

An aerial photograph of Hiroshima, Japan, showing the city's layout, the Hiroshima Bay, and the surrounding mountains. The image has a blue color cast. The text is overlaid on the image.

City of Hiroshima

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Hiroshima: A City of Peace

Hiroshima City was the first city to suffer the devastating power of an atomic bomb. It transcended this catastrophe and continues to appeal to the citizens of the world to work for peace.



Hiroshima: Hub in the Western Part of Japan

We have a population of over one million residents and have become a hub for economy, culture and politics in the Chugoku-shikoku region of Japan.

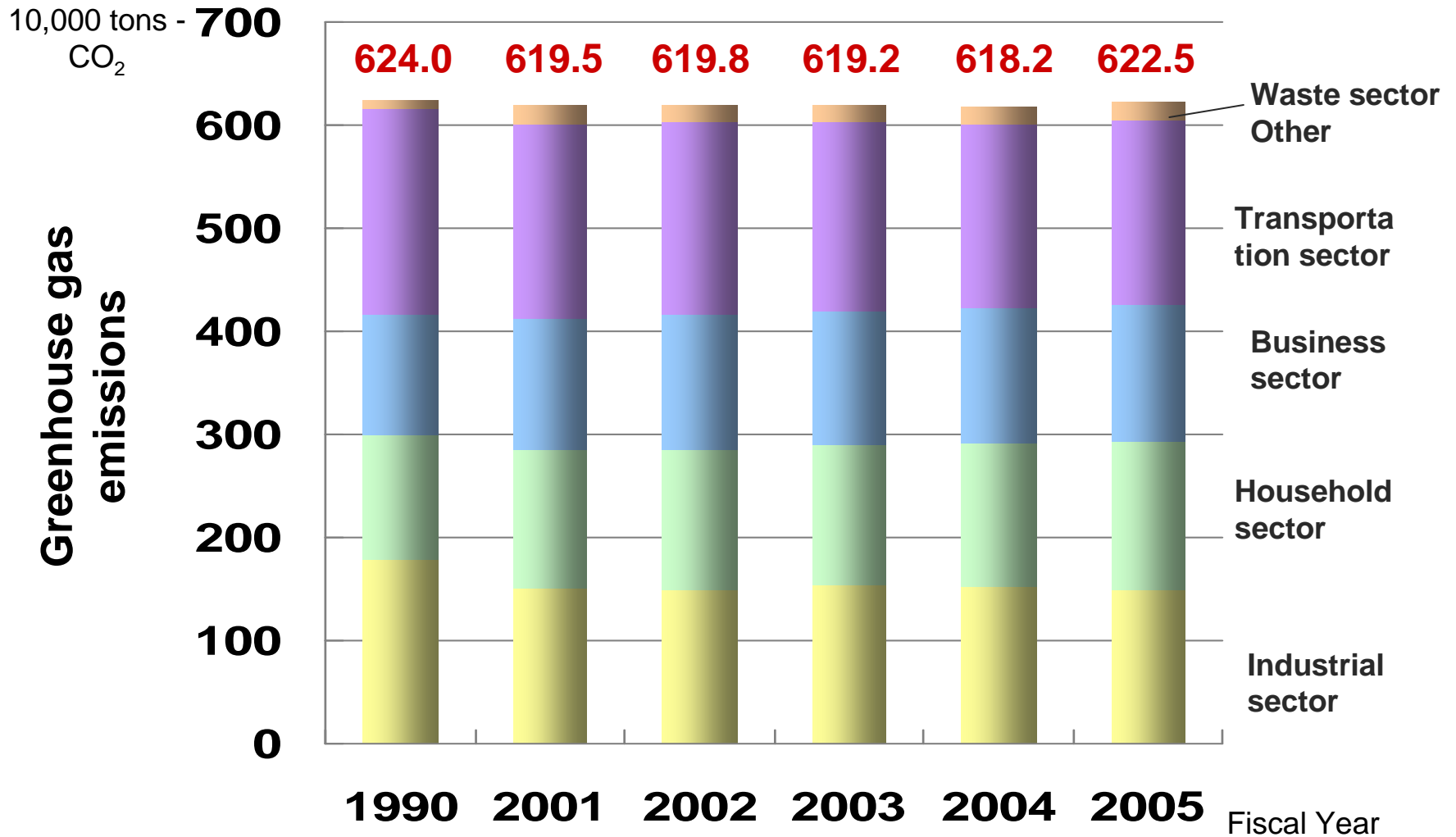


Hiroshima's Natural Landscape

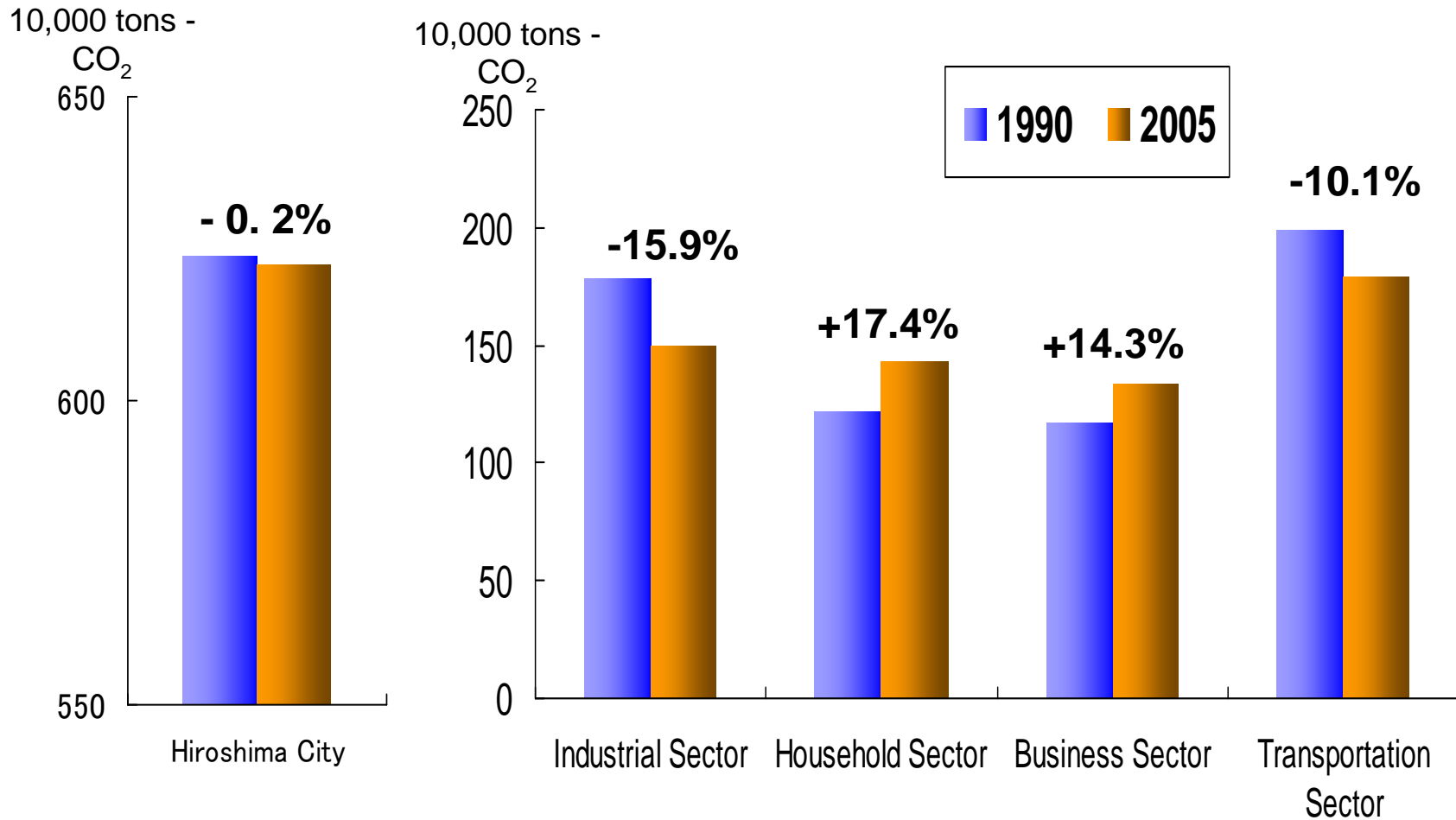
Hiroshima is blessed with a rich, abundant natural environment. Six rivers flow down from the verdant mountains, through the city and out to the Seto Inland Sea. We consider Hiroshima to be an Aqua polis.



Emissions of Greenhouse Gases in Hiroshima City



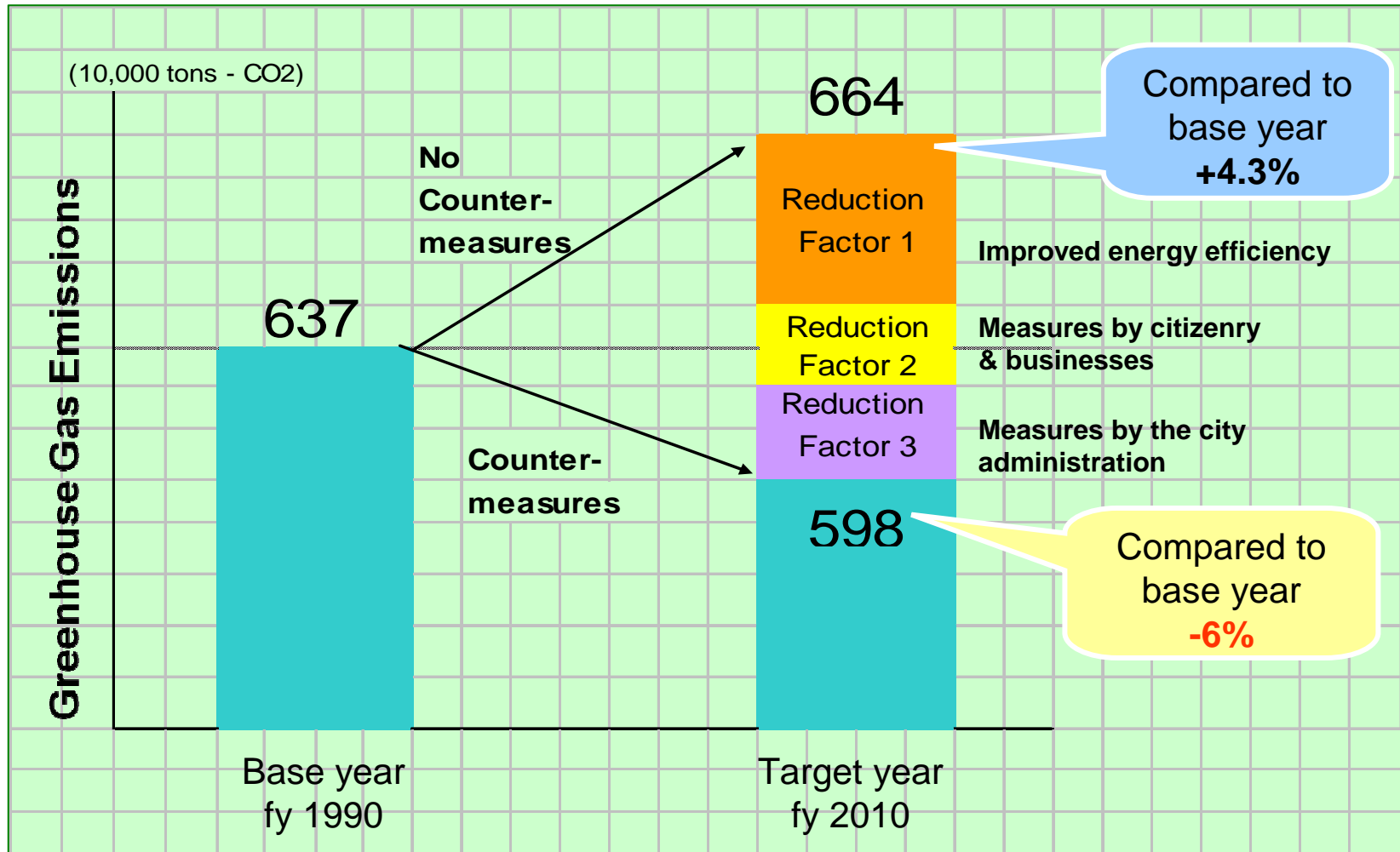
Emissions of Greenhouse Gases in Hiroshima City (Comparative Status)



