

In Japan, most land IS REGISTERED. However, the <u>corresponding maps are geographically inaccurate</u> (as the Government enforced farmers to create this map in the Meiji era, people tended to map geographically map smaller to avoid high taxation).

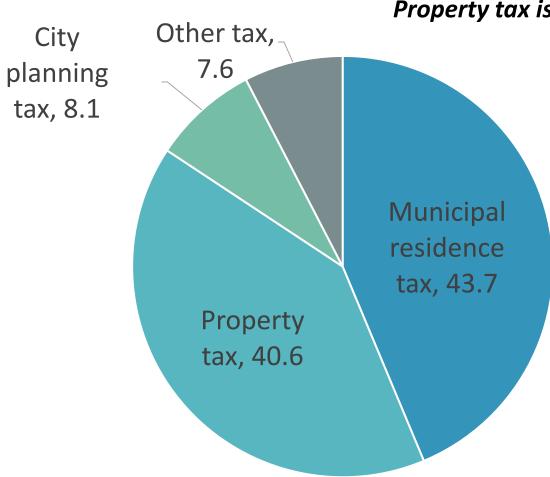
Road map should be Step 1: Recognize land rights (around 30% average globally), Step 2: Register land rights, Step 3: Geographically map land accurately (Japan in Step 3 now).

Source: MLIT, Japan



Kobe Session: Land Administration and Taxation

Own source revenue rates at 37.3% Property tax is non ear-marked budget



Takeaways from Kobe Session: Modernizing Land Management



- Compatibility of GIS is important customization is NOT recommended. Use standard products.
- Agreeing on a common work stream (authorized at the higher level) is more important than adopting technology. Efficiency generated by use of IT will be undermined if different departments start using different systems (as integration downstream becomes challenging).
- Accurate data on infrastructure allocation is extremely
 important when the city is facing population decline developing
 infrastructure is easier than demolishing them.

