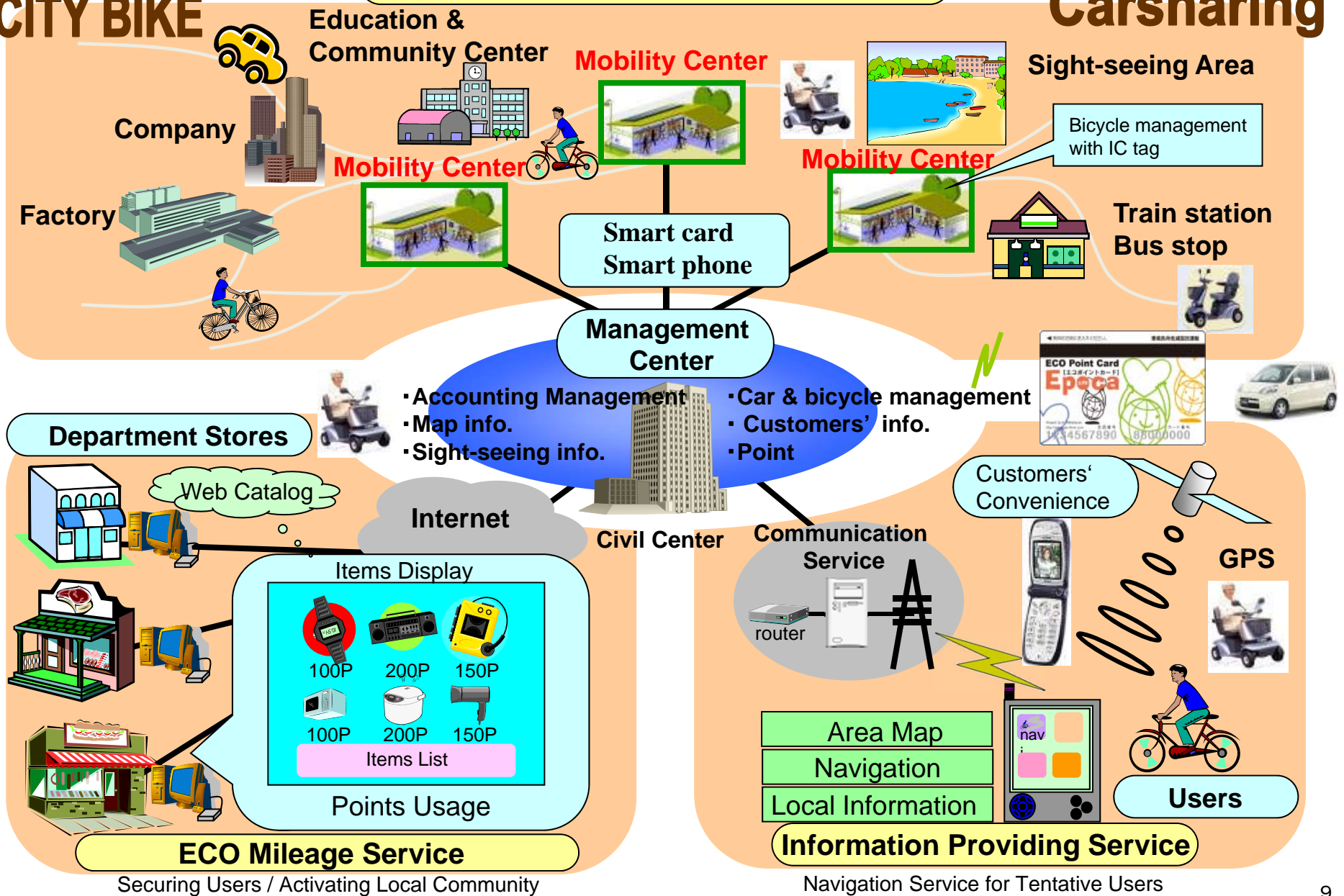


# Future Vision

## CITY BIKE

Mobility System Supporting Public Transports

## Carsharing







### 3. Cases in Japan



#### Cost

Cost	Details	JPY	US Dollars as of April 2011
Initial Cost	Electric Bicycles (116 bicycles)	11,618,880	138,602
	Bicycles Management Systems	60,012,540	715,890
	Solar Power Systems	43,514,470	519,084
	Maintenance Systems	1,439,800	17,175
	Total	116,585,690	1,390,751
Maintenance Cost (Monthly)	Online Maintenance	100,000	1,193
	Communication Expenses	70,000	835
	Electricity Charges	40,000	477
	Labor Costs	277,500	3,310
	Incidental Expenses	15,000	179
	Total	502,500	5,994