Hiroshima City Global Warming Countermeasures Regional Promotion Plan

Established May, 2003

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Target for Hiroshima City: **6%**



Achieving a 6% Reduction in Greenhouse Gases

Reduction Factor 1

Improved energy efficiency

Reductions of emissions in the home and office made **possible through energy conservation**. This will be achieved through upgrading to **energy-efficient technology** such as top-runner systems available for air conditioners, refrigerators, lights, TVs in homes and offices, as well as automobiles.

CO₂ reduction
439,100 tons

Reduction Factor 2

Measures taken by citizenry & businesses

Reductions of carbon dioxide through **energy-saving measures** during household and business activities and when using vehicles.

CO₂ reduction
154,600 tons

Reduction Factor 3

Measures by the city administration

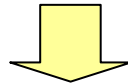
Reductions of carbon dioxide through promoting **Hiroshima City Hall Environmental Protection Action Plan** and introducing equipment at waste incineration plants that generates power through burning waste.

CO₂ reduction
63,200 tons

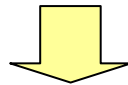
Hiroshima Carbon Minus 70

February 2008

To keep the effects of global warming within acceptable levels, it is necessary to prevent the average global temperature from rising 2°C



In order to prevent the average global temperature from increasing 2°C, it is necessary for developed nations, including Japan to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by 60 - 90% by fiscal year 2050.



70% reduction of Hiroshima City's greenhouse gas emissions by fiscal year 2050 (compared to fiscal year 1990)

50% reduction of Hiroshima City's greenhouse gas emissions by fiscal year 2030 (compared to fiscal year 1990)

Considering an ordinance for the prevention of global warming (planned for 2009)

Business Activities

- Training energy conservation advisors to run consultation services for home and office
- Development of carbon offset plans

- Encouraging residential upgrades (solar power, solar thermal conversion, housing insulation, double pane glass)
- Elimination of incandescent lights
- Reduction of plastic shopping bags
- Partnerships with the media & NPO

Household Activities

Transportation

- Lanes for eco-friendly vehicles
- Promoting low-emission vehicles
- Promoting alternative fuels
- Attracting hydrogen stations
- Cycling City Hiroshima

- Energy conservation in city hall (lighting)
- Installing solar power in public facilities
- Rainwater cisterns, greenery on walls
- Facilitation of alternate fuel vehicles
- Energy conservation standards in city owned buildings

