

Certified Nonprofit Corporation  
Japan Society of Urban and Regional Planners [JSURP]



Activities with JSURP

December 2024



# Greetings from the Chairman

The influences by the COVID-19 lasted over three years has finally dawned. Over the time we realized the importance of in-person communication, as well as the benefits of telework and online technologies. JSURP will continue to increase in-person communication opportunities, while taking advantage of the hybrid dialogue.

In 2023, JSURP celebrated its 30th anniversary. 2023 was 100th year after the Great Kanto Earthquake which was a catastrophic disaster. We have been considering and acting on how disaster prevention and urban planning should be, by providing support for recovery, restoration in the damaged areas. Based on the experiences, we compiled a mission "Solving social issues by the power of MACHIZUKURI-Community Development" and set a vision "Let more people take interests in their own communities and able to solve local issues". We will think and act under this mission.

Since JSURP was established, the role of the planning and planner have changed drastically. The areas we deal with have become broader and more complex, and the role of planners has diversified. We have found the need to collaborate with various specialists to solve today's complexed issues. We keep strong awareness on our mission, share our vision, and further develop cooperation with other organizations, community leaders and partners through various activities, projects and events, for a good future.

We look forward to your continuous and enthusiastic collaboration.

**Dr. Toshiya YAMAMOTO**



# What is JSURP – Japan Society of Urban and Regional Planners

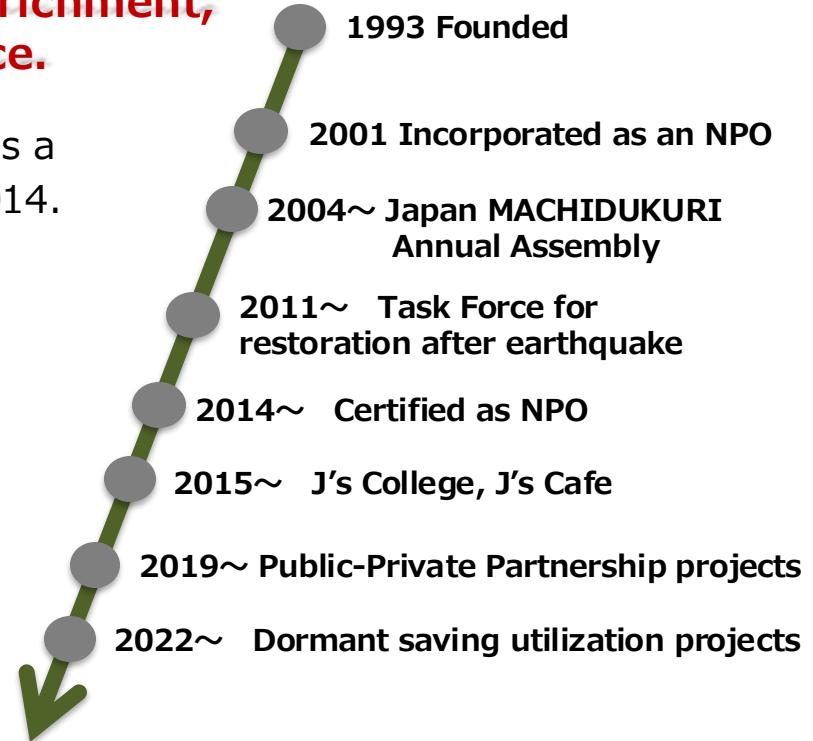


**It is a certified non-profit organization (NPO).  
The purpose is to contribute to the development of  
MACHIZUKURI- Community Development/Enrichment,  
by providing knowledge and experience.**

JSURP was established in 1993, became incorporated as a non-profit organization in 2001, and was certified in 2014. It holds app. 400 members as of Dec. 2024.

The organization holds diverse group of members - experts in urban planning from the fields of academics, consultants, and local governments, and is actively contributing to the development of “MACHIDUKURI” throughout Japan.

Note: “Machizukuri” is a commonly used Japanese term which includes variety of meaning such as community development, revitalization, restoration, planning etc. It usually holds implication of citizen/local participation.





# Our Mission and Vision

## Our Mission

Solving social issues through the power of  
“MACHIZUKURI - community development

## Our Vision

Let more people interested in their communities  
and able to solve local problems.



# Our Activities

## ① Machizukuri Lecture Delivery

- For those who wish to promote community-based Machizukuri, we dispatch experts in accordance with the theme and provide programs that help resolve issues and encourage future development.
  - ❑ **Delivery lectures for community groups** : A series of lectures and workshops to promote community development.
  - ❑ **Delivery lectures for local government officials** : Staff training that incorporates lectures and discussions on specific topics (e.g., policy making for community development etc.).
  - ❑ **Placemaking Workshop** : Short-term practice in placemaking and workshops for implementation.
- “Machizukuri NOTE” is open for those starting Machizukuri.



Machizukuri NOTE (Issued to Vol.11)



Lecture Delivery (2022/Higashi Hiroshima)



Lecture Delivery (2021/Himi)



Machizukuri Forum (2021/Tokyo)

## ② Activities as an Intermediate Support Organization

- We provide support as an intermediary support organization to community development partners that are engaged in self-governed and public interest activities in various regions.
- We provide support from a professional/ third-party perspective, to understand the local issues and help people to continue their Machizukuri activities. We serve as liaison for local governments, organizations, and companies, provide support for action, improvement and create opportunities for communication and change.