Source: Materials from Town Mobility Network 39

Category	Non-profit organization (NPO)
Name	Town Mobile Network Kitakyushu (K-TMN)
Chairman	Ueki, Kazuhiro
Main office location	Kitakyushu city, Fukuoka prefecture
The application date	6-Dec-02
The certification date	27-Mar-03
The establishment registration date	31-Mar-03
The settlement of accounts	31-Mar
Purpose of the article of association	This NPO regards bicycles as reasonable public transport means of cities and do various projects to promote bicycle use. The NPO regards bicycles as reasonable public transport means of cities and do various projects to promote bicycle use: . The purpose of the NPO is to contribute to promotion of community development, health, medical treatment, or welfare, conservation of the environment, and education for children through these projects
The specific non-profit activities	Promotion of community development
	Conservation of the environment
	Promotion of health, medical treatment, or welfare
	Education for children
	Administration of organizations that engage in the above activities or provision of liaison, advice, or assistance in connection with the above activities

to develop and activate a central city area reasonably with the short distance trip by bicycle use promotion

to promote use of public transport by bicycle use as terminal traffic

to reduce illegally parked bicycles by installation and maintenance of bicycle parking lots

to monitor and patrol people not to park bicycles illegally and remove illegally parked bicycles for city beautification

reduction of disposal and illegal dumping of private bicycles by public use of bicycles

to propose and promote to solve problems of illegally parked bicycles early

to serve traffic safety education and communication to children to prevent traffic accidents and improve traffic manners

