

Connecting High School Volunteers

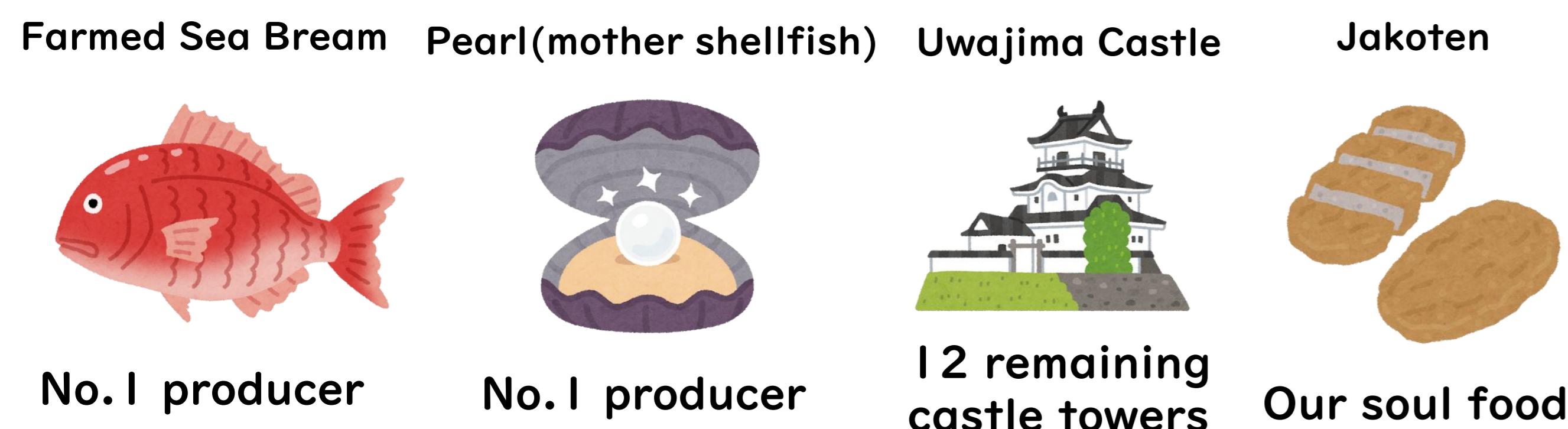
~ A System for Community Empowerment ~

Uwajima Minami Secondary School



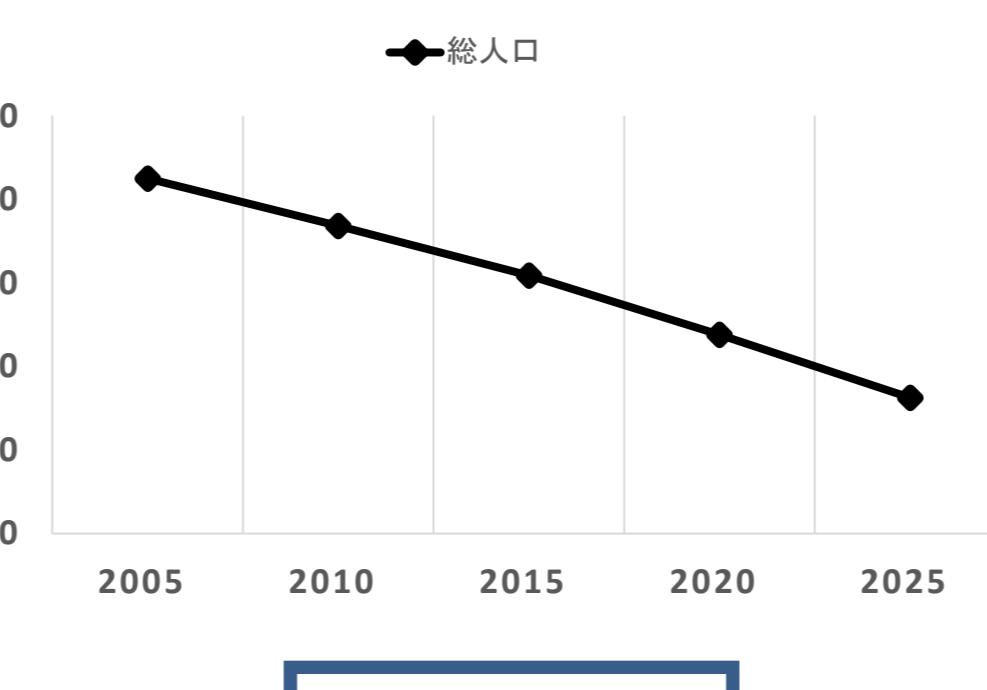
Background

Current situation of Uwajima



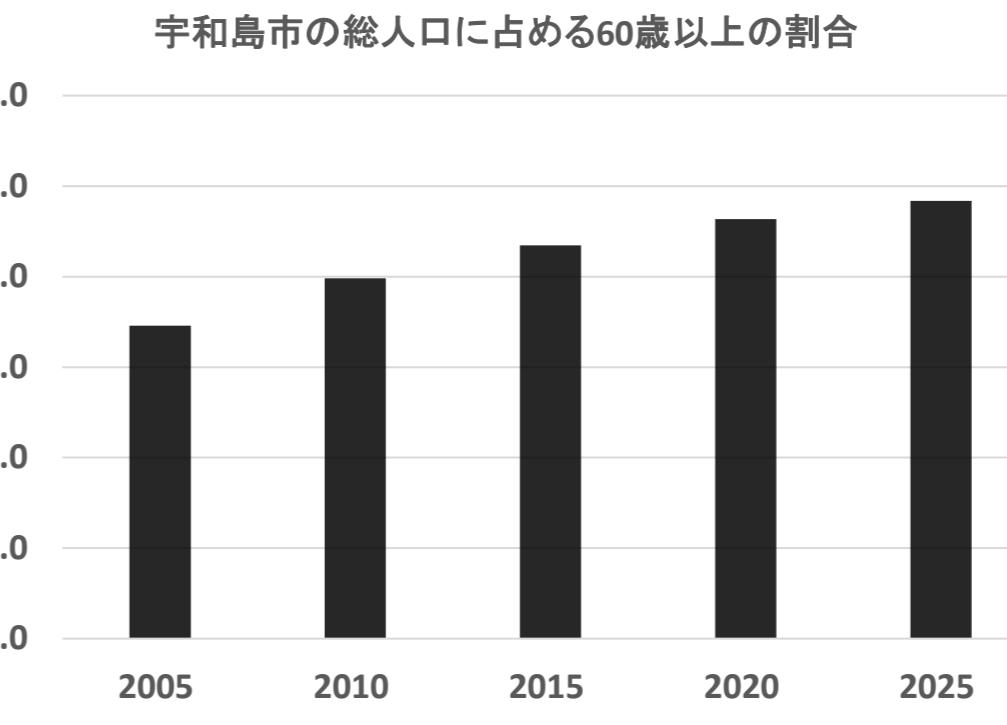
◎ Depopulation

宇和島市の人口推移

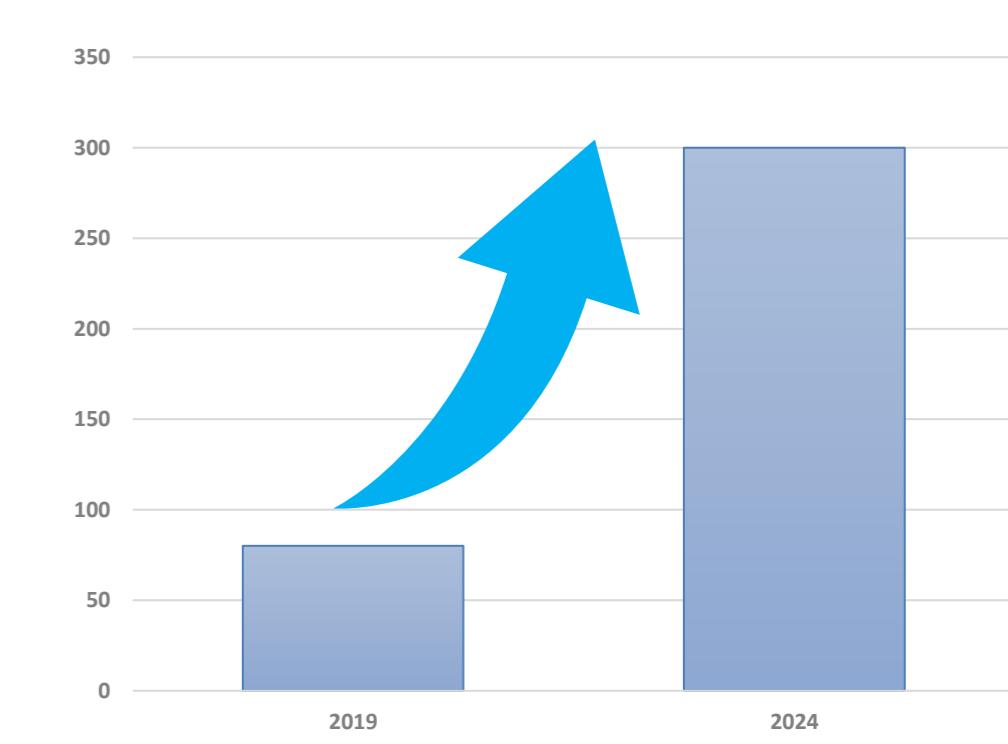


◎ Aging

宇和島市の総人口に占める60歳以上の割合



◎ Students who take part in volunteer work in our school



Our Hypothesis

Connecting people in need with high school student volunteers can contribute to building more sustainable communities.



How to research

- Interview
- Questionnaire
- Fieldwork
- Books, Internet
- Professor's advice

Key Findings

Interview①

People who have asked for volunteers before

I feel bad asking volunteers to do so many things...
Because they are volunteers, I can't really say anything even if they don't do well.
As an individual, I'm not sure where to go to find volunteers

