

**Countermeasures for Large Earthquakes  
Taken in Japan and Promotion of Seismic  
Buildings by Industry/Academia/Government  
Partnership**

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# **1. Large Earthquakes Recently Occurred in Japan**

# 1. Large Earthquakes Recently Hit Japan

## 1995: Hashin/Awaji Earthquake

Date/Time: March 11<sup>th</sup>. 2011 at 14:46

Magnitude: 9.0

Human Damage: 21,839 persons dead or missing

Building Damage: 127,830 buildings totally collapsed

Remarks: Most casualties were crushed by building collapses or falling furniture



Photos by Kobe City Office



# 1. Large Earthquakes Recently Hit Japan

## 2011: East-Japan Large Earthquake

Date/Time: January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1995 at 05:46

Magnitude: 7. 3

Human Damage: 6,437 persons dead or missing

Building Damage: 104,906 buildings totally collapsed

Remarks: Tsunami damage was much serious than damage by building collapse.



Photos by Sato

# 1. Large Earthquakes Recently Hit Japan

## 2011: East-Japan Large Earthquake

Disaster Reduction→Seismic shelters became popular



From website of Ichijo Komuen Co.

# 1. Large Earthquakes Recently Hit Japan

## 2016: Kumamoto Earthquake

Date/Time: April 14<sup>th</sup>. 2016 at 21:26

Magnitude: 6.5

Human Damage: 50 persons dead

Building Damage: 8,673 buildings totally collapsed

Remarks: M=7.0 after-quake occurred at 01:25 on 16<sup>th</sup>, 28hrs after the first quake.



From KIROKUMA website



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## 2018: Osaka Earthquake

Date/Time: Junel 18<sup>th</sup>. 2016 at 07:58

Magnitude: 6.1

Human Damage: 5 persons dead

Building Damage: 12 buildings totally collapsed

Remarks: An illegal block wall collapsed and incurred a casualty

By Fire Defence Agency



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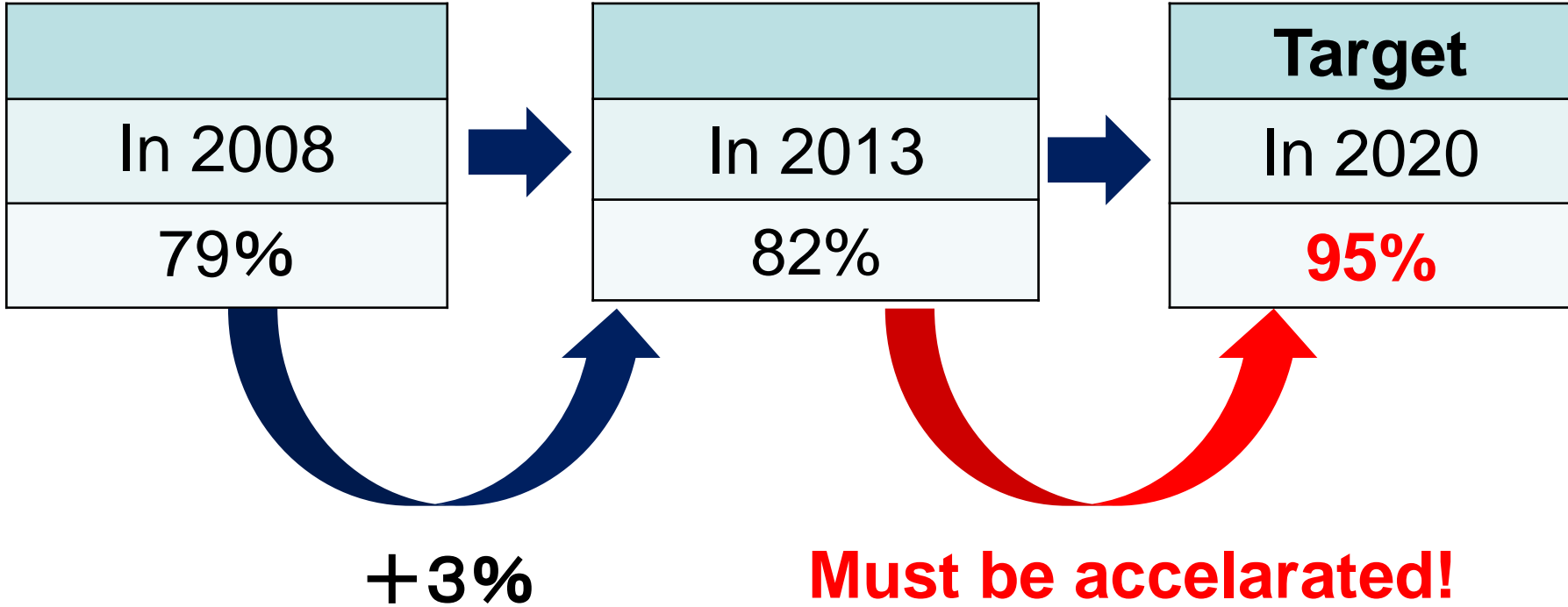
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## **2. Measures to Facilitate Seismic Building Construction**

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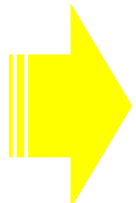
Target of seismic building ratio of residential use



