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KUNORI GAKUEN high school

Aiming to create an attractive town



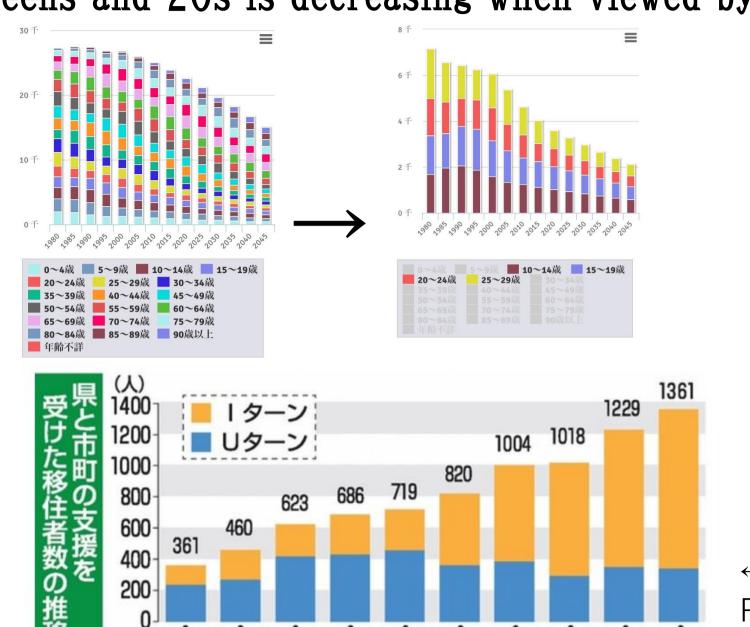
Convey the charm of Takahata town both inside and outside the town and I want to create an environment where local young people can become aware of the charms of Takahata town before they leave Takahata to relieve population decline in Takahata town, Yamagata Prefecture. Id like to create a town that makes people want to come back to Takahata town even if they leave the town. We'll plan events that take advantage of Takahata's charms based on awareness surveys at product exhibitions and events outside the prefecture, therefore the idea to

Research background significance

create place for young people in the area.

Compared to the overall population graph, it can be seen that the population in the

teens and 20s is decreasing when viewed by age.





←Graph of the Effectiveness of Fukui Prefecture's U-turn Attraction Policy

In order to mitigate the decline in the population of young people, the Third Takahata Town Tourism Recovery Plan and the Takahata Town Comprehensive Plan have indicated that while Takahata Town has a variety of tourist facilities that are attractive to visitors, they do not lead to sightseeing tours around the town. When we spoke with Mr.Fujita of the Takahata town tourism association on Saturday, August 17, he mentioned that in addition to the above issues, Takahata town as a whole has yet to connect its scattered tourist facilities and promote them as a whole. I want to at least increace the number of U-turns and I-turns. This is because the eventual exodus of young people from the population is inevitable. To encourage young people to make a U-turn, Ono city in Fukui Prefecture has launched the "U-turn Project," focusing on ite strengths in water resources. The goal of this project is to encoursge locals to rediscover the good qualities of their hometowns and to foster local love and pride. Not only Ono city, but Fukui Prefecture as a whole is making efforts to attract U-turns. It can be seen that in 2023, the number of I-turns and Y-turns will increase to 1,361 people.

In response to this, we decided to create a place for young people to stay by planning events that take advantage of our tourist facilities in order to ease the outflow of young people and make them aware of the charms of Takahata town and its surroundings.

Research question

What would be the most effective way to let young people know about the attractions of Takahata when planning an event that takes advantage of its tourist facilities

Hypothesis

By creating a place where young people can gather through events, they can learn about the attractions of Takahata town

Research purpose

To make young people aware of the attractions of Takahata town before they leave the town.

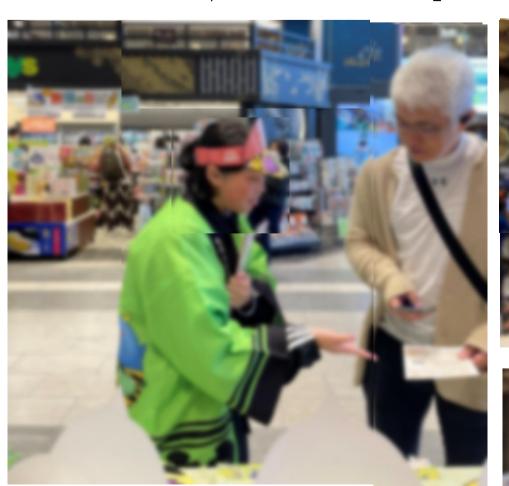
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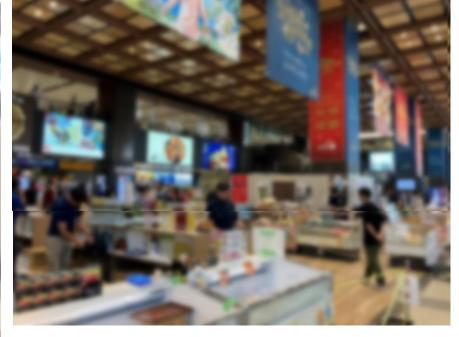
Research 1: A survey will be conducted on the attractiveness of Takahata town to students of KUNORI GAKUEN high school who reside in Takahata town. The reason for targeting high school students is to learn about the needs of young people and to promote the creation of a place for young people.

