



Development of Attractive Cities from Stations

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Introduction

Issues

Progress in motorization

Urban sprawl in downtown areas

▶ Hollowing out of central downtown areas

Change in social conditions

Decline in population

Environmental issues

Decreasing birthrate and aging population

Compact city development centering on stations
will be required

Tasks with Local Authorities and Administration

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Issues

- Lack of city core and landmarks
- Cities divided by stations and railway belts
- Improvement of transport connection function
 - Dispersed city functions
- Decay and safety concerns in downtown areas, etc.

Interest of local authorities

Flourish areas
around stations

Interest of railway company

Attract more
commuters and customers

Unite

Tasks with Local Authorities and Administration

Transport infrastructure to improve consumer convenience

Flourish areas around stations

Establishment



Area-wide improvements



Renovation and rebuilding



Two-level crossing



Grouping urban functions for compact city development

Attract more Commuters, customers

Commerce



Housing



Child care



Welfare



Culture



Better development plans for customers, local authorities, and railway companies

Showcase Examples

~①Sumakaihinkoen Stations

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New potential created
by new station establishment

Lack of city core
and landmarks

Establishment
of new station

Area-wide
improvements
around stations

Housing

Commercial facilities

Medical facilities

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Showcase Examples ~ ② Himeji Station

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Enrichment of commercial and social interchange facilities in a two-level crossing project

Cities divided by railways

Dispersed city functions

Inconvenient transport connection

Area-wide improvements around stations

Two-level crossing project

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Cultural and social interchange facilities

Commercial facilities

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View from an observation deck directly connected to the station building (Himeji Castle is currently under renewal construction.)



LED lighting used for illumination



Passageway inside a station



3-D urban planning system

Showcase Examples ~ ③ Okayama Station

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Enhancement of commercial facilities along with station building renovation

Dispersed city functions

Cities divided by stations and railway belts

Area-wide improvements around stations

Renovation and rebuilding of station buildings and squares

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Commercial facilities

Cultural and social interchange facilities

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A free-to-use passageway eliminated division within the region.



Rebuilt station square



Commercial facilities selling regional goods

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Conclusion

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- ① Better development can be realized through cooperation with municipalities.
- ② By combining hard development, including improvements to the station building and improvements to areas around the station, and softer, life-style related measures, including nursing care businesses and child care support projects in line with the needs of the region, it is possible to achieve a sustainable urban development.



Osaka Station City, Toki-no-hiroba Plaza



Kyoto Station



Nizyo Station, station building
(apartment and commercial facilities)



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