

Activity Report: Kanagawa Climate Assembly in Zushi-Hayama

14 March 2024

Kanagawa Climate Assembly in Zushi-Hayama Steering Committee







Zushi City and Hayama Town

















	Population	Area	Characteristics
Zushi City	55,937	17.3 km ² Cultivated land 6 ha Wooded land 898 ha	 Aiming to draft "Plan for Global Warming Countermeasures (regional)" in FY2023 Public transportation: 4 train stations, bus service Developed as a bedroom community Industry: Tourism (Zushi coast, Nagae-Sakurayama Burial Mounds, Mandarado Yagura Tombs)
Hayama Town	32,233	17.0 km ² Cultivated land 32 ha Wooded land 876 ha	 Aiming to draft "Plan for Global Warming Countermeasures (regional)" in FY2024 Public transportation: bus service The birthplace of Japanese yachting Hayama Imperial Villa, known as a resort town Industry: Tourism, agriculture (shiitake), livestock (Hayama beef), fisheries



Features of the Kanagawa Climate Assembly in Zushi-Hayama

- Targeted two neighboring communities
- Aimed to deliver citizens' opinions for drafting action plans for Zushi and Hayama
- Established a Steering Committee for fair and just administration
 (Kanagawa Prefecture: entrusted planning and operation of citizen assembly→developed a programme for a citizen dialogue methodology to scale out in the prefecture)
- Adopted Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) programme as a tool for citizen awareness→Implement "1.5°C lifestyle challenge" (to be proposed by the Institute for Dialogue of Environmental Policy (IDEP) and carried out in IGES' hometown of Hayama-Zushi.)
- Invited 3,300 individuals randomly selected from the basic resident register to participate (cooperation from Zushi and Hayama local gov't) → Finally narrowed down to 46 participants





Progression of Citizen Assembly

- ① Establish foundational information among participants by providing fundamental information on climate change and building decarbonized societies
- 2 Personalization of the issues for participants and sharing of awareness among participants
- 3 Narrowing down priority topics (sectors or issues) for discussion
- 4 In-depth discussions and dialogue on selected topics (topic debates)
- 5 Aggregation of dialogue outcomes, voting by participants on proposed items, and creation of citizen proposal
- Assign overall facilitators and group facilitators (groups comprised of 5 to 6 persons)
- Comprehensive information provision by experts alongside specific information from practitioners in various fields: "mobility" (Keikyu Corporation); "housing and energy" (Nakata Co., Ltd., IGES); "manufactured goods" (Loop Japan, airCloset); and "food" (Food Bank Kanagawa, KAMAN, Inc.)
- Meetings primarily held on Saturday afternoons (total of 5 meetings between July and December)





Citizen Assembly Process

1st Session 8 July

- Orientation
- Learning about climate change and decarbonization
- •Getting to know each other

2nd Session 5 Aug.

Learning about the relationship between lifestyles and global warming
Considering actions to reduce carbon August (2 weeks)

•Citizens implement the "decarbonized lifestyle challenge"

3rd Session 23 Sept.

- Sharing ideas after the challenge
- Narrowing down topics and issues for discussion

4th Session 28 Oct.

- •Group discussions by topic
- Deliberation on initiatives and proposals by topic

5th Session 2 Dec.

- •Further deliberation on citizen proposal (draft)
- •Expression of intent on proposals (voting)

15 Dec. (Fri) Present proposal to mayor of Hayama

18 Dec. (Mon) Present proposal to mayor of Zushi & press conference

12 Feb. (Mon)

14 Feb. (Wed)

Hold "Review Meeting"

→ Invite participation in follow-up activities

To contribute to policymaking in Zushi and Hayama, publicly release to civic society, and provide as an opportunity for regional initiatives and collaboration





1st Session 8 July

- Orientation
- ·Getting to know each other
- Learning about climate change and decarbonization

■Lectures and Q&A with experts

- "The reality of climate change and the necessity of decarbonization"
- "What kind of zero-carbon society to build?"
- "Foundational information on the Zushi-Hayama region"
- "The present state of global warming countermeasures in Zushi-Hayama"

■Objectives

- To share information on the objectives and progression of the Climate Assembly in Zushi-Hayama
- To allow participants to get to know one another and get familiarized with the discussion forum
- To comprehend foundational information for thinking about decarbonization
- To get an overview of Zushi and Hayama







- Learning about the relationship between lifestyle and global warming
- •Considering actions to reduce carbon

■ Information provision by IGES

Introduction of the "1.5°C Lifestyle Programme"

■ Objective

- To think about the relationship between decarbonization and citizens' lifestyles
- To learn about decarbonization actions in the household
- To think about what decarbonization challenges to take on
 - → Choose decarbonization actions to implement in 2week challenge at home











