# Japan · Finland Forest Cooperation ~towards Decarbonazation~



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1 Outline of Nagano Prefecture

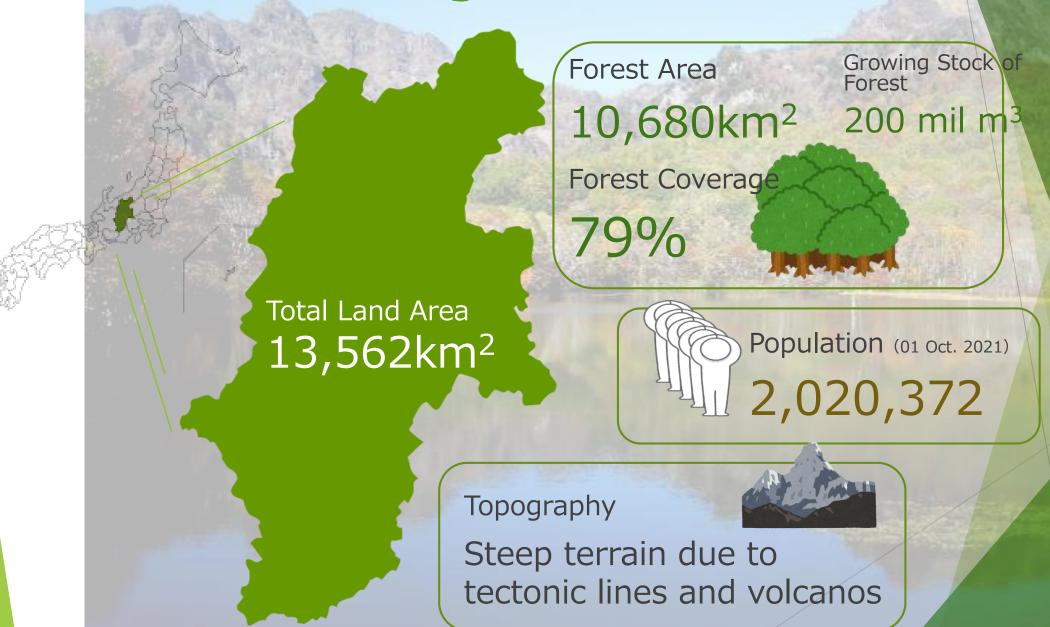
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# 1 Outline of Nagano Prefecture



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**Unique points** 

- Diverse tree species
- Private ownership in small in scales (smaller than 5 ha: 30%)

species)

Breakdown of privately

cedar

owned forest (tree

National forest 3,710km<sup>2</sup>

Forest area 10,680km<sup>2</sup>

Privately owned forest 6,970km<sup>2</sup>

Breakdown of privately owned forest (ownership types)

private 42% prefectures • municipalities 26%

Settlements
companies,etc.32%

Red pine
14%

larch
27%

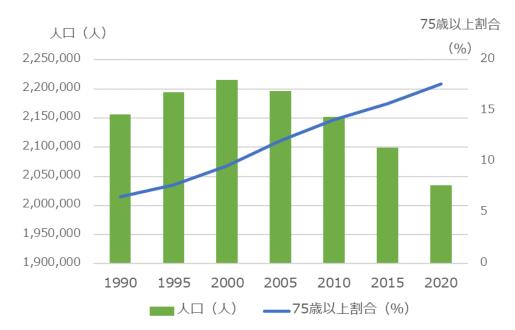
others

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# 2 Pathway to Cooperation • Exchange

## **Challenges for Nagano**

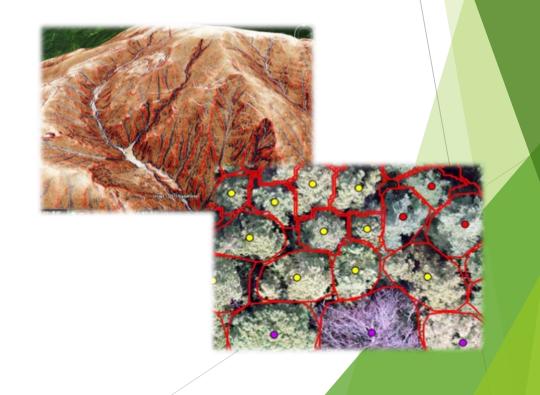
- Depopulation and aging of mountain villages
- Delayed clarification of forest boundaries



