

# Brighten my town's future with "Toyoake Karuta"

~ Aiming for diversity ~

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## Purpose : To reaffirm Toyoake

Background: Toyoake City regional issues  
→ Despite having famous places, it is not well-known



What is Toyoake Karuta?

A senior at our school made this for foreign children a few years ago. Reinvented this time to solve regional issues.

## Producing "Toyoake Karuta" to solve problems

### Expected results

- ① Toyoake citizen: **Recognizing the charm of the region**
- ② Non-citizen: Learn about Toyoake → **Increase its popularity**

Regarding ②, what will happen if the popularity increases?

### What you can expect

Improving name recognition

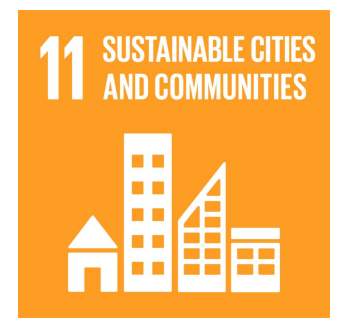
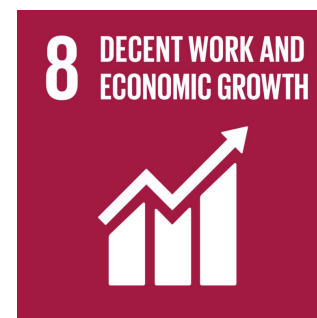
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Can attract many tourists: ⑧

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Economic growth and city revenue increases: ③

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Improving medical and nursing care systems: ③

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Becoming a town full of charm: ⑪

### Related materials



Comparison of hometown tax donation amounts (2022)	
Toyoake City	21,133,000(yen)
Okazaki City (Okazaki Castle is located)	233,228,000(yen)
Inuyama City (Inuyama Castle is located)	1,039,587,000(yen)
Obu City (neighboring city)	1,585,453,000(yen)

Source: <https://www.furusato-tax.jp/?header-follow>

The difference with other cities is clearly visible.

### Practice

Toyoake Karuta was actually played in the hands of people of **all ages, from children to the elderly**, at events in the city. We used slides to explain the contents of Karuta that seemed to be less well known among citizens.



### Summary

#### Citizen's voice

Without these activities, I would not have learned about the issues surrounding the city where I live, nor would I have had the opportunity to interact directly with foreign children and local residents. It was a great opportunity for both the citizens and us high school students.

#### Voices from non-citizens

Through Toyoake Karuta, I was able to research a town I didn't know about, discovered many things, and grew as a student by interacting with local people.

Also, as I interacted with local people, I was very happy to hear comments such as "This place existed." and "I know this place!".