City Activities

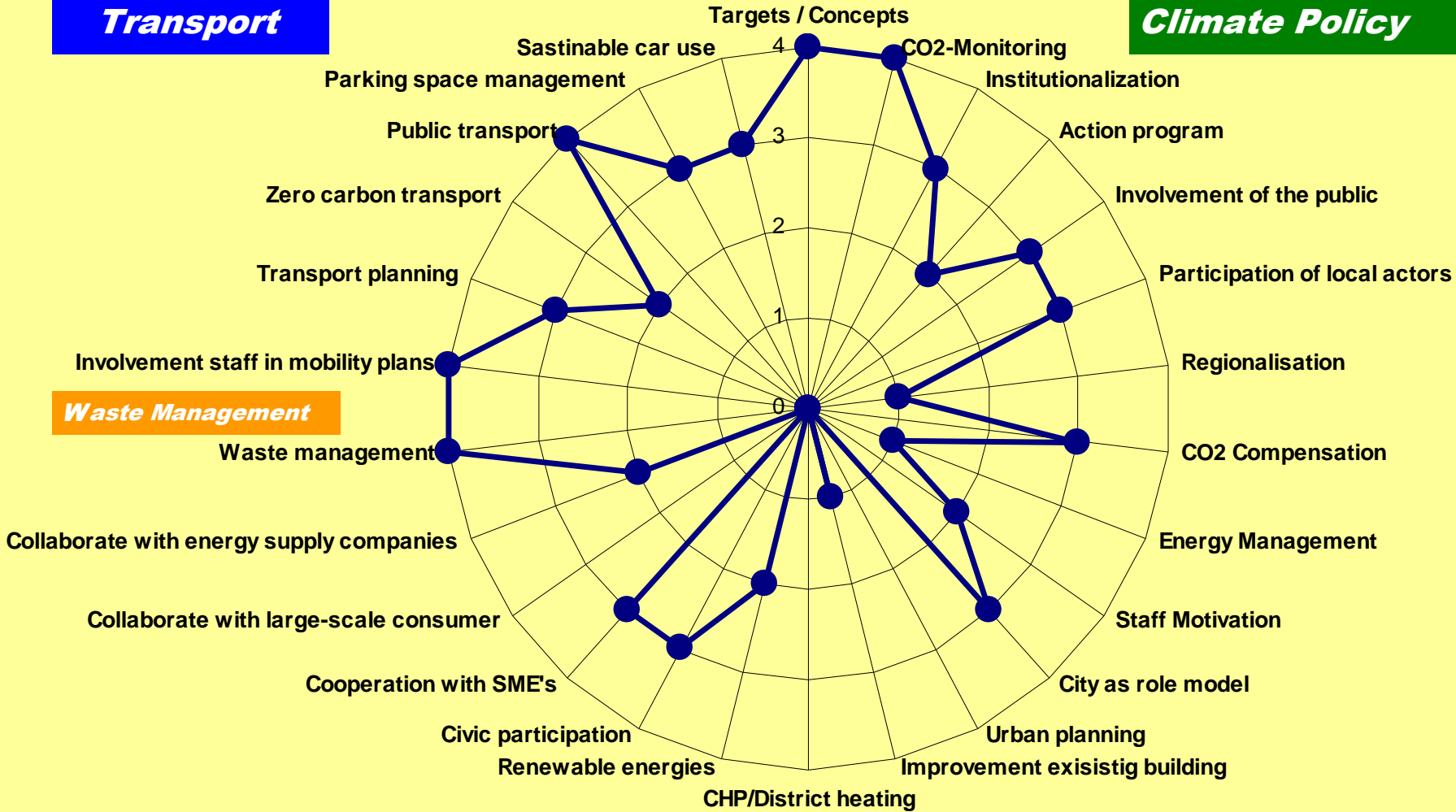
ACTIVITY PROFILE —HIROSHIMA—

Transport

Climate Policy

Waste Management

Energy



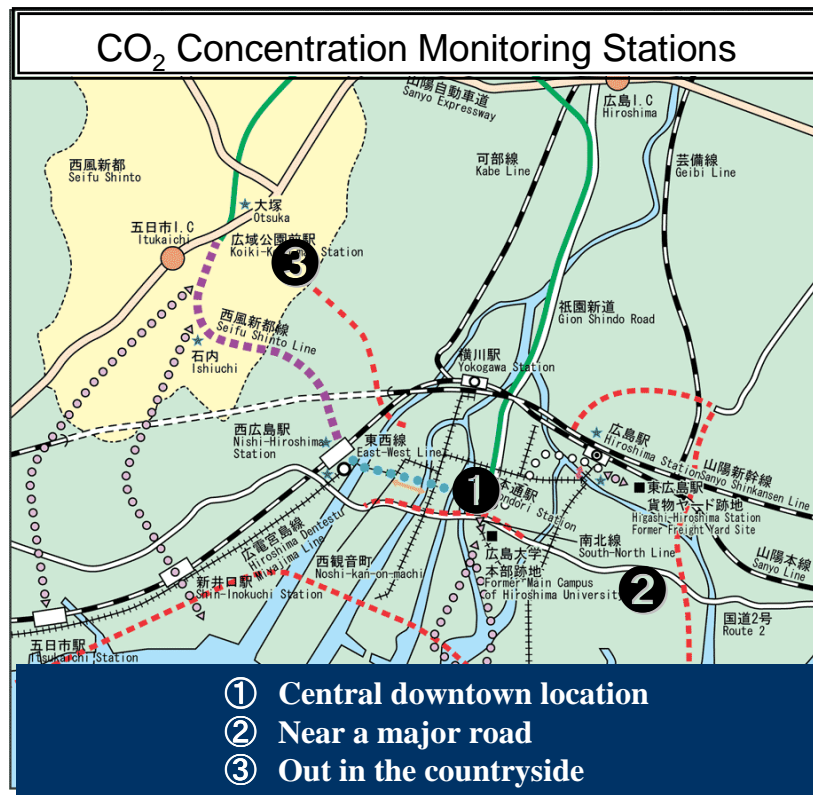
Strengths

Activities	Contributing Factors
Carbon Dioxide Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have setup CO₂ concentration monitoring stations in the city to promote CO₂ awareness.
Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1976: Hiroshima was the first major city in Japan to initiate a five category garbage separation system. (Hiroshima has the lowest waste disposal amounts per person among all government-designated cities in Japan.)• Hiroshima citizens and companies have considerable awareness and concern for environmental issues, thus increasing our potential for progressive efforts.
Sustainable Transportation Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hiroshima City has created strong building blocks for transportation in the Ota River delta.• The city has established an environmentally friendly public transportation system, such as streetcars and new transit system called the Astramline.

Good Practice1: CO₂ Monitoring

CO₂ Awareness

CO₂ concentrations are measured in specific locations in the city. The amount of CO₂ is displayed in City Hall and the Hiroshima Children's Museum.



Display 1



Monitoring stations have been installed at three locations:

- A central part of the City
- Next to a national highway with high traffic volume
- In a suburban area with low traffic volume