# 2. Measures to Facilitate Seismic Building Construction

Increasing subsidy cooperatively by national, prefectural and city governments

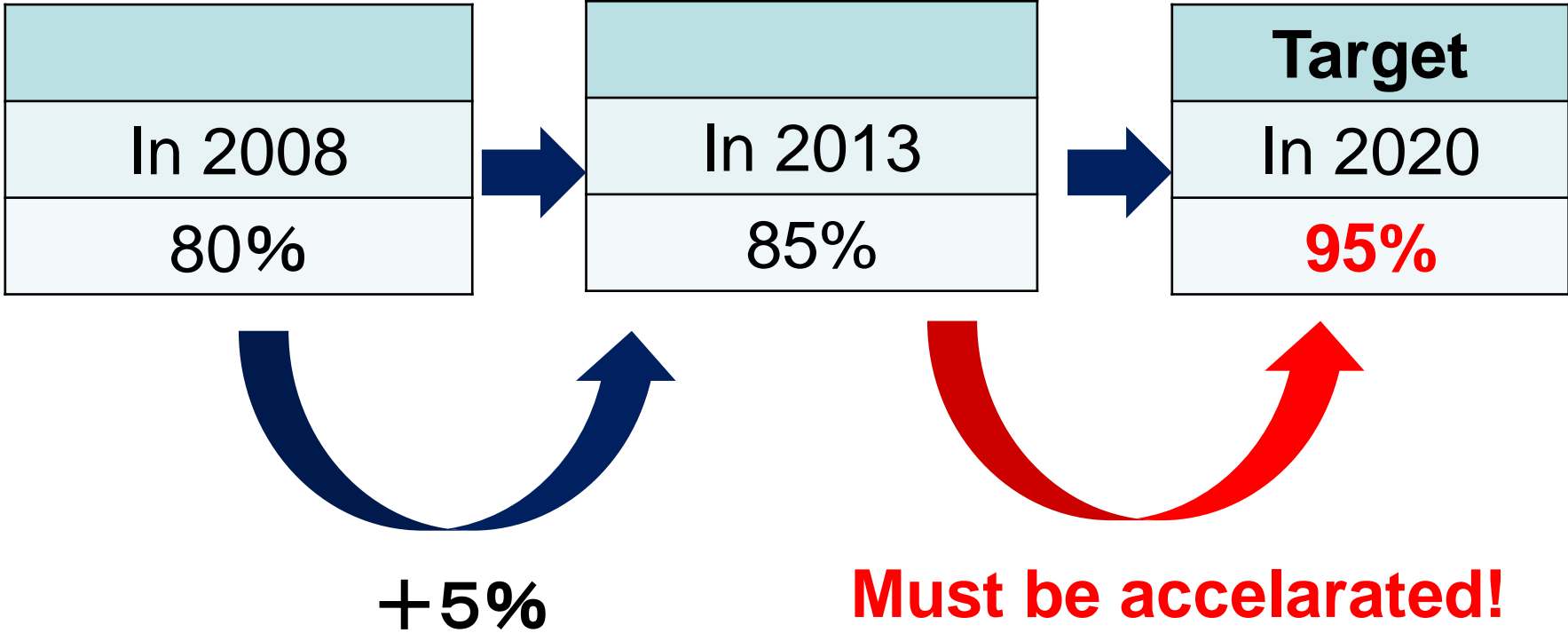
	Subsidy (~2017)
Nation	23% of total cost for seismic retrofit
Pref.	Max: ¥900,000
City	Max: ¥900,000 50% of total cost etc.



	Subsidy (2018~)
	80% of total cost for seismic retrofit (max. ¥1,000,000)
	Max: ¥1,000,000
	Max: ¥1,000,000 80% of total cost etc.

# 2. Measures to Facilitate Seismic Building Construction

Target of seismic building ratio of large buildings\*



\*Large buildings: Buildings having floor areas exceeding a certain standard where a number of unspecified people assemble e.g., school, hospital, department store, etc.



## 2. Measures to Facilitate Seismic Building Construction

Ammendment of “Act on Promotion of Seismic Retrofitting of Buildings (enacted Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013)

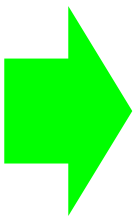
### Tightening regulations for seismic retrofits diffusion

**Mandatory requirements for seismic dianosis and publicizing the result**

- 1) Large buildings:** Buildings having floor areas exceeding a certain stanard where a number of unspecified people assemble e.g., school, hospital, department store, etc.
- 2) Buildings along roads for emergency use** which are spcified by local governments
- 3) Buildings to be used for disaster prevention and evacuation base** specified by prefectural governments

# 2. Measures to Facilitate Seismic Building Construction

## 1) Large Buildings



Results of the seismic diagnoses was reported by 2015.