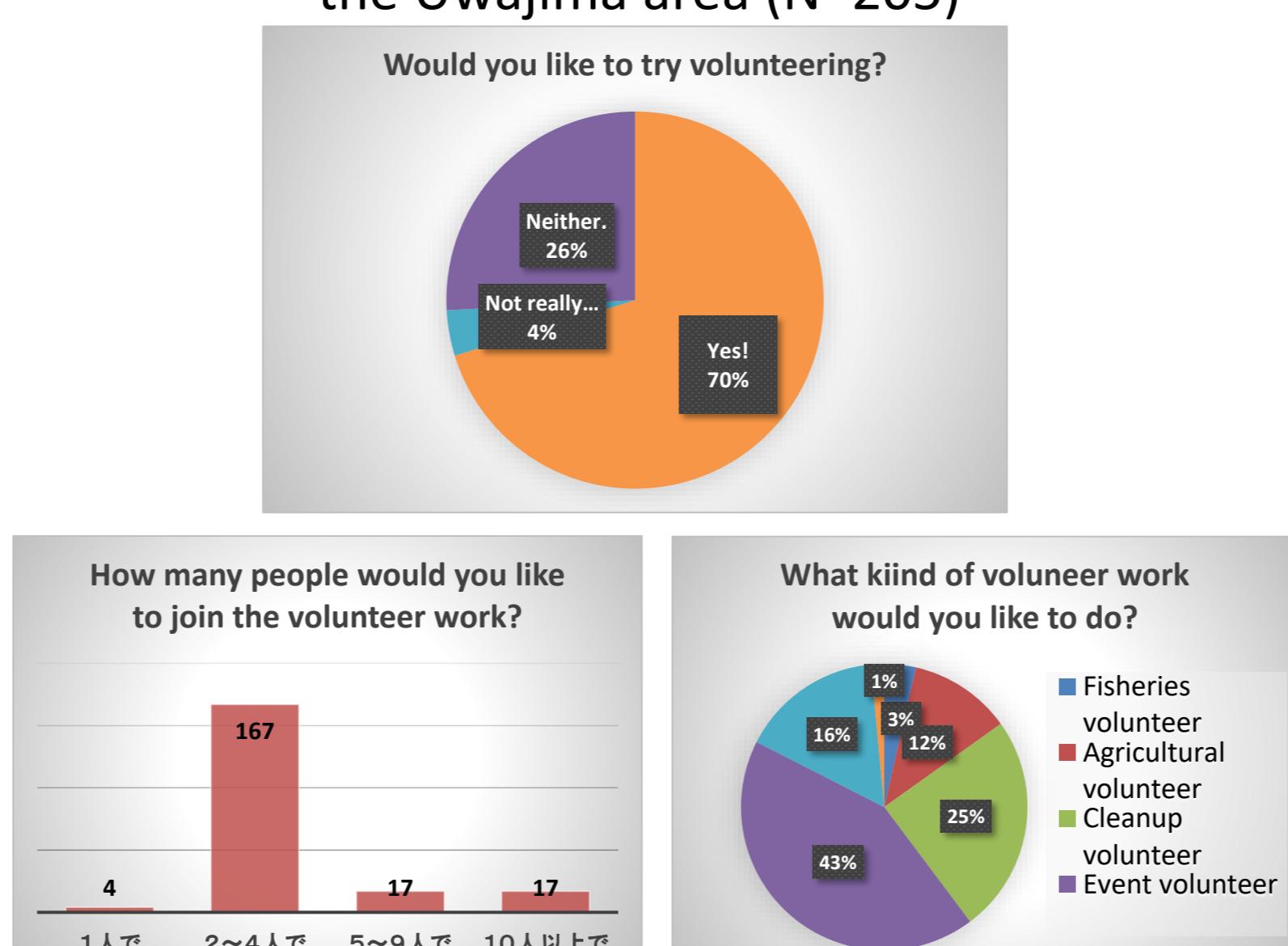
Interview②

Uwajima City Social Welfare Council
宇和島市社会福祉協議会

- Basic information on volunteer opportunities in Uwajima City
- The importance of volunteer insurance
- The concept of paid volunteering

Questionnaire

To students from three other high schools in the Uwajima area (N=205)



Fieldwork

Work in the stone terraced fields (Danbatake)

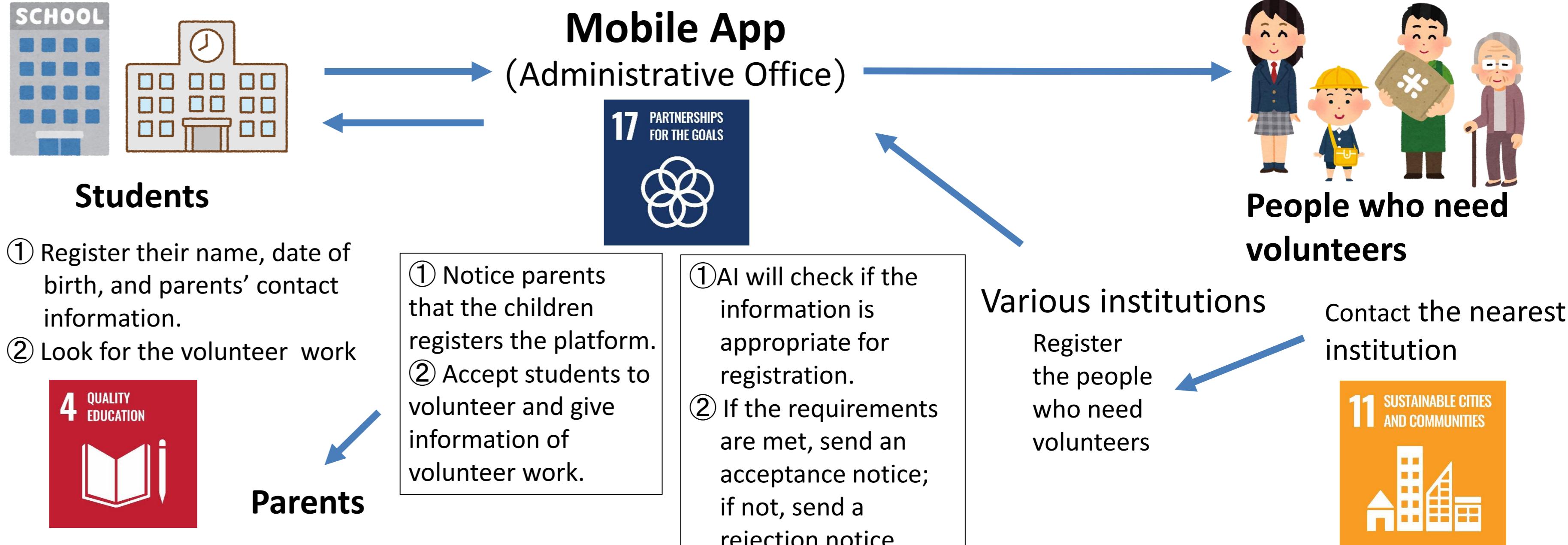


Insights from Data

- Many community members want to request volunteers.
- Many high school students want to volunteer.
- Both groups are unsure where to apply or whom to contact.
- Volunteer safety must be the top priority.
- Reduce hesitation and anxiety for those who need volunteers.
- Feeling achievement and satisfaction from contributing to our community

Our Suggestion

Community Volunteer Platform for High School Students



Future Vision

We started this project with high school students in mind. However, as our research progressed, our vision became much bigger. **We want volunteering to grow from a school-based activity into a community-wide movement.**

Imagine this: after graduating and returning from university, we want to start volunteering immediately—without any barriers. To make this possible, we aim to create a flexible system that is not limited by age or status. This platform will allow anyone who wants to contribute to their community to do so easily, safely, and effectively.