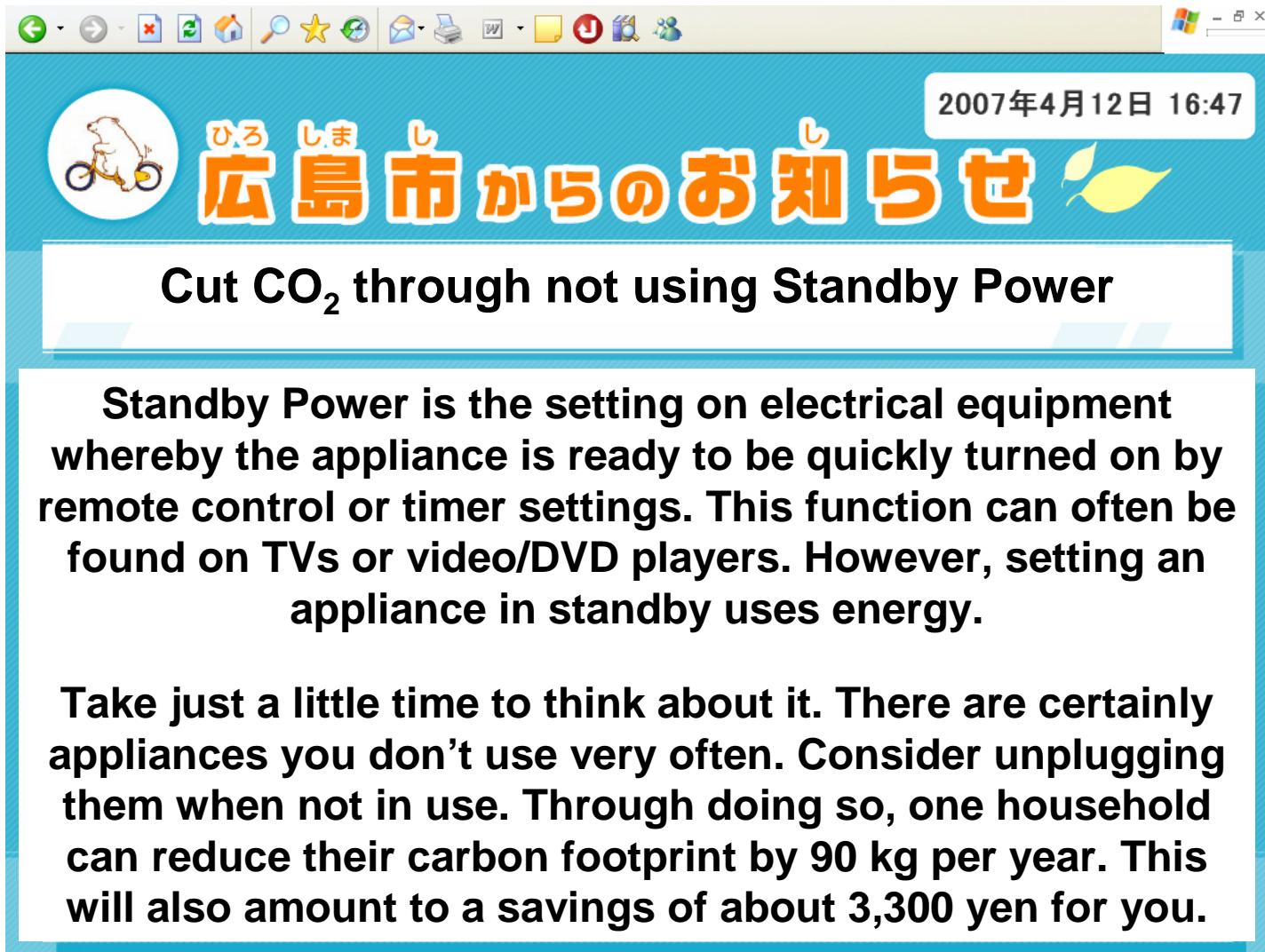
This display makes it possible to compare modern day and 18 century emissions.

Display 2



This graph shows the changes in CO₂ concentration of the previous day.

Display 3



The image shows a screenshot of a web browser window. The address bar is empty. The page header features a logo of a bear on a bicycle on the left, the date and time '2007年4月12日 16:47' on the right, and the main title 'ひろしま市からののお知らせ' (Notice from Hiroshima City) in large orange characters with a yellow leaf icon to the right. Below the header, the main content is presented in a white box with a blue border. The title of the notice is 'Cut CO₂ through not using Standby Power'. The text explains that standby power is a setting on electrical equipment that allows it to be quickly turned on, but it consumes energy even when the device is not in use. It suggests unplugging appliances when not in use to reduce carbon footprint and save money.