Risk level of building collapse under a large earthquake	Number of collapsed buildings (%)
I High	Approx. 1,000 (9%)
II Middle	Approx. 700 (7%)
III Low	Approx. 8,800 (83%)
Not reported	Approx. 100 (1%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,600</b>

# 2. Measures to Facilitate Seismic Building Construction

## 2) Buildings along roads for emergency use

<b>Local governments specified emergency roads</b>	<b>Local governments publicized the seismic diagnoses results</b>
<b>15 prefs., 61 cities</b>	<b>Tokyo and Osaka pefecs., 3 cities</b>

## 3) Buildings to be used for disaster prevention/evacuation base

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<b>29 prefs.</b>	<b>15 prefs.</b>

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### Amendment for streamlining seismic retrofits

#### 1. Revision of “Certification of building seismic retrofit plans”

○Expand a scope of applicable buildings for the certification and provide incentives for floor area ratio and building coverage to the certified plans.

#### 2. Loosening a requirement for seismic retrofit for condominiums

○Required number of votes of sectorial owners to resolve execution of seismic retrofit was changed from  $\frac{3}{4}$  or more to  $\frac{1}{2}$  or more.

#### 3. Starting labelling system to show seismic property

○ The label is to show that the building is certified to have a reliable level of seismic property.





### **3. A Seismic Promotion Activity by Industry, Academia and Government Partnership**

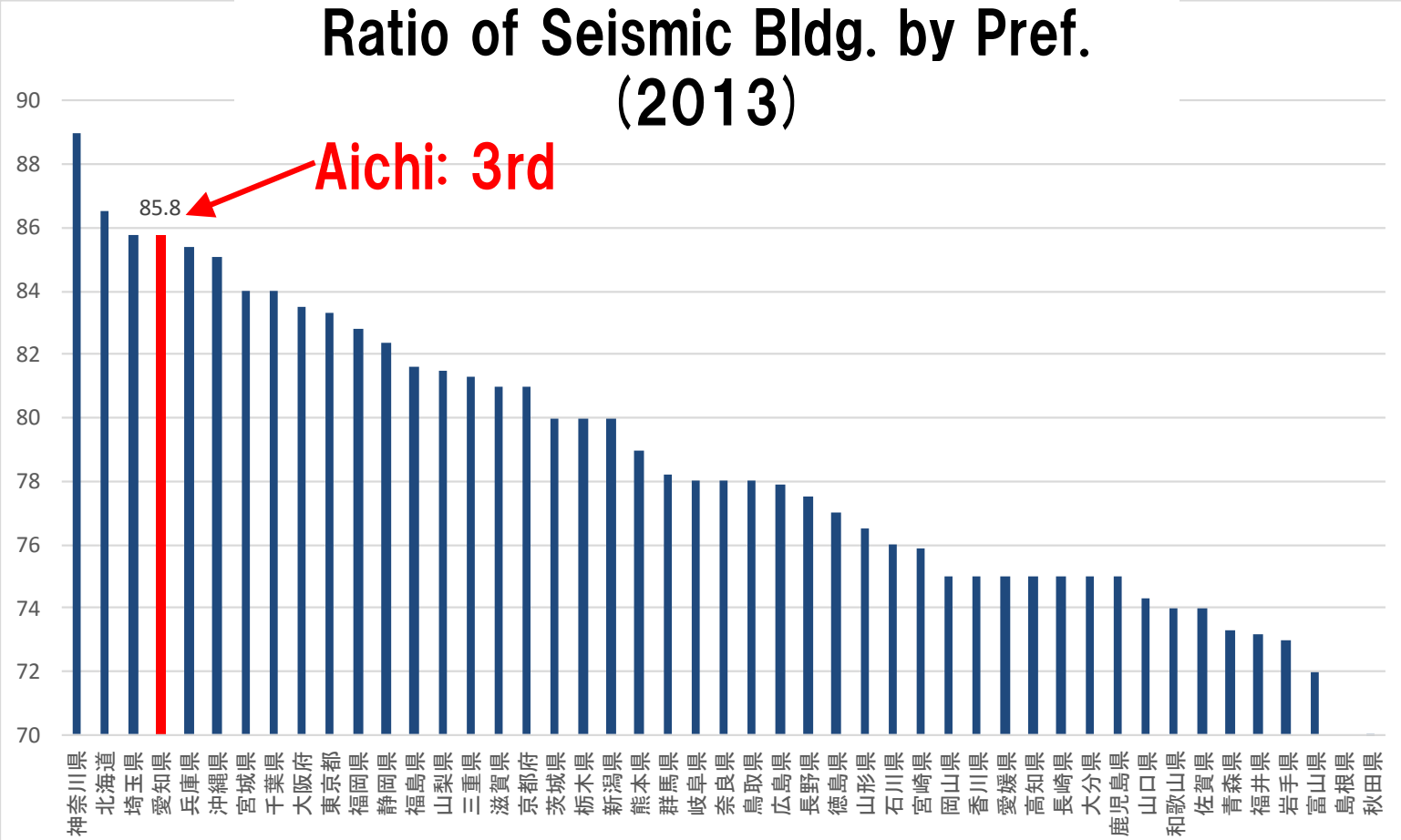
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## Current Situation of Seismic Buildings in Aichi

Residential

<Average>  
**82%**

Ratio of Seismic Bldg. by Pref.  
(2013)



