

Green City Moriya Worth to live for All

Summarized Submission

Conclusive Key for Today's Liveability ~ Change of City Development during 1960-70's

-For protecting whole City against deteriorating living environment caused by small housing developments spotted around local railway station. In order to avoid uncontrolled development, City administration had concluded to convert rural town into suburban residential city using by planned residential development practices.

-As results of these continuing efforts, Quality-of-life of Citizens had been promoted for citizens' satisfaction as below:

Considering as liveable	72.05%
Wishing to live continuously	88.60%
Feeling healthy, mentally and physically	79.40%
Spending pleasant daily life worth living	78.60%

Enhancement of the Natural and Built Landscape

-City and parties related endeavor to maintain and expand biggest regional assets consisting of Rural environment in 3 river watersides, forest, farmland, greens and wider visual openspace, and, spacious urbanized residential area and business facilities with well-designed landscape.

- Well-designed **Station Plaza** was completed in 2005 as the most convenient new City core. At the beautifully designed Plaza, citizens involved establishing ceramic-plated monuments and opening festivals, cleaning litters and flower-growing as their roles.

-In **southern planned Residential Area and adjacent commercial area** of 7ha, local residents' group made an agreement with developers for design and building cord for enhancing the landscapes. Residents and enterprise-owners grow flowers together for town beautification.

-At the latest **housing development, existing Pine trees along Highroad is preserved as heritage**. That green axis leads to green-rich hinterland and it will be characterized as the symbol of "Green City Moriya".

Arts, Culture and Heritage

- In the year 2011, over 4,000 privately owned **historical documents** have been accepted by City for opening to public. It is expected that those documents help not only to increase the academic research, but also deepening citizens' understanding comprehensive City's history.

-**Summer festival of old shrine** conducted every year in manners traditionally inherited have become civic pride, for many residents, old and new, under management by youth and supporters of old town. **Citizens' cultural activities** by many individuals and groups have opportunities of public concerts and presentations, including Twilight Concert opened every summer at City Hall.

-As unique cultural activities, publicly-organized **ARCUS** invites every year foreign young artists-in-residence for works at studio provided by City for creation and communication with citizens.

Environmental Best Practices

-Natural forest and marshy grounds, sanctuary of wild birds, had been left unutilized land. On the contrary, wastes have been dumped continuously and environment was damaged seriously. To protect the area, a public organization and neighboring junior-high school students had developed 10year **Wild Birds Forest Project**, and by 2011, securing good environment restored, constructing 2.5km length of four footpaths, bird-watching and studying were implemented.

-After the serious discussion a kiln-style Gasification and a Melting System were introduced for fulfilling the basic conditions, also, a highly integrated process should be achieved **to protect air pollution**, as well as a high heat-recovery and eco-friendly consciousness is required. Expected CO2 emission(tons/year) 13,000→740, Dioxin emission level (Nano-g/N cubic meter) 1.0→0.01,Discharging of processed ashes(tons/year) 19,000→11,000

Community Participation and Empowerment

-**The Foster Parent System for Park Beautification** started in 2002. The Local residents, including their children, started to clean neighborhoods parks and common gardens regularly as its activities. Presently 55 groups attend that system and its activities have developed to not only cleaning parks but also growing flowers and maintaining flowerbeds in the public areas.

-The City organized “The International Communication and Study Centre” in 1990. At its opening day, Mainburg in Bayern Germany signed **Agreement for International Sister City Relationship** and City of Greeley in Colorado USA was signed in 1993. Sister city and related activities have been fostered mutual understandings and global consideration among citizens.

Healthy Lifestyle

-**Out door exercise**, running walking jogging, is popular. Although the City has not prepared specific courses, citizens enjoy exercise here and there simply because anywhere throughout of the City, beautifully flourished residential area tree-lined high roads, picturesque rural farmland, are ideal out door exercise courses.

-“**Citizens' Mini-Farm**”, under the fresh air with picturesque rural landscape, families enjoy farming. The activities are directly affected to physical health and bring them a joy of harvests. And beyond that, it will bring them close human relationship with other farming families and within a family as well. Good human relationship is the very important component of “Happy Moriya Lifestyle”.

Strategic Planning

- For opening the historical documents to the general public, it would be essential to equip **digital archives and museums**. Currently, the city and a Public Organization are studying the possibility to utilize the old public building.

-**Future Plan for the Wild Birds' Forest Project**, maintenance and management of the area is the most important issue. The public organization, specialists and the Wild Birds' Youth Union are planning to involve further advanced environmental management.