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ひろしま市からののお知らせ

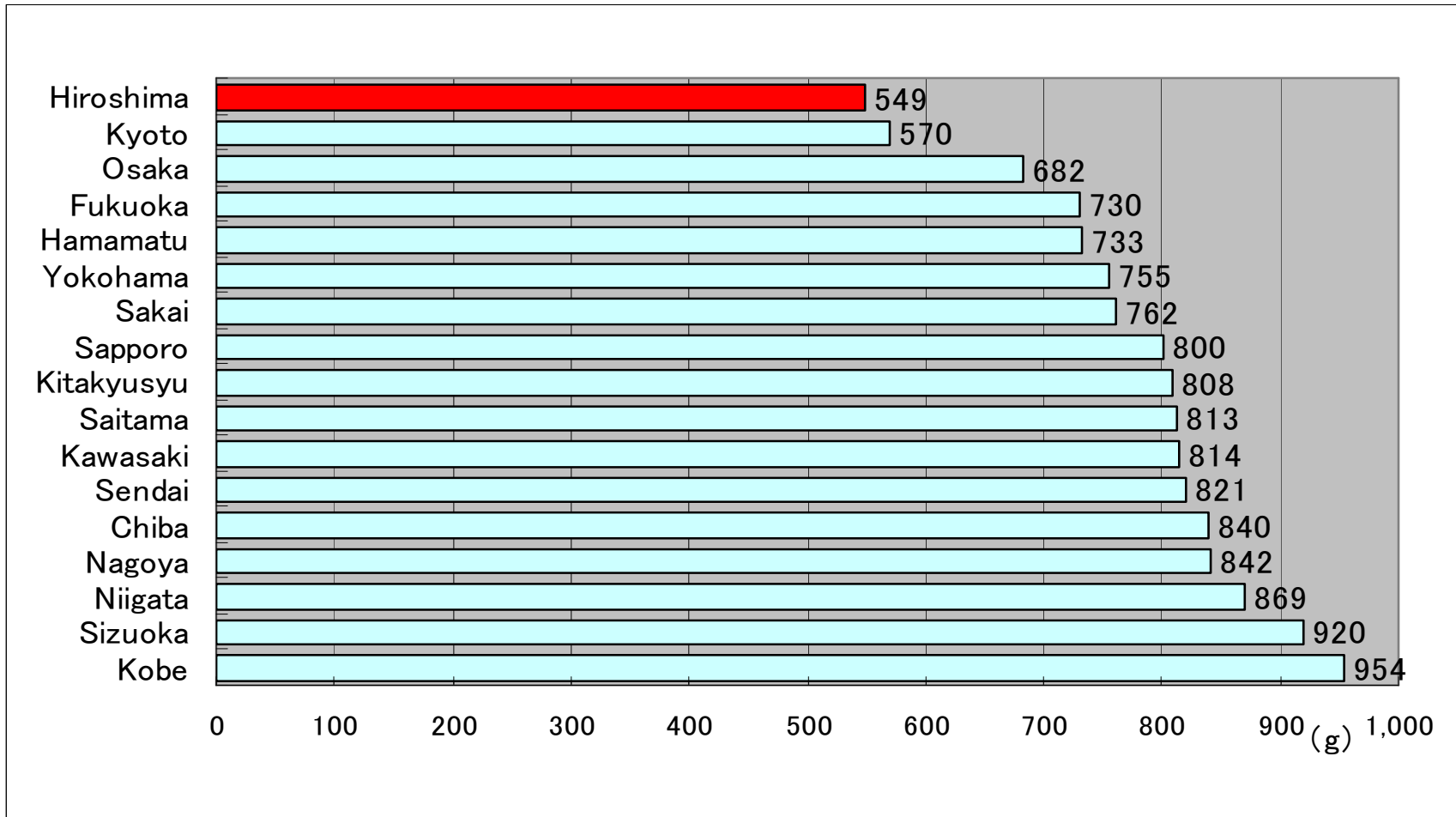
Cut CO₂ through not using Standby Power

Standby Power is the setting on electrical equipment whereby the appliance is ready to be quickly turned on by remote control or timer settings. This function can often be found on TVs or video/DVD players. However, setting an appliance in standby uses energy.

Take just a little time to think about it. There are certainly appliances you don't use very often. Consider unplugging them when not in use. Through doing so, one household can reduce their carbon footprint by 90 kg per year. This will also amount to a savings of about 3,300 yen for you.

Good Practice 2: Waste Management

Amount of Household Waste Disposed of Daily per Citizen



Japan Ministry of the Environment,

Survey on the Disposal of General Waste FY 2005

(g/per day/per person)

“Hiroshima 8”