# 3. Ind./Acad./Govt.” Partnership for Seismic Promotion

## Seismic Retrofit Promotion Plan (2012)

**TARGET**

95% of houses to be seismic resistant by 2020

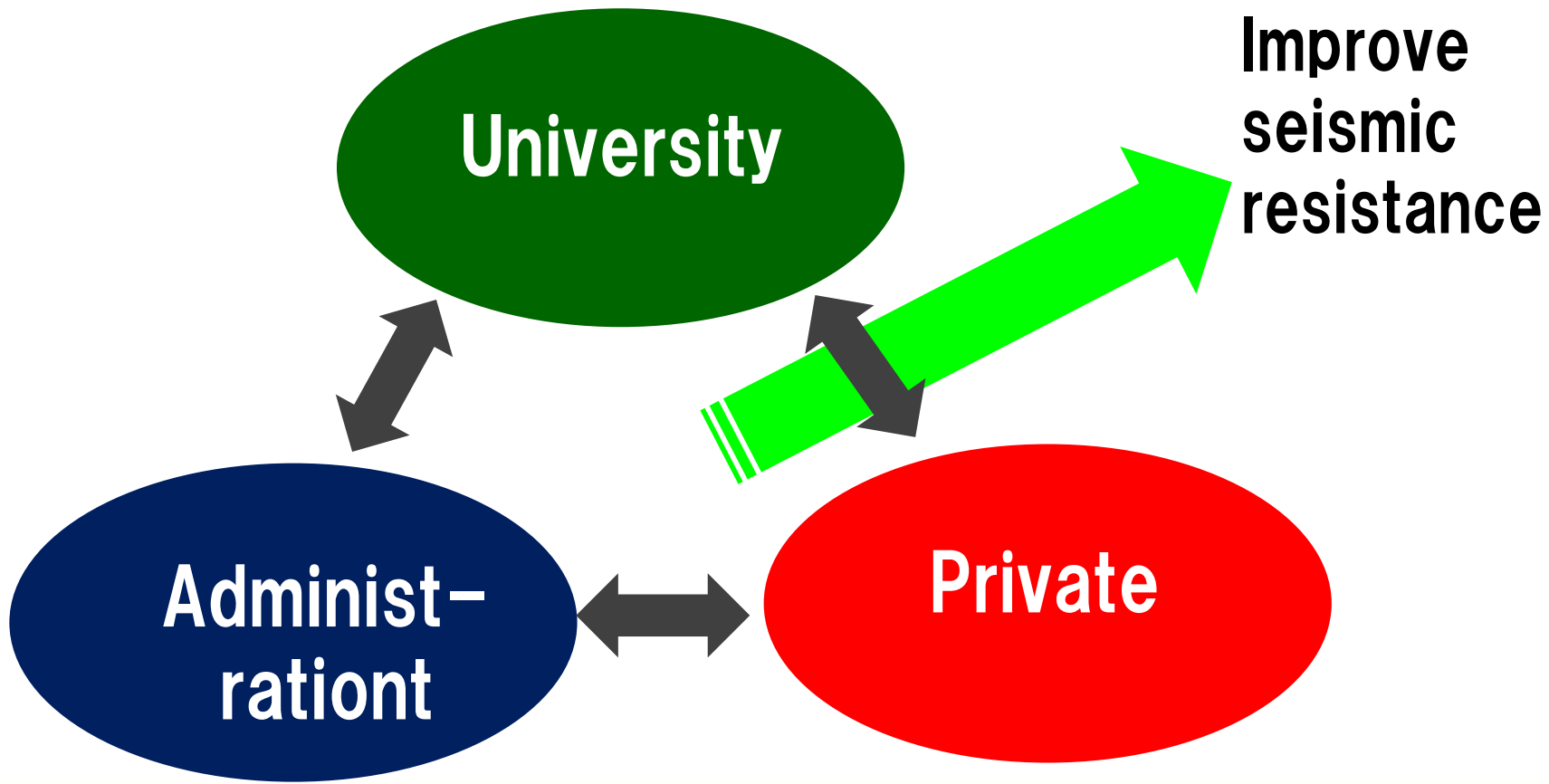
### Ratio of Seismic Houses



We must speed up the execution of seismic retrofit!

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“Aichi Research Council for System Mitigating Earthquake Damage on Buildings”