- 6-19 Aug.
 Choose decarbonization actions for challenge from 57 options in five sectors (34 persons)
- 12 Aug. to 3 Sept.
 Voluntarily implement decarbonization challenge over two-week period
- By 3 Sept.
 Participating citizens report to IGES on results of decarbonization challenge in questionnaire format (32 persons)

August (2 weeks)

 Citizens implement the "decarbonized lifestyle challenge"



Concrete examples of lifestyle challenge

- More efficient automobile transportation
 - Ride sharing
 - Eco-driving
- Using low-carbon mobility options
- Public transportation/bicycles for commuting to work/school
- Conserve energy
 - Install double-paned windows in home
- Rethinking the balance of meals
 - Eat locally-grown fruits and vegetables

IGES aggregates and analyses results of citizen decarbonization actions





■ "Review of decarbonization lifestyle challenge"

■ Objectives

- To share experiences and thoughts on decarbonization actions (what worked, what was difficult)
- To determine what actions to recommend to the public and support required
- To narrow down topics for deeper discussion in 4th Session

3rd Session 23 Sept.

- ·Sharing ideas after the challenge
- Narrowing down topics and issues for discussion



Questionnaire on topics to add to discussions

→ Divide into groups

① Mobility ② Housing and energy ③ Production and consumption of food ④ Manufactured goods, waste, and sharing





- Workshop-style group discussions in two separate rooms
- Workshop 1 "food" and "mobility"
- Workshop 2 "manufactured goods" and "housing and energy"

Information provision and issue presentation on 4 topics by experts and practitioners

■ Objectives

 To gather elements of the necessary citizen initiatives and community (e.g. businesses, non-profits, citizen groups) initiatives for the four topic areas to make Zushi and Hayama into decarbonized, easy-to-live communities, and the city/town measures to promote these 4th Session 28 Oct.

- Group discussions by topic
- Deliberation on initiatives and proposals by topic

(morning and afternoon sessions)



Organize
content of
proposals
made into a
draft proposal
document

Have 4 participant volunteers check to make sure citizen discussions are fully reflected on the proposal





- Final discussions on citizen proposal (rough draft)
- Group discussions and overall discussion on 4 topics
- Discussions on topics other than the chosen 4 and cross-cutting issues
- Objectives
- To largely complete the proposal for creating a decarbonized and easy-to-live Zushi-Hayama (decide course of action for corrections)

Following completion of 5th Session:

- 7 Dec: Send final draft of citizen proposal to citizen participants. Implement voting on 7-levels of support for 102 proposal items.
- 14 Dec: Complete citizen proposal based on voting results from 35 persons

5th Session 2 Dec.

- •Further deliberation on citizen proposal (draft)
- •Expression of intent on proposals (voting)

Hand deliver citizen proposal to both local governments (Hayama mayor: 15 Dec., Zushi mayor: 18 Dec.), press conference at Kanagawa Prefectural Government Office press club (9 Dec.)

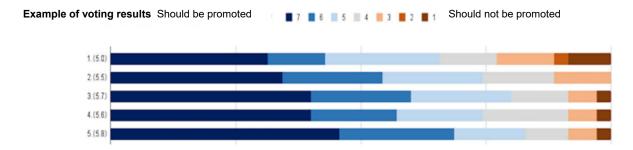






About voting on the final draft of the citizen proposal

- Following the 5th Session, voting was implemented for expression of intent on the level of support for 102 items in final draft of citizen proposal (7-level evaluation scale from 7=should be promoted to 1=should not be promoted)
- Proposal items with a majority of affirmative responses in the voting included in proposal.
 However, proposals that did not receive a majority were also introduced for reference.



- Examples of proposal items that did not receive a majority of affirmative responses
- Introduce some sort of regulations on personal automobiles such as limits on entry to train stations during morning/evening hours
- Adopt daylight savings time in the city/town

Indicates fundamental issues





Mobility

Housing and energy

Manufactured products

Food

Cross-cutting topics, other

Example proposal items

- Improvements to public transportation network so everyone can use
- Introduce community buses/shared taxis
- Environmental improvements for better pedestrian and bicycle safety
- Advance the utilization of renewable energy in the community
- Promote the spread of highly-insulated homes
- Advance the joint use of community spaces
- Popularize decarbonized and environmentally-conscious consumption
- Increase shops and products committed to decarbonization and ensure their visibility
- Promote use of reusable containers and personal cups
- Boost consumption of locally-produced and sustainable agricultural and fisheries products
- Promote composting of kitchen waste
- Make it easier to choose zero-carbon foods
- Increase ocean and mountain forests (blue/green carbon)
- Conduct follow-up activities on citizen proposal