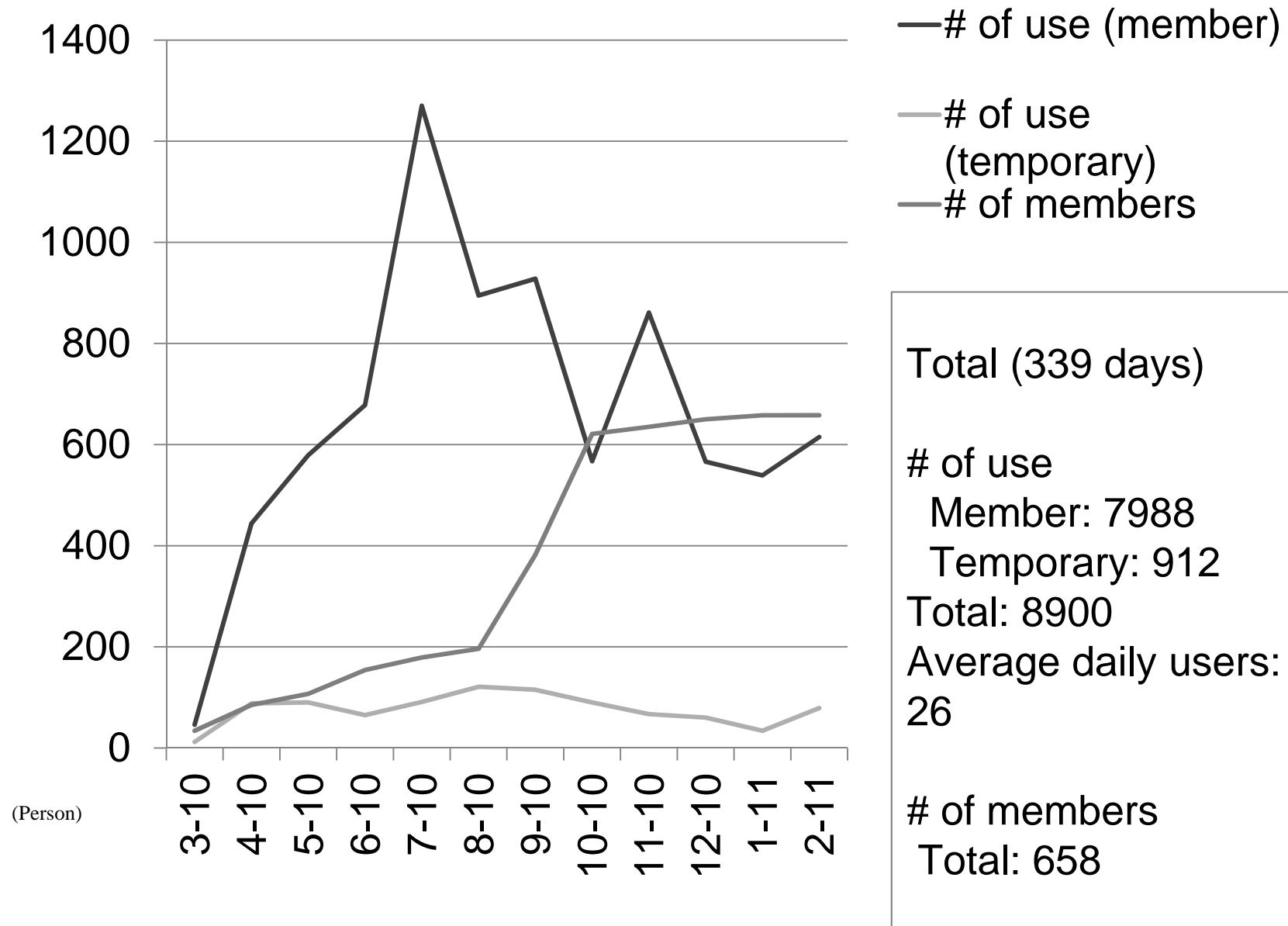
to reduce CO2 emissions for conservation of the environment by switch to use bicycles from cars