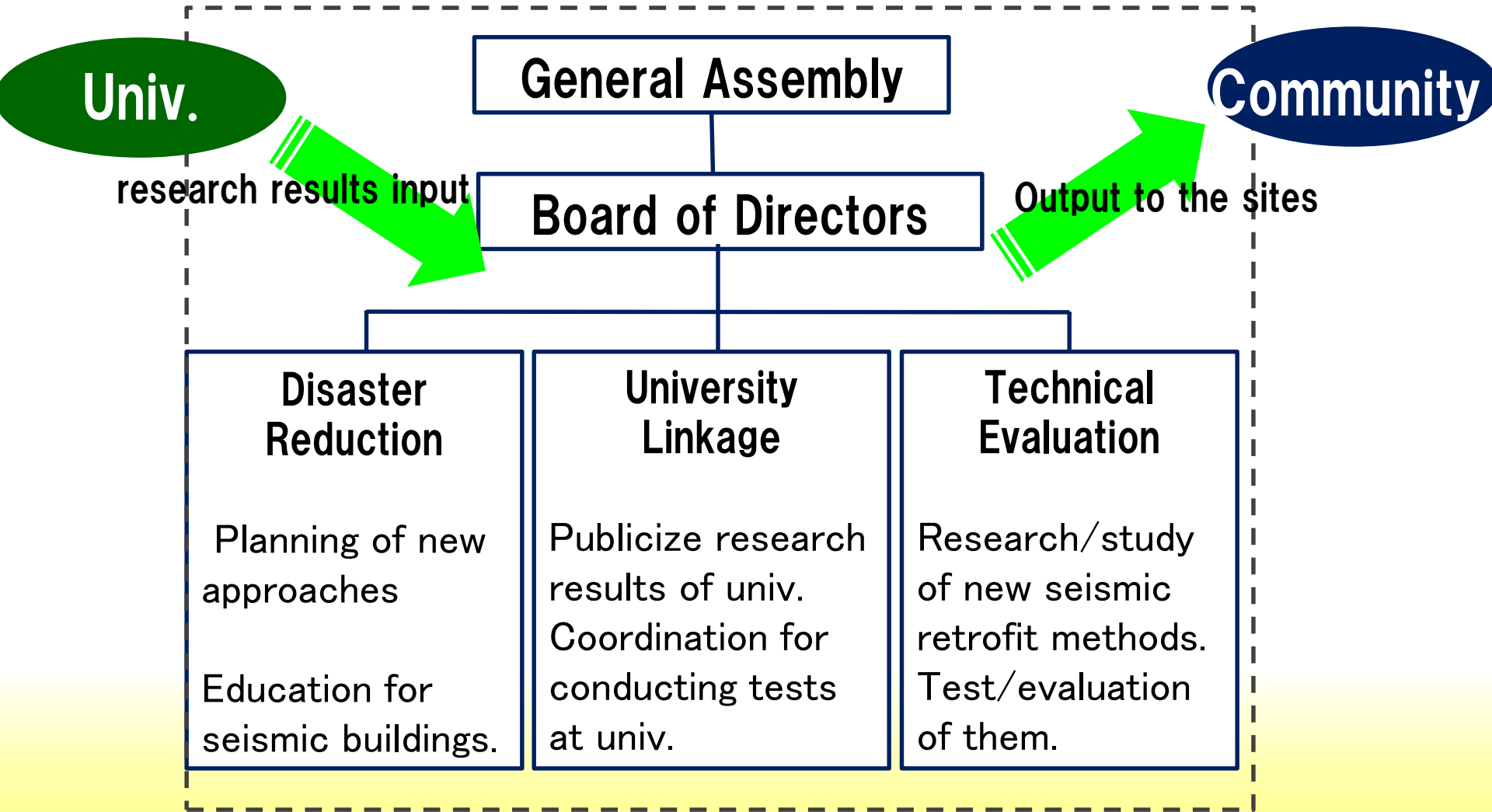
Members:

Universities, Industry Assoc., Private Companies, Government



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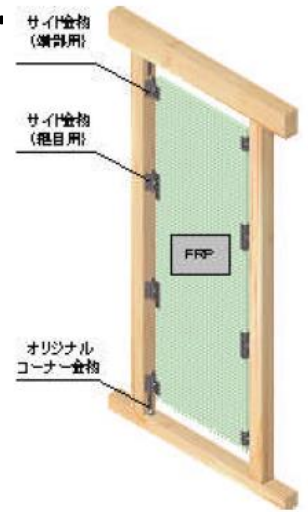
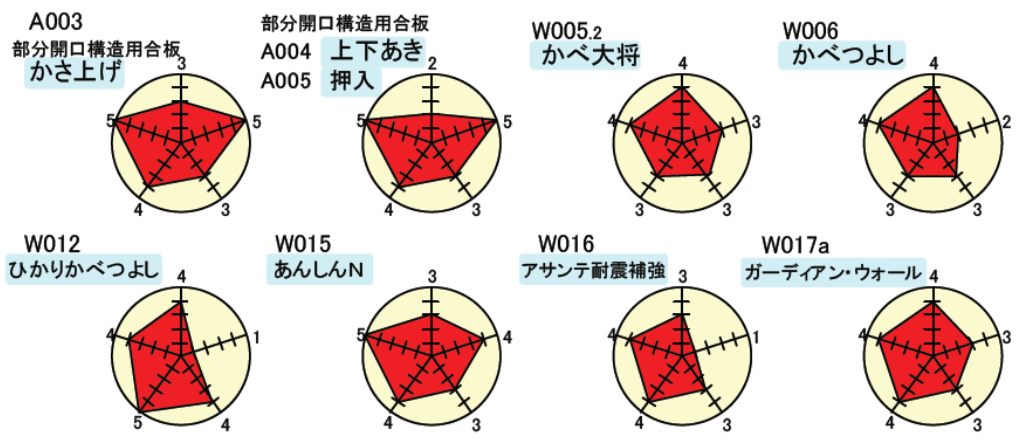
## Organization of the Council