- 8 Categories for Household Waste Disposal -

Until March 31, 2004

Combustible Waste

Incombustible Waste

Recyclable Waste

Large Waste

PET Bottles

Toxic Waste

As of April 1, 2004

Combustible Waste

Recyclable Plastics

Other Plastics

Incombustible Waste

Recyclable Waste

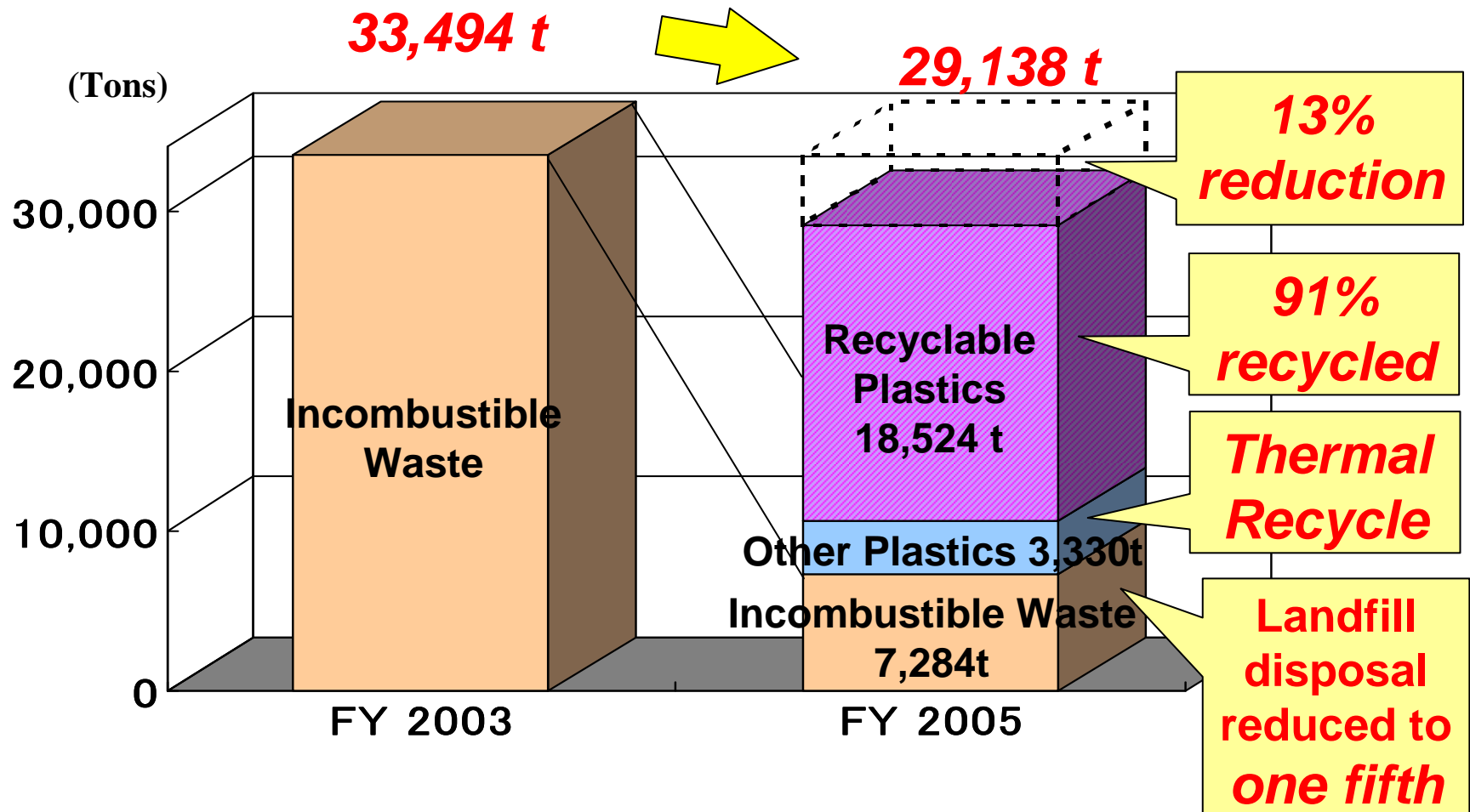
Large Waste

PET Bottles

Toxic Waste

Newly Recycled

Results of "Hiroshima 8" Waste Disposal Policy



One year's collection of household waste

Toward Zero Emissions in the City of Hiroshima Waste Reduction Program – A Declaration by 1.1 Million People –

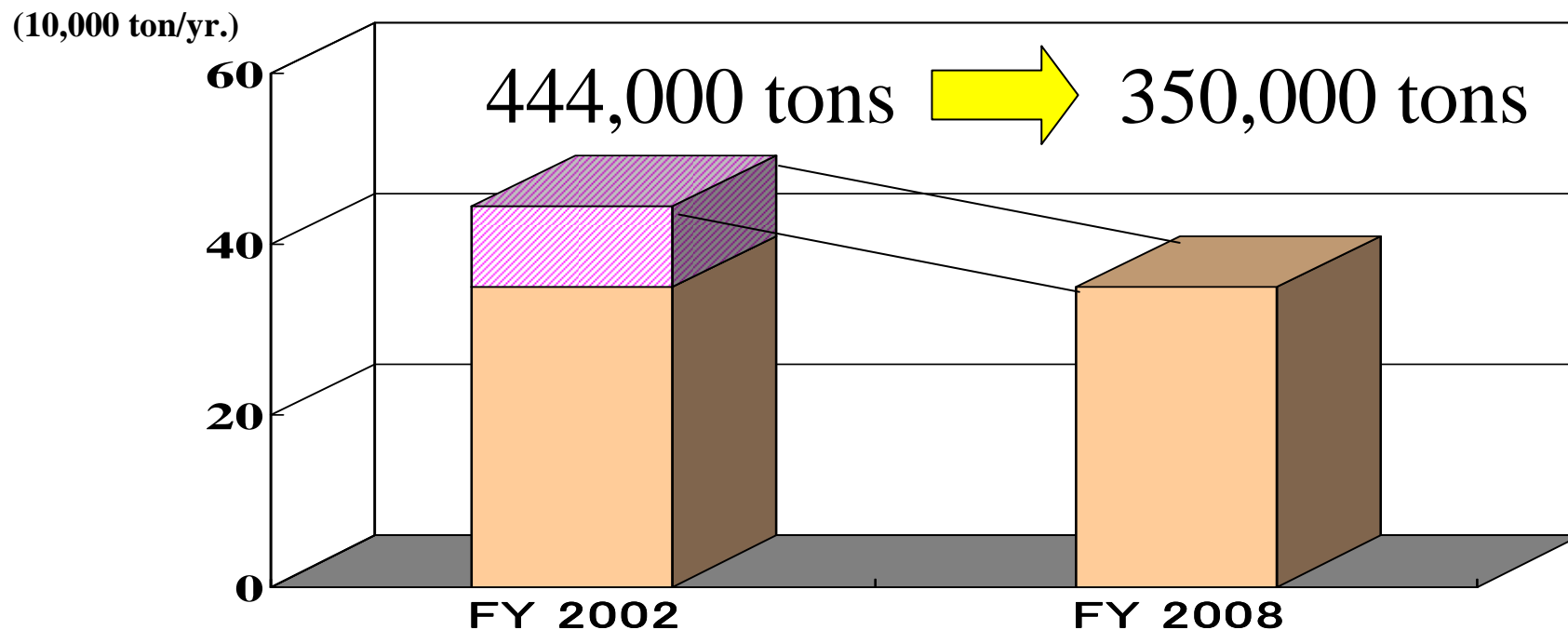


City residents, the private sector and the local government are working together on our 8 challenges to achieve three goals.

(Established in July, 2004)