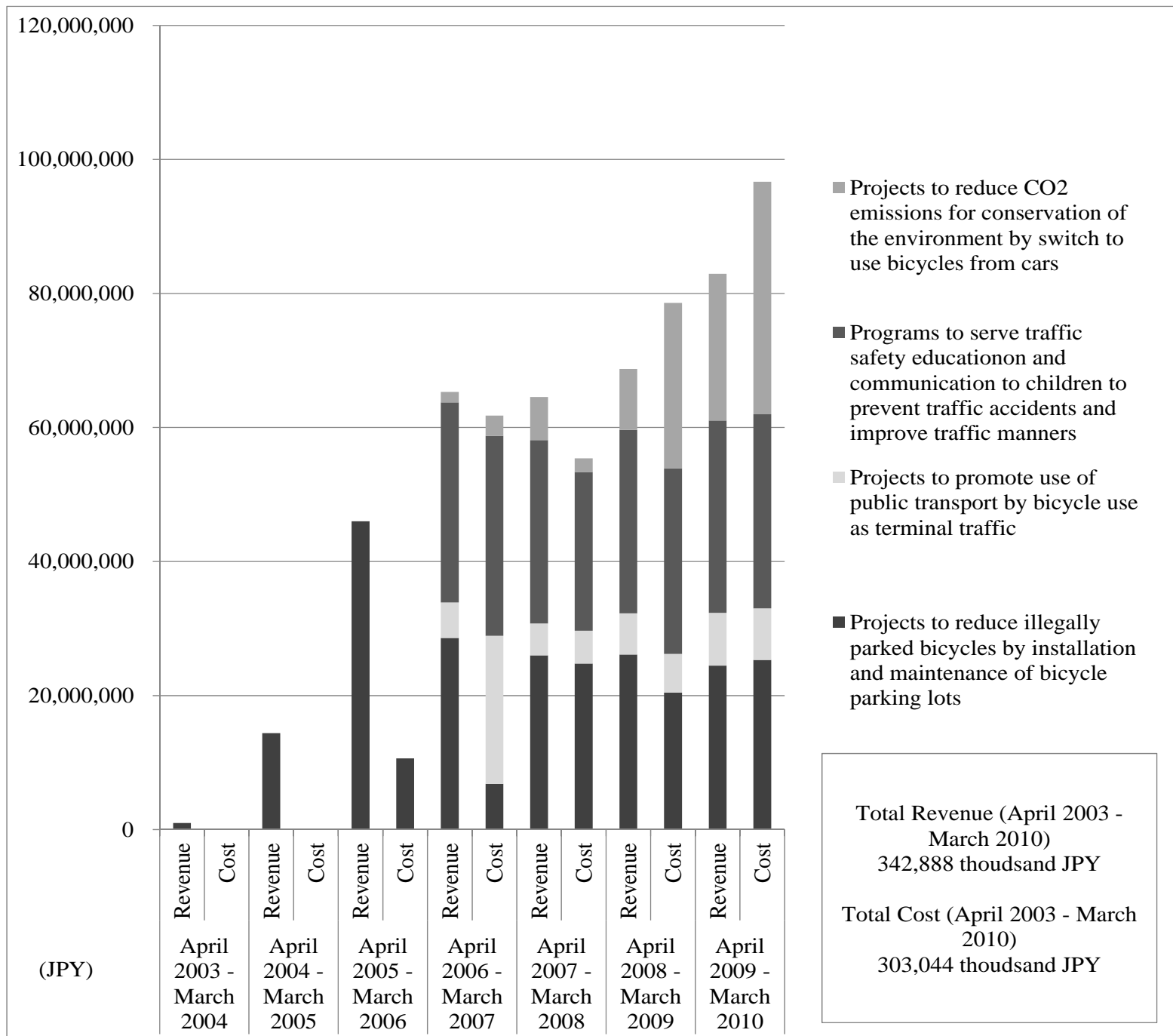
to ease traffic congestions and improve car parking manner by installation and maintenance of car parking lots

to support aging and handicapped people to go out and live to increase public welfare

to build the Town Mobility systems using rental electric four-wheeled carts

promotion of community development by information services about the community and sightseeing using mobile phones and IT systems





Question items about participation incentives		Component			
		I	II	III	IV
Q1	To save transportation expenses	○			
Q2	To ride a bicycle more frequently	○	○	●	●
Q3	To ride an electric assist bicycle	○		●	
Q4	To join a car-sharing project as well	○			
Q5	To reduce car use for environmental reasons	○			●
Q6	To reduce car use for health reasons	○			●●
Q7	To feel local nature and landscape by bicycle-ride	○	○	●	
Q8	There is no alternative transportation		○	○	
Q9	More convenient than other transportations			○	●
Q10	Car-parking is not convenient			○	●●
Q11	Bicycle-parking is not convenient		○		
Q12	Riding a bicycle is safe and easy		○		
Q13	To go around shopping streets on a bicycle	○	○	●	
Q14	To support and sympathize with the NPO	○	●		
Q15	To join an eco point project as well	○			
Q16	To access information about environmental issues	○			
Q17	Recommended by friends			○	○
Q18	To join local activities	○	●		
Q19	To support and join projects administered by the local government	○	●		
Q20	To exchange various information with local people	○			○
Q21	To reduce car use for energy conservation reasons	○	●		
Q22	To join a renewable energy related project (e.g. solar parking lots)	○	●		
Q23	City Bike are "cool"	○			
Q24	To refresh		○		
Q25	To start to do something new	○	○	●	○
Q26	Because of a long-standing relationship with the NPO			○	○
Q27	Unconscious participation		○		○
Eigenvalue		8.28	2.53	2	1.49
Proportion (%)		30.7	9.4	7.4	5.5
Cumulative (%)		30.7	40.1	47.5	53
○: more than 0.34, ○: more than 0.17, ●: less than -0.17, ●: less than -0.34					