# 3. Ind./Acad./Govt. Partnership for Seismic Promotion

## ① Cost-Effective Retrofit Method – Tech. Develop.

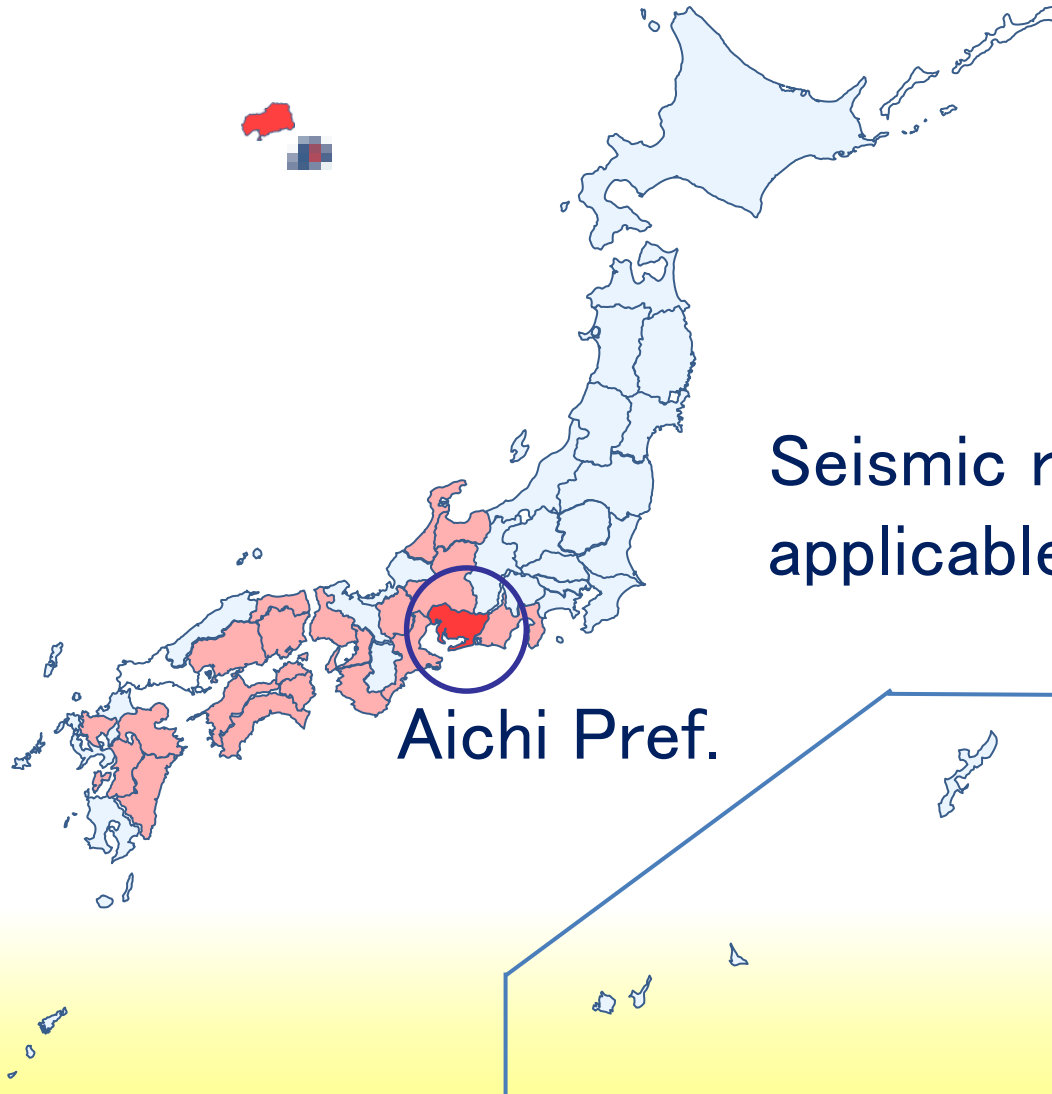
- 93 techniques have been newly evaluated.  
(49 developed by Council, 44 developed by companies)
- Comprehensive evaluation on:  
seismic strength, cost, workability, finishing, etc.



- Encourage and conducts tests of simple structures using plywoods to achieve cost reduction

### 3. Ind./Acad./Govt. Partnership for Seismic Promotion

#### ① Cost-Effective Retrofit Method – Tech. Develop.



Aichi Pref.

Seismic retrofit subsidy is applicable for 21 prefectures.

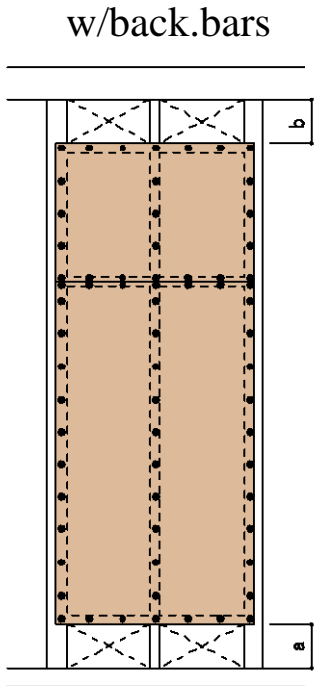
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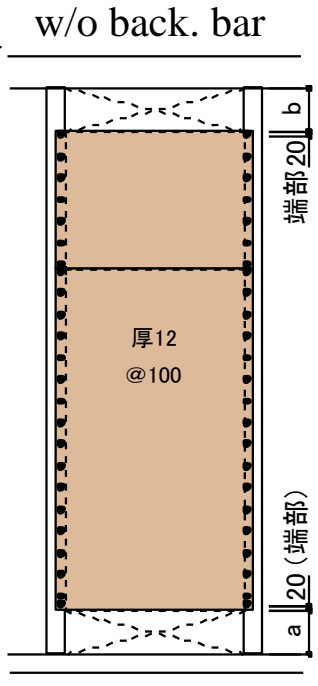
**Eg. 1 Developed by Council ①**  
**Wall reinforced by structural plywood**

- Plywood is not connected to the beam nor the groundsill.
- Fix crossbars at the flooring and ceiling heights and to install structural plywoods between them.