**JANPIA 新型コロナウイルス対応緊急支援助成事業**

**外国人と共に暮らし支え合う地域社会の形成  
～支え合いを豊かさにつなげるまちづくり～**

**活動報告 & 交流セミナー**

**2022年1月29日(土) 13:30～16:30**

**形 式 ▶ オンライン開催に変更** ※現地での一般参加は中止します。

参加費 ▶ 無 料  
申 込 ▶ <https://surp-janpia-event202201.peatix.com/>  
会 場 ▶ axle 御茶ノ水 (東京都千代田区神田小川町 3-28-5)



ディスカッション <ミッション2> 持続可能な活動に向けて

企業との連携について、企業にとってのメリットを提示しながらサポートを引き出すことが重要

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Making a community where international people live together with and support each other  
Activity Reports and Exchange Seminars



### ③ Support for Restoration after Disaster

- In the area damaged by disaster, JSURP has formed a task force since the Niigata Chuetsu-oki Earthquake to support restoration and community redevelopment. For community, JSURP provides various support, guiding the direction of restoration suited to the local community in collaboration with the local people.
- In addition, to ensure prompt and accurate action after disaster, we are developing human resources and building a system for restoration and community revitalization, in preparation for large-scale disasters.

#### ■ Achievements ■

- In 2022, we conducted in Machizukuri Workshop in Chigasaki City. As a result of our Task Force action, which consisted mainly of young members, a support team was formed for recovery, which has become a model for future organization.

#### ■ Future Task ■

- We aim to continue our activities nationwide, to create a support system and increase the social ability to promptly take necessary actions after a disaster.



## ④ Japan MACHIDUKURI Annual Assembly (JMA)

- JMA started in 2005 at Hibiya Public Hall and Kogakuin University in Tokyo. It is a place where citizens and organizations engaged in community development throughout Japan come together to deepen their connections and collaborations.
- In 2020-2021, due to COVID, seven online sessions were conducted and in Nov. 2021 an in-person session was held in Ofunato, Iwate Prefecture.
- In 2022, it was held in-person at Chiba University Sumida Satellite Campus in Tokyo; in 2023, at Meiji University Surugadai Campus in Tokyo; and in 2024, at Endoji Shopping Street in Nagoya City.



JMA in Kumamoto (2008)



JMA in Sumida, Tokyo (2022)

### 全国各地に及ぶ JSURPの活動場所

1993年から現在までに行われた、まちづくりのプロジェクト数は、2020年7月時点で約100ヶ所に達しています。全国各地に及ぶ活動拠点は、北は北海道から南は鹿児島県まで、こちらの地図ではそれらの活動拠点を記しています。



北海道東部市で開催した全国まちづくり会議は、ガーデンシティ星野市の名にふさわしく、東京最大の造士教授の基調講演でスタート。地元で大歓迎されての開催となった。

#### 北海道 恵庭市

全国まちづくり会議2008北海道  
地域力・エンパワーメント(2008.10.4-5)



震災後の復興まちづくりの知見を三陸の地域内で共有するために海城大学三陸まちづくりフォーラムは、2015年から4回開催され三陸各地のキーマンの交流の場となっている。

#### 岩手県 大船渡市

第4回三陸沿岸まちづくりフォーラム(2019.9.22)



東日本大震災の翌年に開催された神戸市での全日本会議。世帯主層にも関わる多くの人の参加により熱心な議論が、訪日に関する専門家ワークショップも開催された。

#### 兵庫県 神戸市

全国まちづくり会議2012 in KOBE  
再生の時代を拓くまちづくり(2012.9.29-30)

#### 東京都 江東区

全国まちづくり会議2019 in 東京  
触れし合うローカルとグローバル(2019.9.7-8)



2019年の全日本会議はオンラインで迎えるベネッセ江東での開催。障がい者の活躍に始まり、多様なテーマや主体の参加により史上最多のセッション数となった。

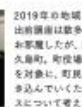
#### 福岡支部



#### 鹿児島県 鹿久島町

地域まちづくり出前講座(2019.12.19)

#### 静岡支部



2019年の地域まちづくり出前講座は数多くの地域にお邪魔したが、鹿久島は歴史久し。町役場の若い職員を対象に、町民を上手く巻き込んでいくためのプロセスについて学ばれた。

JSURP activities throughout Japan

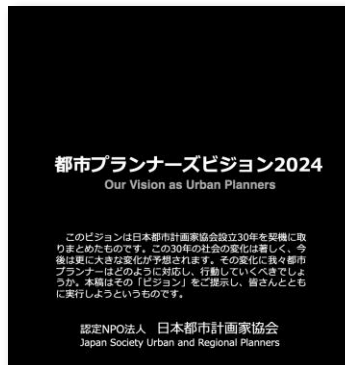


## ⑤ Urban Planner's Vision 2024

- The Forum Committee has held symposiums and sessions on themes related to urban planning such as Master Plans, and the new theme such as public space utilization and area management.
- Based on two years of discussion, "Urban Planner's Vision 2024" as JSURP was released in December 2024.