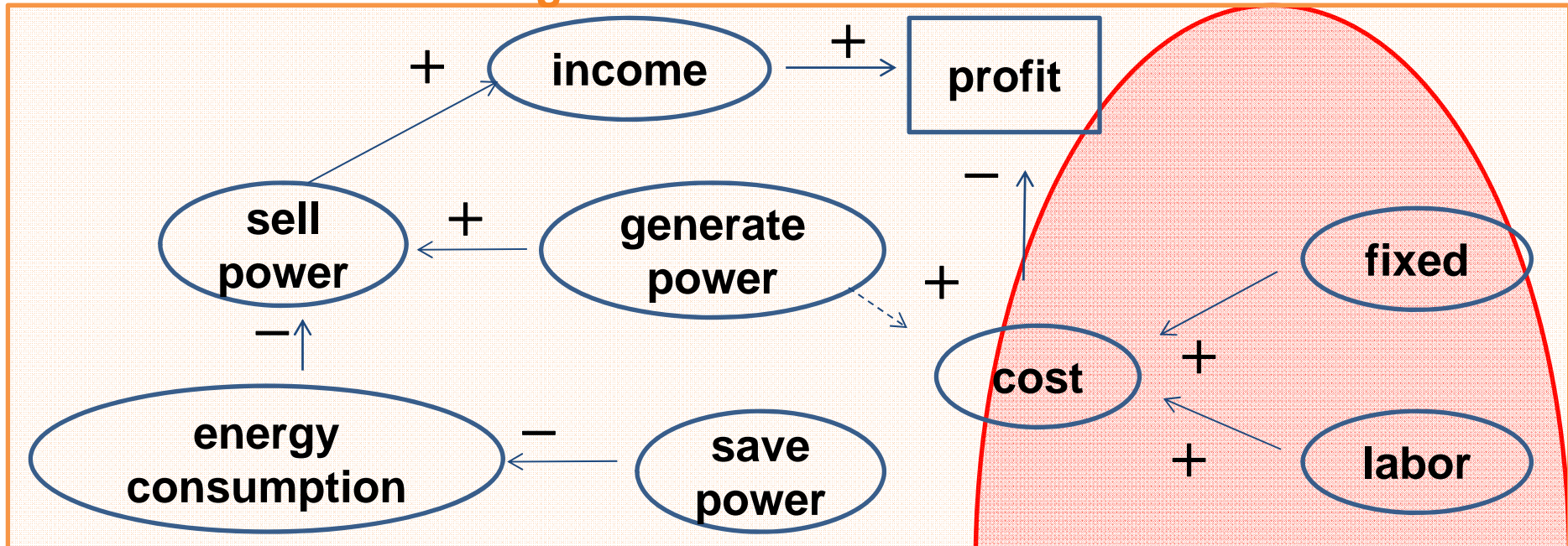
	Male		Female		Total (Person)
	General Interest	Active Incorporator	General Interest	Active Incorporator	
10's	0	0	0	0	0
20's	0	6	0	6	12
30's	1	9	3	8	21
40's	7	19	1	6	33
50's	12	12	3	1	28
60's	4	2	0	0	6
70's	0	0	0	0	0
more than 80's	0	0	0	0	0
Total (Person)	24	48	7	21	100
Total (%)	24%	48%	7%	21%	100%

