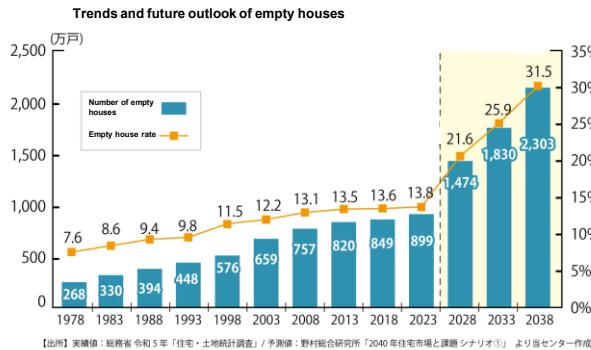


# Community Innovation Through Vacant Home Renovation

## [Current situation]

- The population is going down.
- Empty houses are increasing.
- These two are closely linked.
- In Japan, empty houses hit a record high in 2023.



## [Hearing results]

- Kawachinagano City

Kawachinagano City saw a big population increase from 1965 to 1988 due to large housing projects. From 1988, development stopped, and nature protection became the policy.

After 2000, the population slowly decreased, and empty houses increased.

- NPO Nukumori

Runs as a local child-care complex. Late-night child care is highly needed by families. Most facilities close by 7 PM, so demand is high after that.

## [Idea] Use empty houses as child-care complexes

Plan to promote long-term settlement

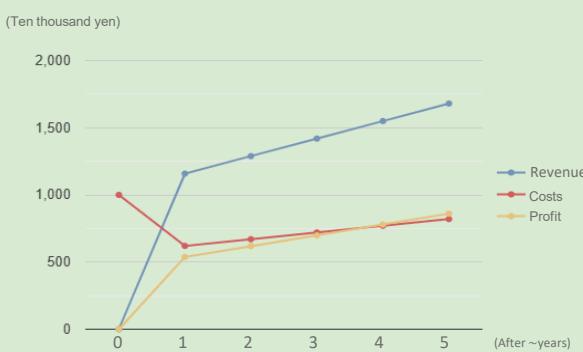
◎ Morning  
Child care for preschoolers  
Consultation and meeting place for their parents  
◎ Afternoon  
After-school care  
Kids' cafeteria

Plan that meets the needs of families with children

- Hire local seniors and university students as staff or teachers
- Equip space to be used as a co-working area
- Provide low-cost food by using food bank items or unsellable products

→ Aim to promote long-term settlement of families with children and multi-generation interaction

## [Budget plan]



## [Safety]

- Place multiple staff members at night
- Install security cameras and an entry/exit management system
- Work with local neighborhood associations for patrols
- Set up an emergency contact network
- Prepare carefully for night care, treating it as a “responsibility” rather than a “risk”

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