Discussion by JSURP members  
(2023.4)



### 3. 都市プランナーが果たすべき役割

#### ② 広域的に俯瞰する視点と地域を詳細に見る視点

都市プランナーには、広く社会を俯瞰して物事を捉えて、方針や方向性を示す視点と、ローカルな地域を詳細に見て最終的に具体的な空間の計画・設計まで落とし込む技術の両方が必要とされます。これらの視点（技術）の必要性は以前より言われていたことではありますが、社会が急速かつ大きく変容していく時代において、改めてこれらの2つの視点が重要になってきます。

このうち俯瞰的な視点には、「広域的な俯瞰」という空間的な意味に加え、長期を見通す「時間的な俯瞰」、さらには、都市づくりに欠かせない様々な政策分野を横断するという「テーマ的な俯瞰」という3つの意味があると考えます。

このような見方を「鳥の目」「虫の目」と言うことすれば、現代では時代の流れを読む「魚の目」も必要と考えます。

私たち都市プランナーは、この俯瞰的な視点を持ってよりよい未来の全体像を構想し、その実現に向けて分野横断的な調整を図りつつ、時代の流れも読みながら、ローカルなエリアのビジョンを示し、その実現をサポートしていく、そのような存在を目指していくことが求められるのではないのでしょうか。



Workshop after the General Assembly (2023.6)

"Urban Planner's Vision 2024"  
released in December 2012.  
Currently, Japanese Only

## ⑥ Activities with Escape Route/Time Map (ERM)

- The ERM is a routes map of color-coded by 5 colors – green, yellow-green, yellow, orange, and red, for every three minutes of evacuation time to the target point, based on the walking time of elderly people.
- It was developed by the volunteers in the Nikken Sekkei Architects, based on the experience of the Great East Japan Earthquake. Workshops have been held in more than 50 communities and schools throughout Japan.
- In 2023, the ERM Committee was established as one of the research committee JSURP. About 50 members from the Nikken Sekkei, other private companies, urban planners and university researchers are participating.

### ■ Achievements ■

- ERM members collaborated and held ERM making workshops in six districts across Japan in 2024, as well as training sessions to learn ERM making techniques.
- JSURP has inherited various manuals and archives of the research results of the Escape Map Project team and are building a website for the ERM with the help of corporate sponsorship, which will soon be open to the public.

### ■ Future Task ■

- In order to have more people involved in making ERM, JSURP has established a system to certify and register “ERM experts”. It will further promote disaster-resistant community by using ERM, in collaboration with more sponsors/partners.





## ⑦ Local Activities

- JSURP has members and local chapters throughout Japan. The local chapters are engaged in various local activities. New chapters have been established in Hiroshima in 2022 and in Shakotan in 2023.
- Activities such as J's Cafe, Walking Tours and various symposiums are held, thus building a network of community development partners/ planners.



Machizukuri Seminar (2022/Fukuoka)



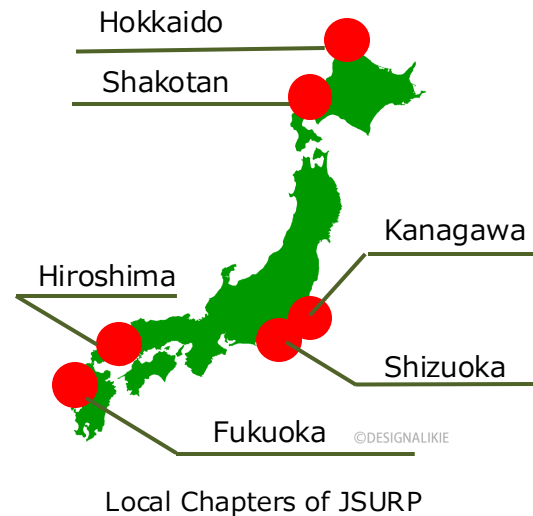
Machizukuri College and Symposium in Fukuoka (2019)



Walking Tour in Hiroshima (2022)



Tour in Yaizu, Shizuoka (2022)





## ⑧ Training for Planners

### ■ Achievement ■

- In 2015, JSURP began "Machizukuri College" for local government, private sector, consultants, students, etc.
- A wide range of themes have been chosen, including the basics of urban planning, placemaking, area management, transportation/mobility, and community care for an aging society.
- A total of more than 20 courses have been held and more than 500 people participated.



Machizukuri College 2015-2021( City Lab Tokyo)

### ■ Future Task ■

- We are considering developing the program to more focused on the training for young planners.
- We will make a platform for basic learning on urban planning and community development.



## ⑨JSURP Award

- It was started in 2003 to support grassroots Machizukuri activities in various fields practiced throughout Japan, and to spread excellent ideas and activities.
- 112 organizations have received the award. (by 2023)



Grand Prize ,14th JSURP Award  
Trinas, Yaizu City



Grand Prize ,13th JSURP Award  
Takami Sanjo Streetscape Committee, Kitakyushu City