# Public Bicycle Program

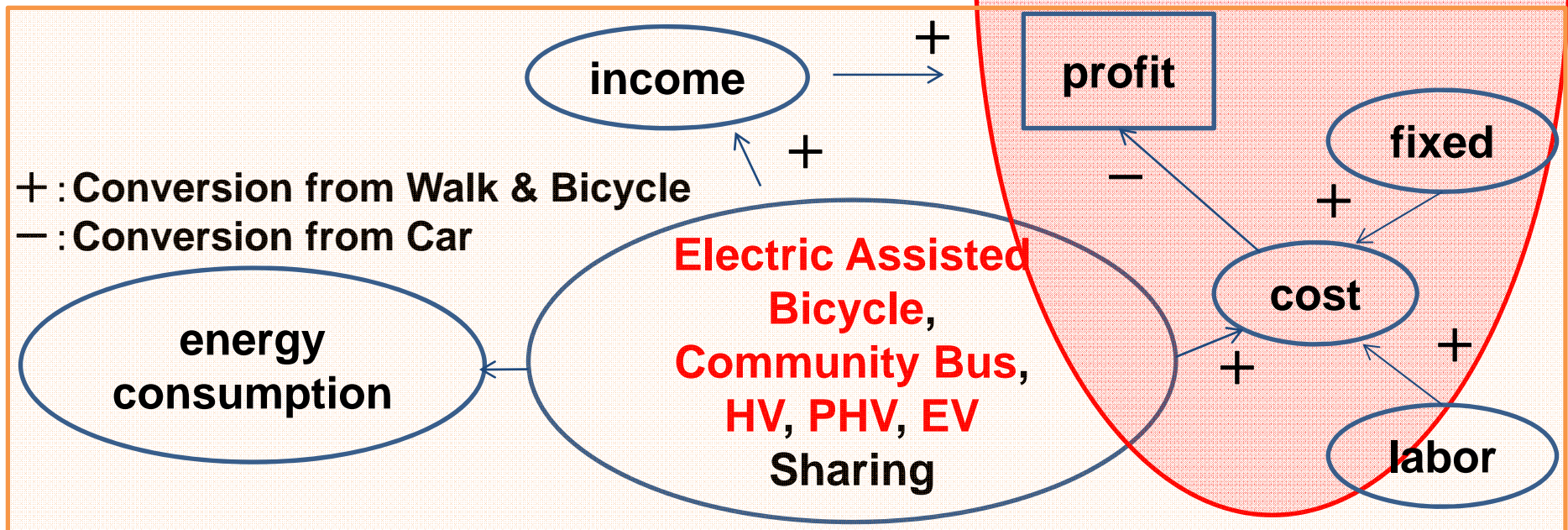
## Business Model

(Integration with Town Solar Power  
and Mobility Sharing Management)