Nagano's total population & change of percentages of residents over 75 and older

## **Necessary measures**

Introduction of efficient forest management method, based on the latest technology



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## **Challenges for Nagano**

- Heavy use of plastic, scarcity of wood products in everyday environment
- Frequency of disasters due to global warming



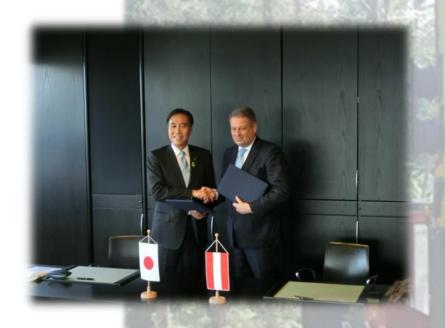
## **Necessary measures**

- Introduction and establishment of bioeconomy, utilizing trees and woods
- ⇒ Regeneration of link between trees/woods and people
- ⇒ Realization of zero-carbon





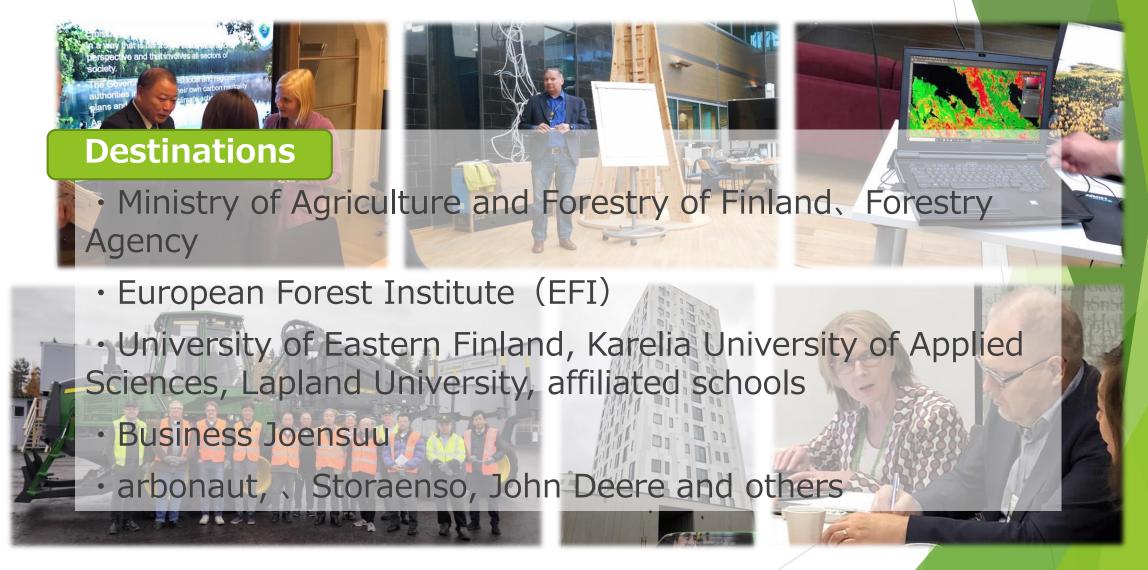
# 2 Pathway to Cooperation · Exchange



- Nagano Prefecture signed MoU with Austrian government agency on forestry in 2015
- Ever since, working on establishment of excellent technology in Nagano through exchange of engineers and introduction of forestry machinery
- In exchange activities, Finland was introduced as a country of advanced initiatives on ICT-based forest management, bioeconomy, etc.