Research 2: The "strengths" described in the book "Community Development Strategy 3.0" are often found only through "relative evaluation". The survey was conducted by visiting the product exhibition to be held in Sendai city on October 18, 19, and 20, and asking people who come to buy organic vegetables from Takahata what they find attractive about Takahata and how they found out about the exhibition, By surveying the people who come to buy organic vegetables from Takahata we can rreaffirm the attractiveness of Takahata from perspectives that are usually overlooked by people living in the town

Takahata Fair (product exhibition)

•Specialty products of Takahata town will be sold. Agricultural products can be bought directly from famers, which is cheaper than buying in Sendai City.









↑Introducing the charms of Takahata town

个Taking a survey

↑Product exhibitions

·High evaluation of nature in Takahata town, such as clean air and abundant nature. •People are kind and easy to live.

•A large percentage of the respondents liked Takahata town and wanted to return to Takahata town again even if they left.

·Highly valued for the availability of fresh and tasty foods such as fruits and vegetables.

- · Although they felt comfortable, they cited entertainment and the lack of commercial facilities as as challenges.
- •There is a need for festival style events where people can enjoy nature, move their bodies, and have fun together.



Consideration

Although the respondents were aware of the facilities scattered throughout Takahata town, such as the three-storied pagoda and Uriwari Stone Garden Park, the fact that sightseeing spots and tourist attractions were mentioned as something Takahata town lacks indicates that the attractiveness of the scattered that the attractiveness of the scattered facilities is not being conveyed to young people.

→We need to plan events at existing facilities that young people will want to visit and that they can only experience here.

Result (research 2)

•Many people learned about the product exhibition at the site

• Some people came to the event through the official SNS"X" and website such as Sendai Tushin, which provides information about events in and around Sendai City.

•At the product exhibition, there were many purchases of edible chrysanthemums, which was unexpected, in addition to the purchase of Cheinmuscat, wine, and rice.

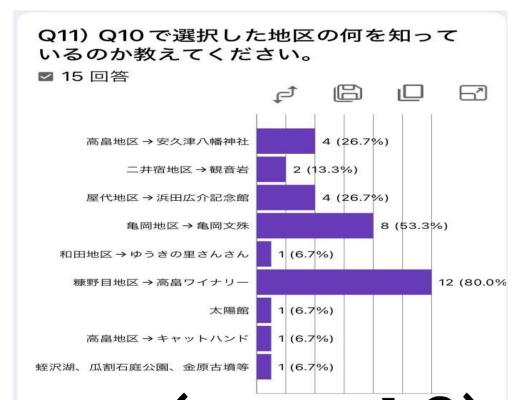
•Wines and juices from wineries that took the world's best were popular among men and women of all ages with stable sales. •Many visitors to the product exhibition said that they felt nostalgic, enjoyed just looking around the many

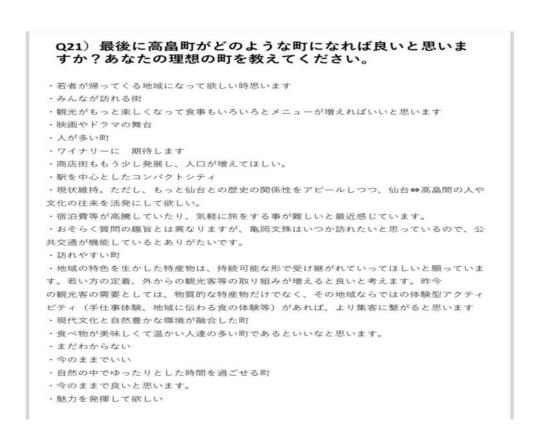
shops, and would definitely like to visit Takahata town, and that the product exhibition has led to a high appreciation of Takahata town. •As a request, establish a section to promote the relationship between the history of Takahata town and the

history of Sendai City. •A woman in her 50s said that this is a good opportunity to get to know Yamagata and she would like the event to be held in various locations.

•Many people were aware of the existence of six districts (Takahata Niijuku, Yasiro, Wada, Nukanome) and of the six Takahata districts, most people knew of the Takahata district. Many people also knew about the Nukanome district, as it is dotted with wineries following Takahata.

•For those who actually visited Takahata town, there were also evaluations that it is a relaxing environment for people when they come here for driving, etc... And that the calm atmosphere of Takahata town suits them. •Some respondents expressed a desire for events that both adults and children can enjoy and food that can only be tasted in Takahata town.





Consideration (research 2)

•The fact that many people had first heard of the town locally indicates that many people who had never heard of Takahata town had become interested in the town through the product exhibiton. Product fairs tend to attract people and are considered to be a good opportunity for people to get to know Takahata town and create a buzz. However, the fact that many people did not know about the product exhibition until they came to the area suggests that awareness of the town of Takahata outside the prefecture is still low.

•It is thought that there may be a need for seasonal products with a sense of seasonality. Because the chrysanthemum harvesting season is from October to November.

• The results of the graph suggest that even if people are aware of the town of Takahata, their awareness of the tourist facilities may be low.

•The results of the graph suggest that the ideal vision for Takahata is to maintain the town, while making it an easy place for young people to live and for tourists to visit.

Future prospects

Plan events that meet the needs of young people based on the survey. Participate in a project organized by Mr. Tamamura, a member of the Regional Development Cooperation Volunteers. Organize full-scale events with local middle and high school students. Since this projects to meet the needs of young people in addition to the Takahata Fest.







←Flyer for the Takahata Fair ↑Customer survey

↑Questionnaire for high school students living in Takahata town

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