## Town Solar Power Management



## Mobility Sharing Program



**Promotion of Environmentally Friendly Action**

**Re-education of Traffic Rules**

**Reduction of Illegally Parked Bicycles**

**Revitalization of Local Area**

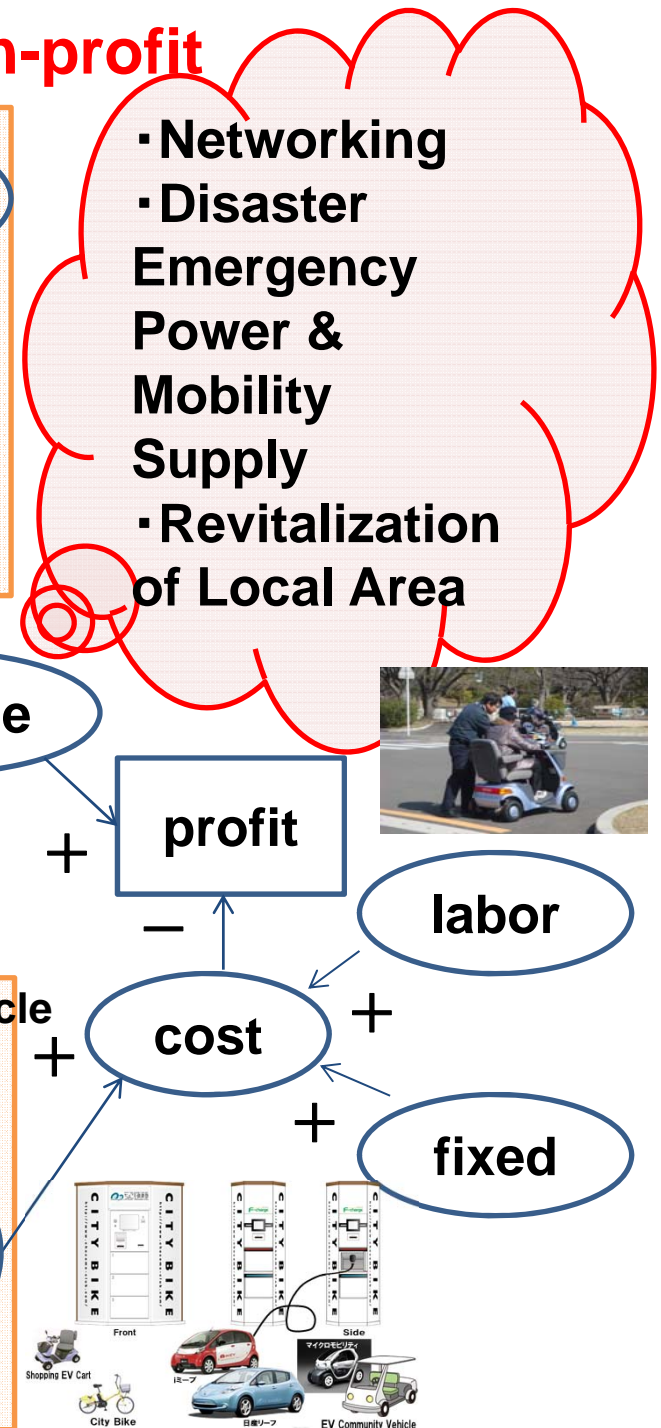
**Cycle Tour**

The diagram illustrates a smart parking system architecture. At the top left, a building labeled 'CITY BUREAU' is shown with a 'Smart Parking' sign and a camera. Below it, a 'CITY BUREAU' sign is visible. To the right, a photograph shows a parking lot with several cars. The main part of the diagram is a flowchart with three ovals: 'generate power' at the top, 'save power' at the bottom left, and 'sell power' at the bottom right. Arrows connect 'generate power' to 'sell power' with a '+' sign, and 'save power' to 'sell power' with a '-' sign.

+: Conversion from Walk & Bicycle  
 -: Conversion from Car



**Electric Assisted  
Bicycle,  
Community Bus,  
HV, PHV, EV  
Sharing**



# Examples all over the world

## Velib'



○1451 ports, 20600 bikes in Paris  
300 m intervals

## Smart Bike



## Social Experiment in Tokyo



Oct, 2009  
( Oote-machi, Marunouchi, Yurakucho  
5 ports )