# 3 Visit to Finland and Signing of MoU

**♦** Technical visits, etc. in Finland (2018, 2019)



# Visit to Finland and Signing of MoU

MoU between Nagano Prefecture and North Karelia Regio (2019—2024) **Concluded in October 2019** 

### Area

Forestry, forest product industry, renewable energy, timber use, bioeconomy

## **Contents**

- Provision of information on activities on reguar basis
- Exchange on education, training and research knowledge
- International technology information, promotion of innovation exchange
- Participation in technical visitis of local governments and companies, trade fairs and exhibitions
- Provision of essential assistance and support for relevant activities **XIna City of Nagano also concluded MoU** with North Karelia Region

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Finland have reached the following MOU on the basis of equality and mutual benefit with the intention of promoting and strengthening cooperation in the field of regional

- The Parties shall promote the exchange of education, training and rese

- It shall be subject to review by both parties in 2024, and may be extended, amended, or terminated at that time. However, either Party may terminate this MoU by written notification to the other Party six months prior to the desired date of termination
- The termination of this MoU shall not affect the implementation of any projects appr

Confirming the understanding of the above particulars, the partners have executed this Memorandum of Understanding by placing their signatures hereto

Signed in Joensuu, Finland, on 23rd October 2019





# 4 Examples of Cooperation · Exchange Activities

- ◆ Participation in Seminars, hosted by Nagano Prefecture and others
- Oct. 2021 Seminar on future wood utilization
- Expert from Business Joensuu participated in the seminar for wood use promotion as a speaker
- and introduced Finland's various usages of wood material in building and textile





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# **4** Examples of Cooperation • Exchange Activities

- ◆ Nagano Prefecture and educational organization of Finland plan joint online event
  - Feb. 2022 Zero Carbon Conference for Students
  - Environment-conscious students participate from all over the world
  - Online exchange of opinions on climate change, circular economy, micro plastic, forest resources



# Outlook

- Climate Emergency Declaration-2050 Zero Carbon Resolution-
  - Governor of Nagano Prefecture declared Climate Emergency after experiencing catastrophe, caused by typhoon in 2019
  - · At the same time, he communicated internally and externally Nagano's decision to achieve CO2 emission net zero by 2050
  - Stronger promotion of efforts to realize zero carbon



#### Climate Emergency Declaration "Go Zero Carbon by 2050"

Extreme weather events have been frequently affecting all parts of the world, including record breaking heat waves, heavy rainfalls and large scale droughts. The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has announced that the extreme weather is consistent with the long-term global warming trends.

Typhoon Hagihis, which tore through Japan this October, caused massive damage to Nagano as well as many other parts in Japan. In recent years, it is said that climate change is a cause of frequent weather disasters in Japan.

Climate change threatens the survival of human society on the earth. I have an impending sense of urgency that we will not be able to hand over a sustainable society to the next generations if we sit still and fail to act on the emergency.

Responding to the Paris Agreement adopted in December 2015, the Japanese Government formulated a long-term strategy, aiming for a Zero Carbon Society as the

Nagano Prefecture has spearheaded the efforts to fight the global warming, and hosted this year's G20 Ministerial Meeting on Energy Transitions and Global Environment for Sustainable Growth. We also announced to the world an urgent call for an action on the climate change, the Nagano Declaration on Partnership for Collaborative Action for Sustainable Development.

The international community has been stressing important roles that local governments and NGOs play in the climate change, and they expect Nagano Prefecture to lead the way.

Now is the time for us to respond to the climate change to protect the lives of future generations using two approaches: Mitigation to reduce the climate change, and Adaptation to build cities that are resilient to disasters

Therefore, we hereby declare climate emergency, and, with determination to achieve zero carbon emissions in 2050, we will unite all citizens of Nagano to promote complete proliferation of energy efficiency and renewable energy in the prefecture. We will also build a disaster resilient region with independent and distributed energy systems, expecting sustainable development of Nagano Prefecture.

December 6, 2019

Governor of Nagano Prefecture ABE Shuichi

# 5 Outlook

Various initiatives to be materialized through collaboration









# Thank you for listening.