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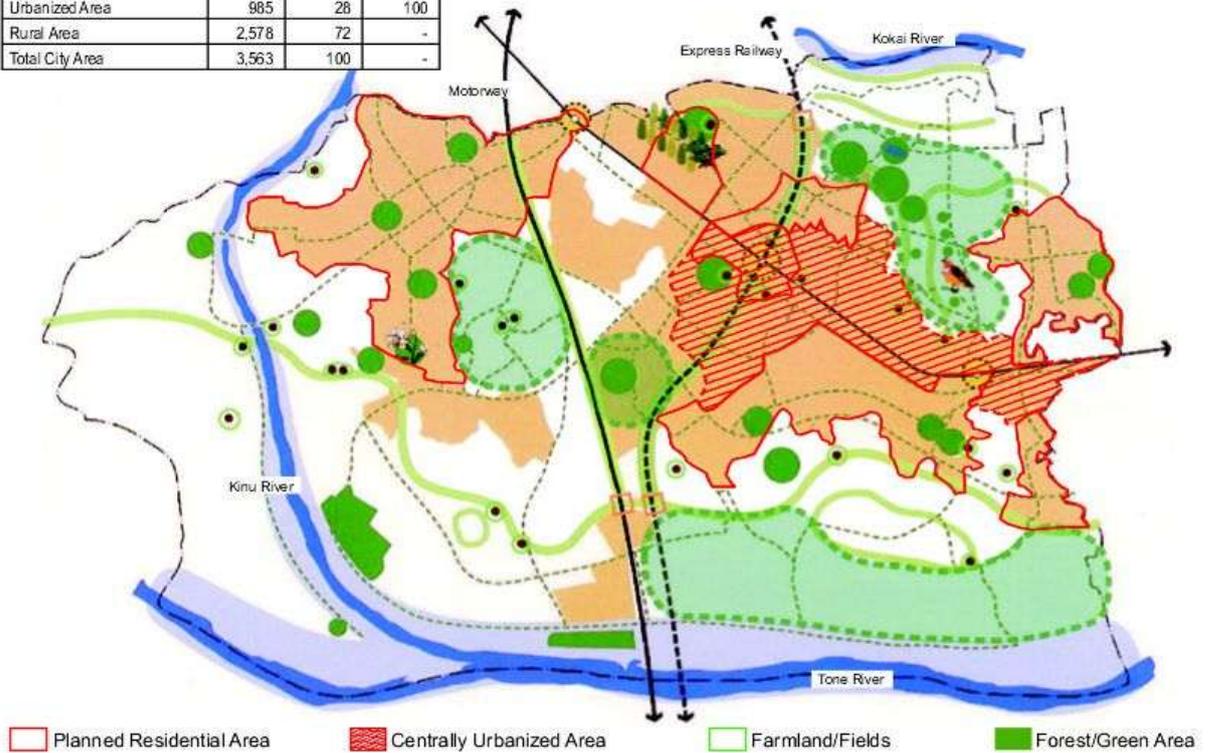
Photographs and Diagrams for reference

Aerial View of whole City Area (center left: Motorway, center right: Express Railway)

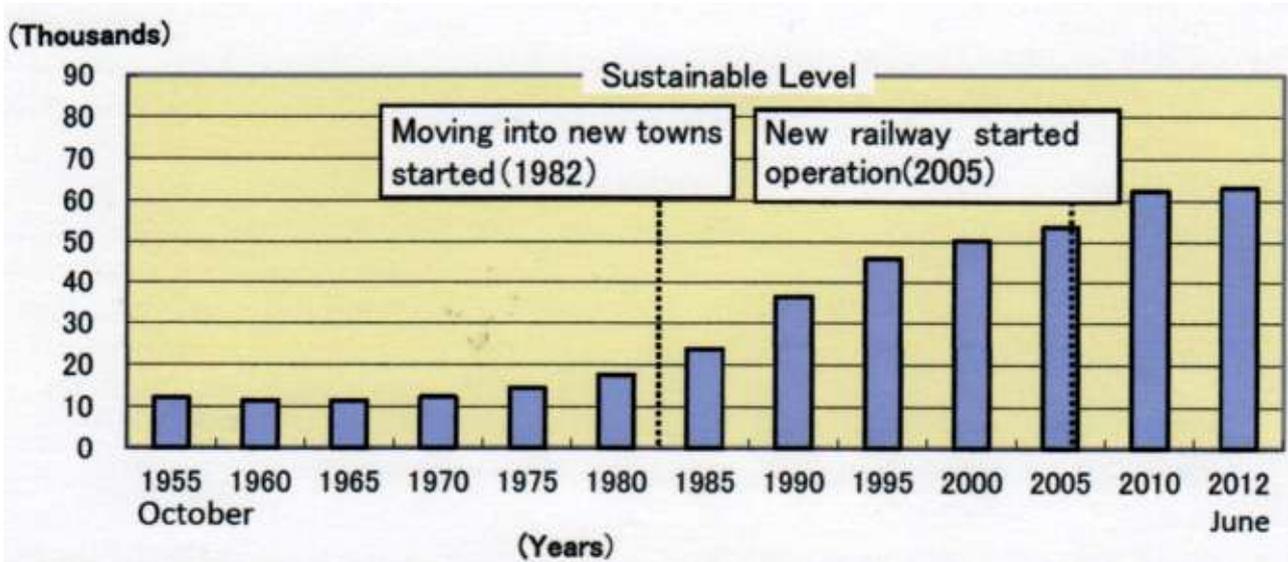


Land Utilization	Area (ha)	Share (%)	
Planned Residential Area	651	18	66
Other Urbanized Area	334	9	34
Urbanized Area	985	28	100
Rural Area	2,578	72	-
Total City Area	3,563	100	-

Moriya City Land Utilization Map



Land Utilization Map (including large-scaled planned residential areas, red-edged)



Trend of Population, from birth of City until now



Landscape of street in planned residential area



Student girls at work in Wild Birds' Forest



Practicing Nordic-walking for healthy life



German cooking school with City's German International Communication Staff