Wall Ratio: w/backing bars	<b>4.16</b>	k N/m
w/o backing bar	<b>3.64</b>	k N/m



N50@<150  
 On 4 sides  
 Thick: 9mm<



N50@<100  
 On 2 sides  
 Thick; 12mm<

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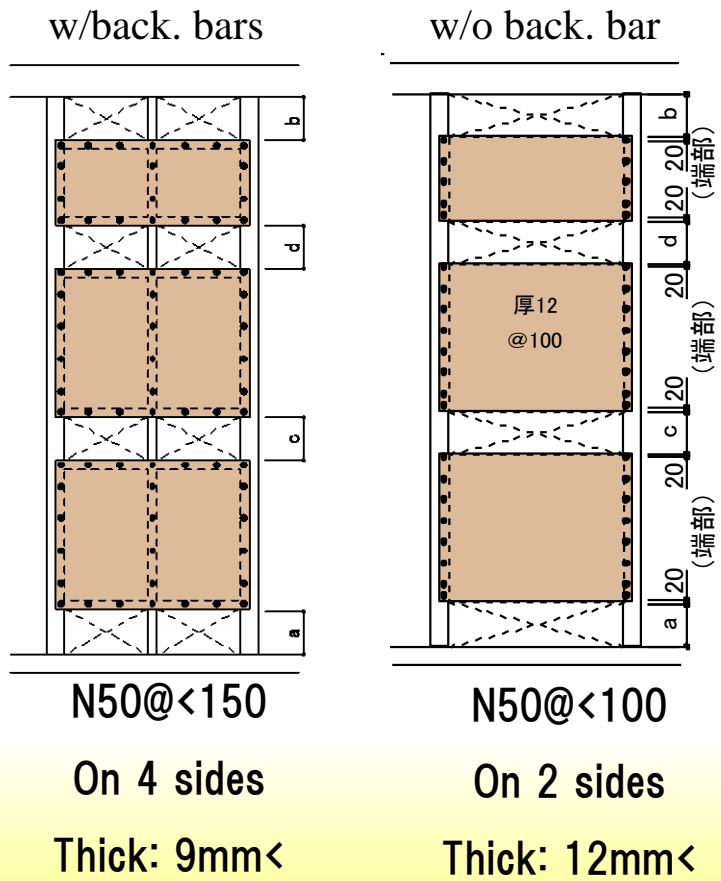
## ① Cost-Effective Retrofit Method – Tech. Develop.

### Eg. 2 Developed by Council ②

#### Wall reinforced by structural plywood in closet

- Fix crossbars inside the closet at flooring, ceiling, middle and top shelves heights and install structural plywoods to fill the spaces between the bars.
- Possible to complete reinforcement work without damaging the flooring, ceiling and middle/top shelves.

Wall Ratio: w/backing bars	<b>3.12</b>	k N/m
w/o backing bar	<b>1.82</b>	k N/m



N50@<150

On 4 sides

Thick: 9mm<

N50@<100

On 2 sides

Thick: 12mm<

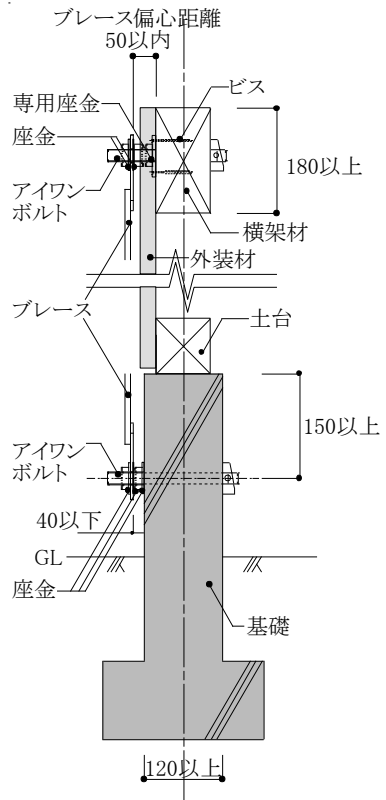
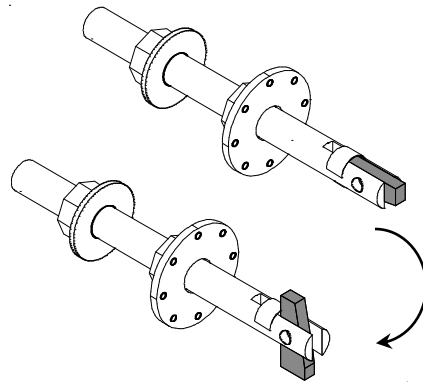
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## ① Cost-Effective Retrofit Method – Tech. Develop.