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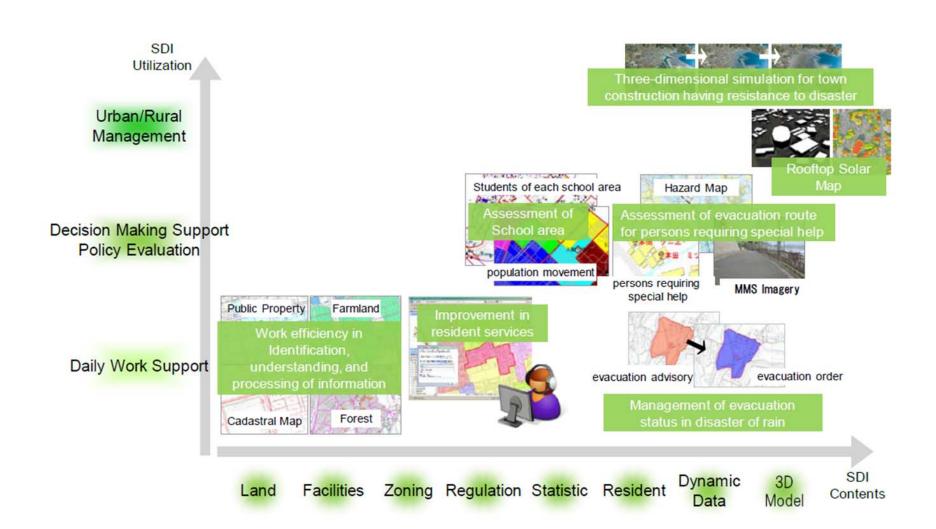
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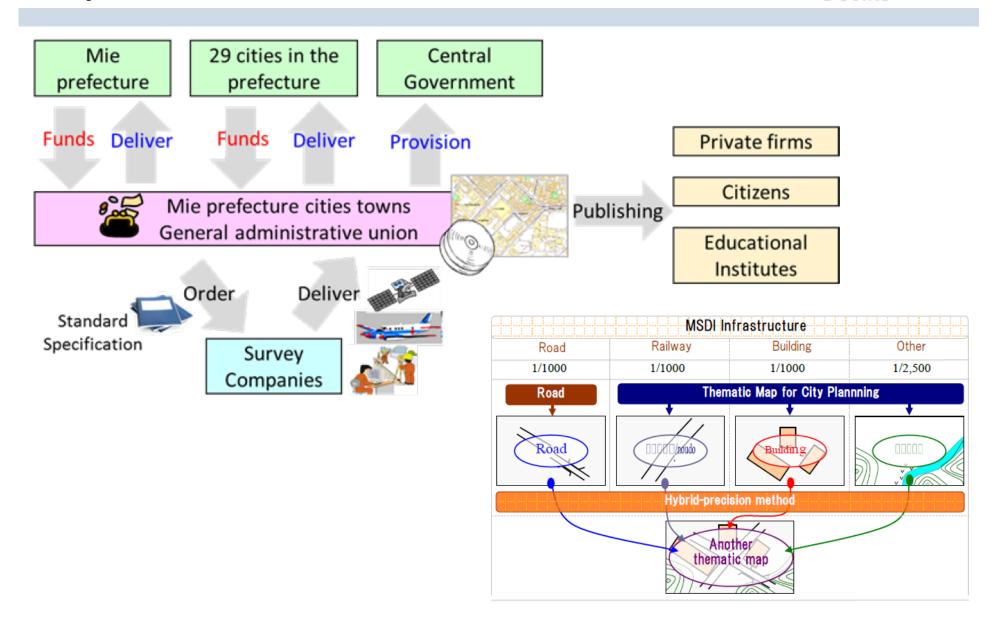
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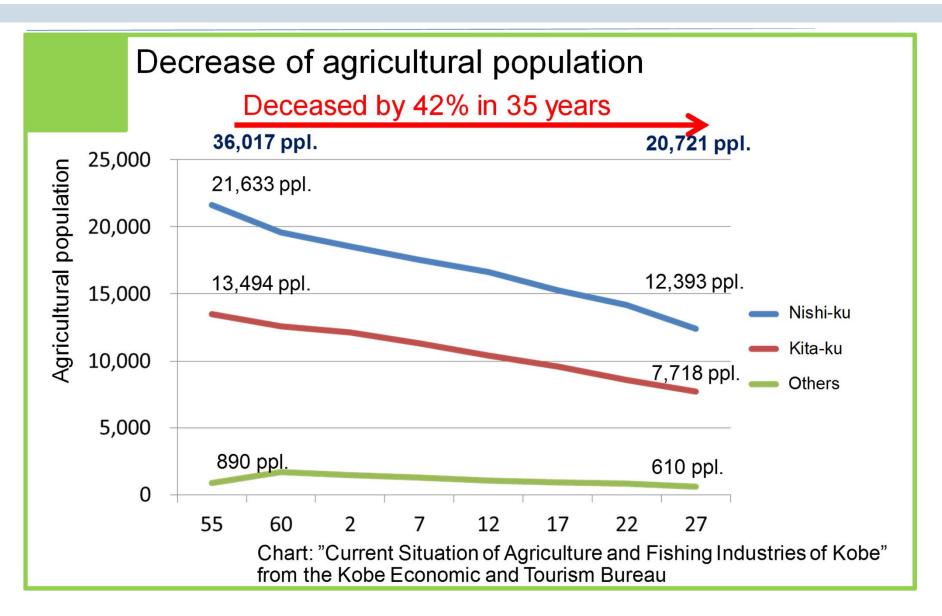
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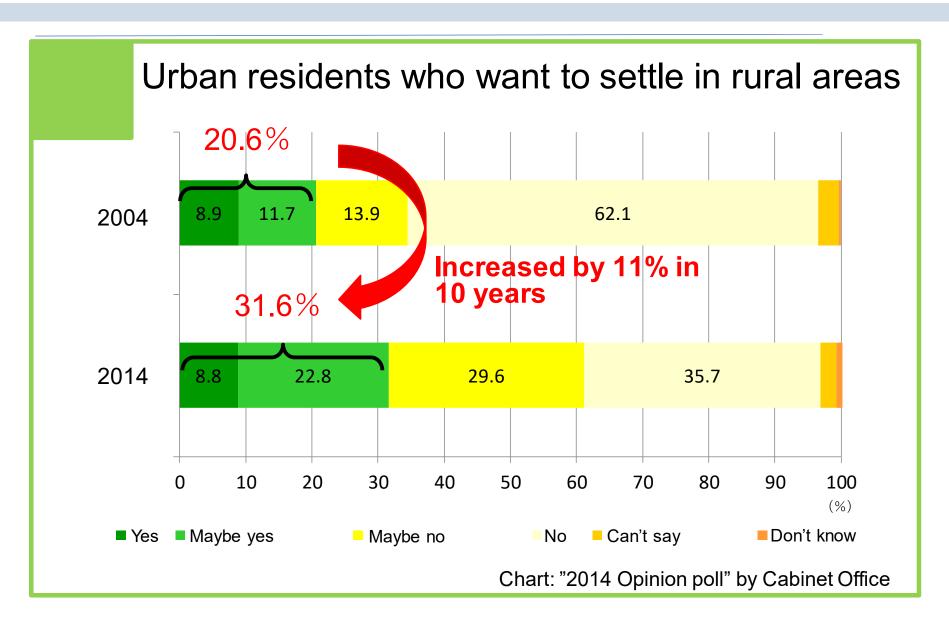
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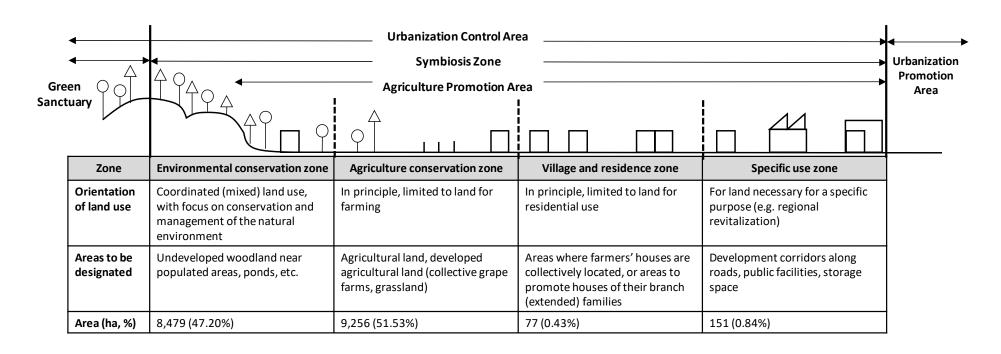
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Takeaways from Kobe Session: Ordinance on Special Zoning in Urbanization Promotion Areas (Kobe)





- Zoning ordinance unique to Kobe City (overlay to conventional land use zones stipulated nationwide)
- Residents can self-designate use zones, based on community discussions and consultation processes

Reference: Tax System in Japan