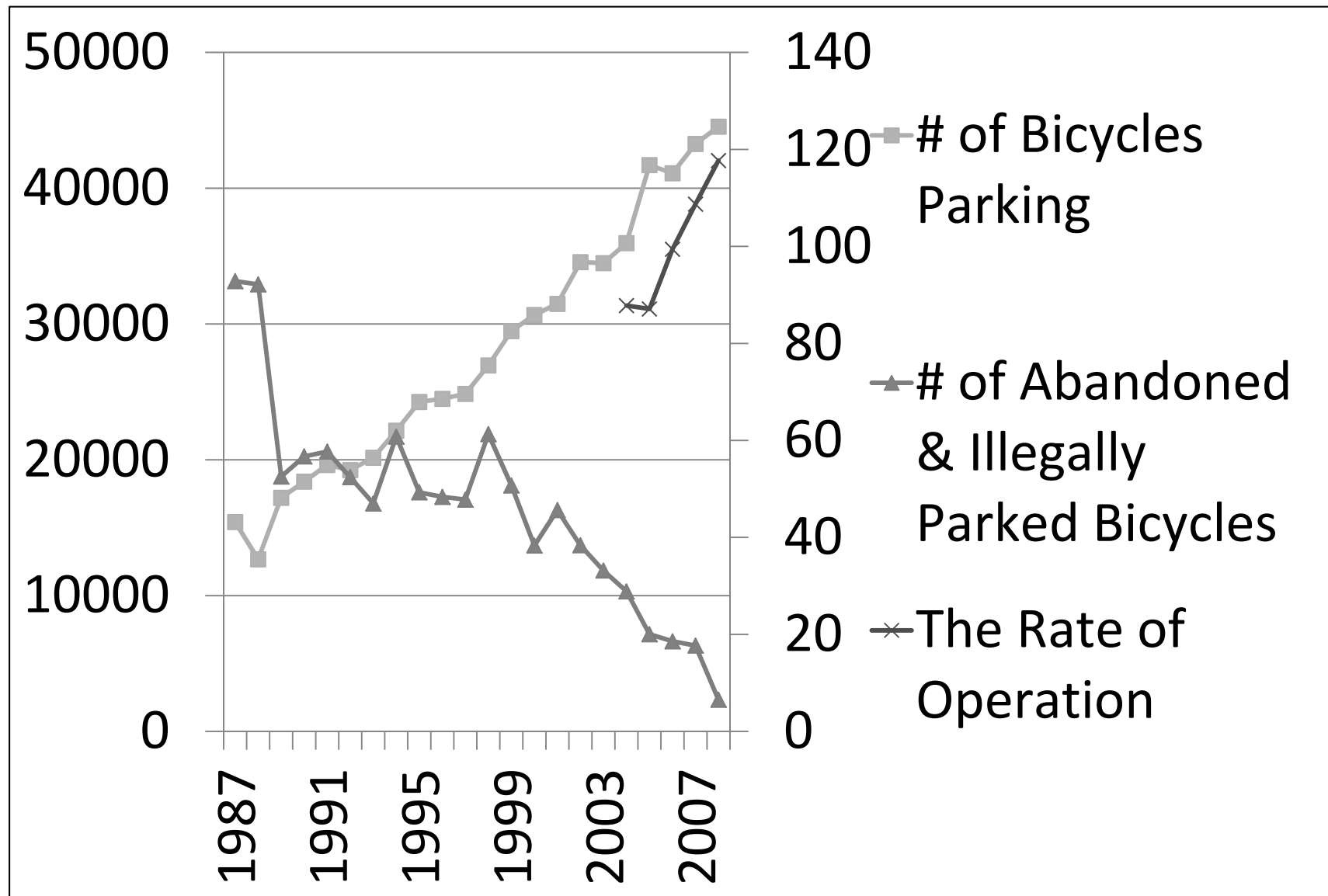
## Cyclocity Toyama



# Setagaya Community Cycle



<b>Initial Cost</b>	✓ <b>Electric Bicycles (108 bicycles)</b>	<b>\ 7,000,000</b>
	✓ Solar Power Systems (Sakurajyosui-minami)	\ 33,000,000
	✓ Solar Power Systems (Sakurashinmachi)	\ 45,000,000
	✓ System programs	\ 3,000,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\ 88,000,000</b>
<b>Maintenance Cost (5 years)</b>	✓ Annual Maintenance	\ 300,000
	✓ Solar Panels (20 years)	\ 0
	✓ Rechargeable Batteries (3-5 years)	\ 12,000,000
	✓ Other Parts (5 years)	\ 300,000
	✓ Batteries for Electric Bicycles (3 years)	\ 3,000,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\ 15,600,000</b>



Name		Sakurajyos ui- minami	North Sangenjya ya	Central Sangenjya ya	Seijyo u- kita	Kyodo	Sakura shinmac hi
Station		Keio Line	Den-en Toshi Line		Odaky u Line	Odakyu Line	Den-en Toshi Line
		Sakurajyos ui	Sangenjyaya		Seijyo u Gakue n	Kyodo	Sakura shinmac hi
Start		Mar. 1994	May 1996	Mar. 1998	Jan. 2002	Mar. 2007	Mar. 2009
Provider		Setagaya city					
Possession		City	City	National road	City	Odakyu Electric Railway	Private
Management		Setagaya-ku Silver Jinzai Center					
# of bicycles		407	128	260	195	180	250
Fee	Monthly	\ 2,000 (\ 500 deposit payable with a IC card issued)					
	Daily	\ 200 (\ 500 deposit payable with a IC card issued)					
# of Users 2008	Monthly	5,976	974	3,232	2,736	1,615	
	Daily	9,746	1,873	7,032	1,945	11,451	
Rate of Operation 2007		121.9	44.2	101.7	135	133.2	