### Eg. 3 Developed by Company ① “I-One”

- Fit one-side bolts from outside of the beam and the foundation, and fix braces to them.
- The work does not give any affects to the residents living spaces and exterior materials.
- Can be applied to windows as it can secure lighting.

< I-one bolt >



Wall Ratio: **4.1** kN/m

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## ① Cost-Effective Retrofit Method – Tech. Develop.

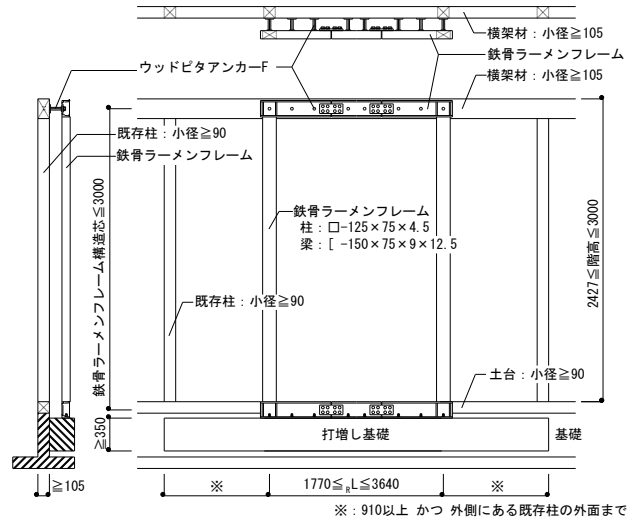
### Eg. 4 Developed by Company ② “Wood-Pita Frame”

● The upper part of the steel rigid frame is connected to the building by specially developed metal fixtures, and the bottoms, to the additional foundation by anchor bolts.

● Short construction term → cost reduction

● Able to be installed on windows/doors.

Wall Ratio: **5.5** kN/unit





# 3. Ind./Acad./Govt. Partnership for Seismic Promotion

## ② Cost-Effective Retrofit Method – Education/Diffusion

Architects/Engineers, Carpenters, Contractors

愛知建築地震災害軽減システム研究協議会

安価な耐震改修工法講習会  
住宅の耐震化促進における建築士の役割

国立大学法人名古屋工業大学  
高度防災工学センター  
井戸田秀樹



# 3. Ind./Acad./Govt. Partnership for Seismic Promotion

## ③ Course for Seismic Building Advisor - Education

Train seismic bldg. advisors who work locally - 625P registered

### Roles of seismic building advisors

- ① Promote necessity of seismic diagnoses/retrofits in the community.
- ② Consultation to the people in communities about fixing furniture and seismic buildings.
- ③ Provide technical advices at local disaster prevention activities.



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## ④ Community-based Activities to Support Seismic Bldg.

Visit individual houses to raise awareness of the residents





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## ⑤ Despatch Lecturers

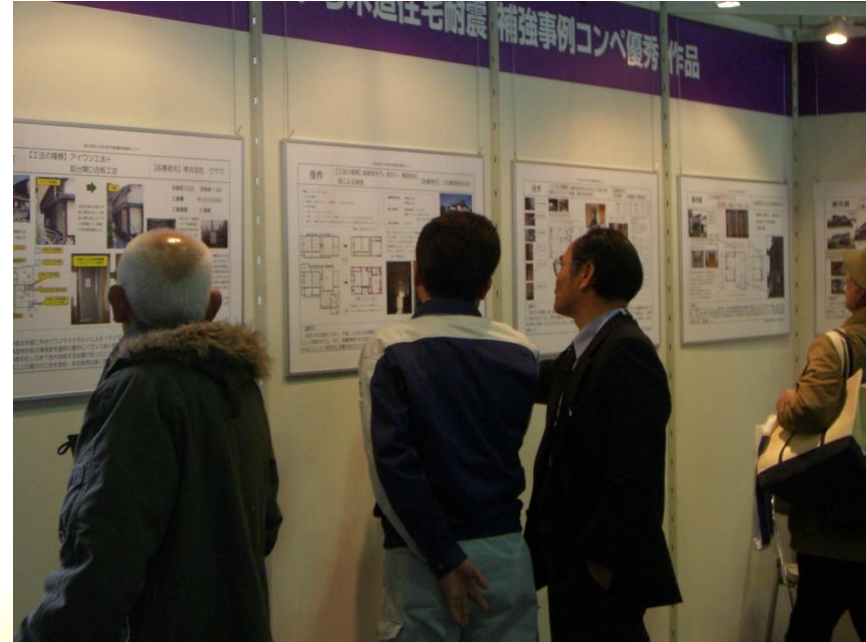
Sending the Council members from universities to regional courses as instructors and lecturers.



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## ⑦ Competition of Seismic Retrofit Projects

Unique, effective and attractive seismic retrofit projects are collected which are widely known to the public.



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Lastly.....

Creation of a cross sectorial partnership among industry, academia and government sectors is most important to enhance buildings seismic property and to reduce the building damage, based on the mutual respect and understanding of the mission of each sector.