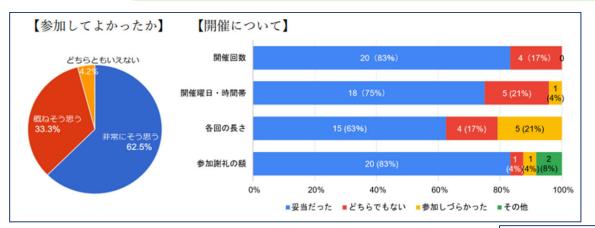
Post-participation Questionnaire

Timeframe: 27 Dec. 2023 to 21 Jan. 2024 (including extension for request redelivery)

Method: Google form with some paper questionnaires sent

Target: 39 persons who participated to the end of the citizen assembly

Responses: 24 persons (61.5% response rate)

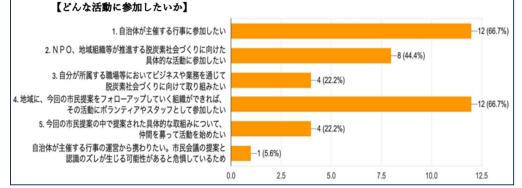


On the Decarbonization lifestyle challenge

- "I had insights into issues that need to be addressed to achieve decarbonization actions" (88%)
- "The thoughts and ideas I had during this challenge were utilized in the discussions on the citizen proposal." (79%)

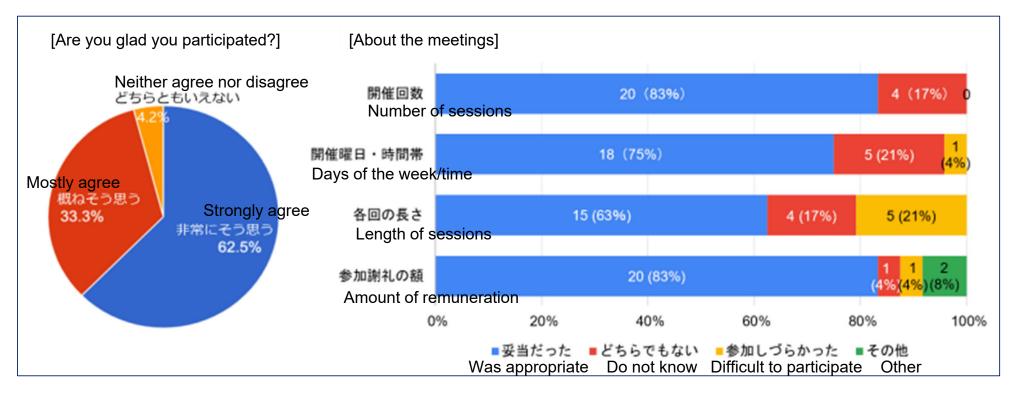
"Do you want to participate in activities to materialize the initiatives included in the citizen proposal?"

16 out of 24 responded "Yes" (67%)







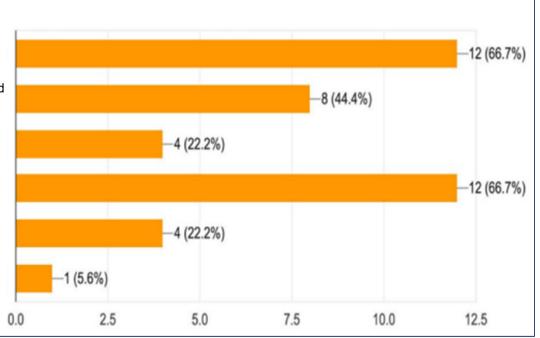




[What activities do you want to participate in?]

- 1. I want to participate in local government-sponsored events
- 2. I want to participate in concrete initiatives to build a decarbonized society promoted by NPOs and community organizations
 - 3. I want to work on business and projects at my workplace to create a decarbonized society
- 4. I want to participate as a volunteer or staff of activities run by an organization formed to follow-up on this citizen proposal in the community
- 5. I want organize people and start activities to work on concrete initiatives proposed in this citizen proposal

I want to get involved in the operation of local governmentsponsored events because I am concerned about the potential for discrepancies between the citizen assembly proposal and public perception.







Review Meeting on Kanagawa Climate Assembly in Zushi-Hayama

12 Feb. (Zushi City Hall), 14 Feb. (online)

- 1. Report on activities following drafting of the citizen proposal
- 2. Reflections on citizen assembly based on results of post-participation questionnaire survey
- 3. Measures to promote global warming countermeasures in Zushi and Hayama (report and explanation from Zushi and Hayama local governments)
- 4. Initiatives to realize the citizen proposal (opinion exchange)

- Call for participation in citizen proposal follow-up activities
 - Exchange opinions on the direction of future initiatives and activities, form a shared understanding on that direction, and decide on team names and representatives (organizers)
 - IDEP will provide support until follow-up activities are established