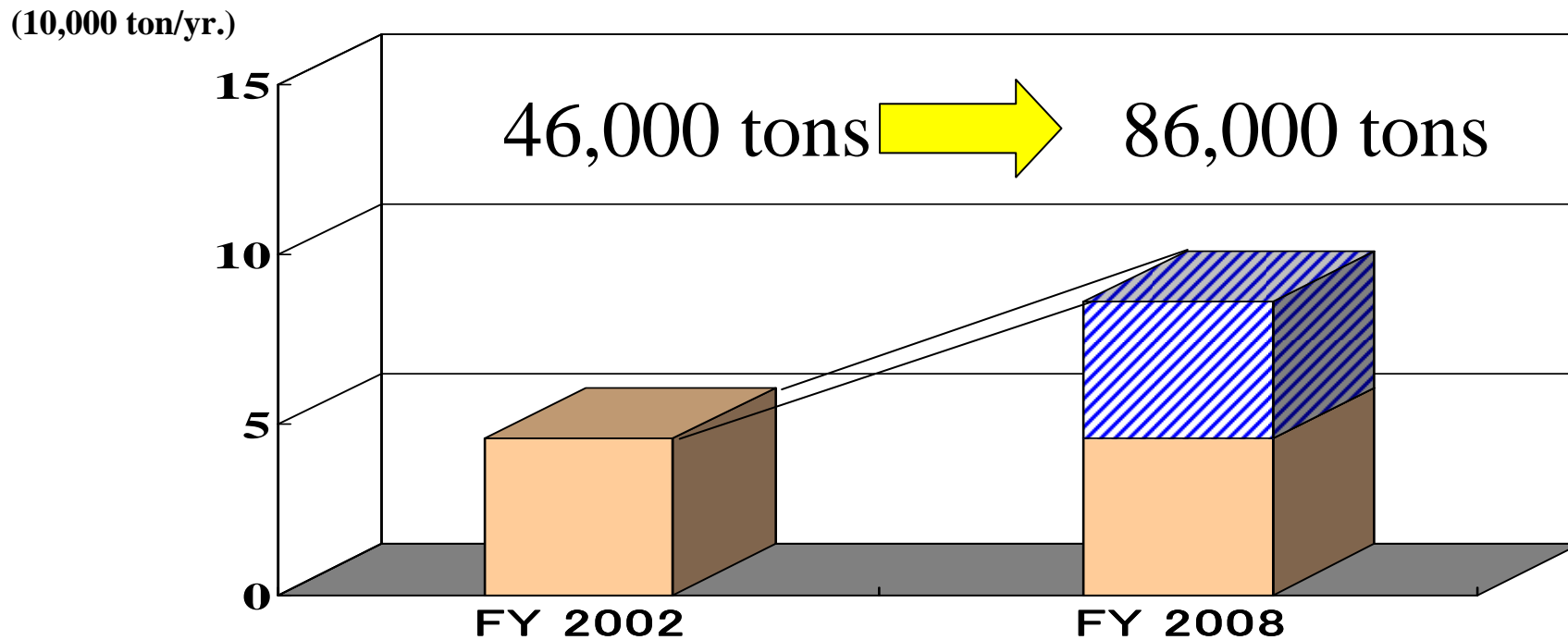
Goal 1: Reduce the Total Amount of Disposal

Lifestyle innovations will reduce the total amount of disposal **by 20% or more.**



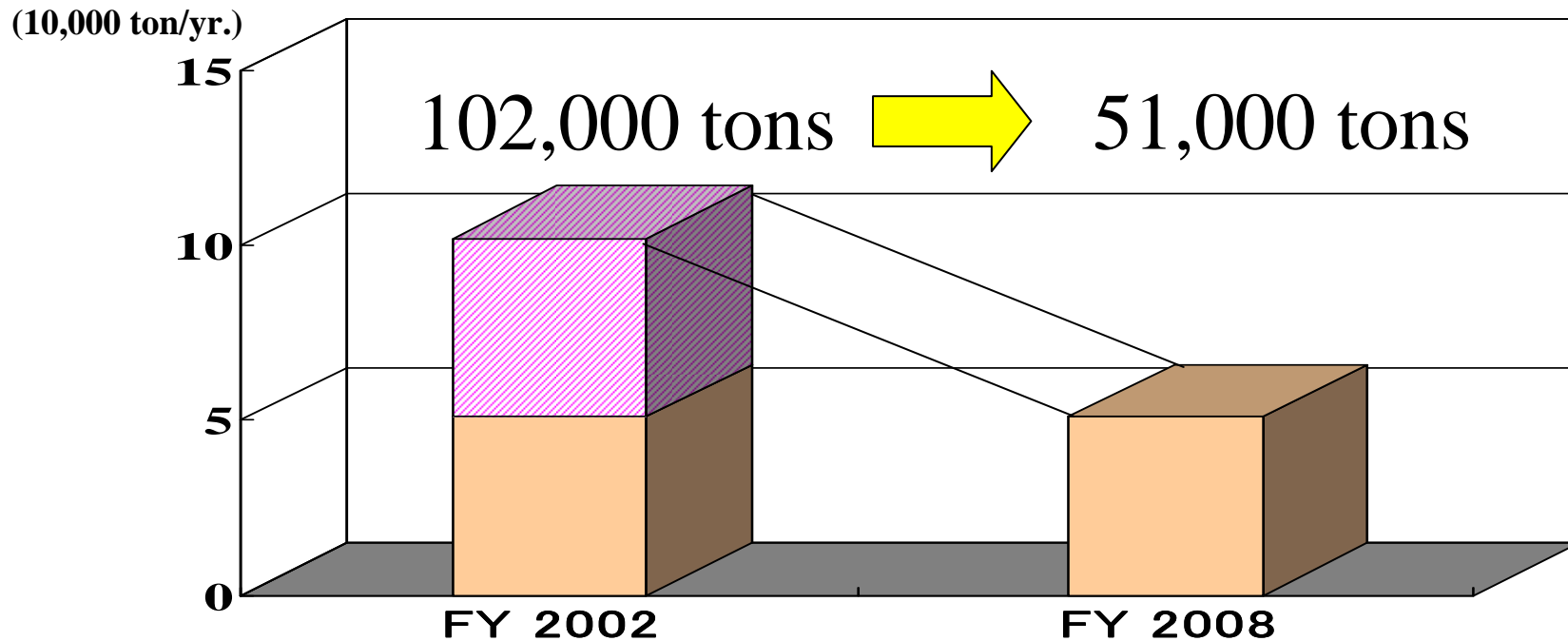
Goal 2: Increase the Amount of Recycling

Thorough compliance with the waste collection system will **nearly double** the amount of recycling.



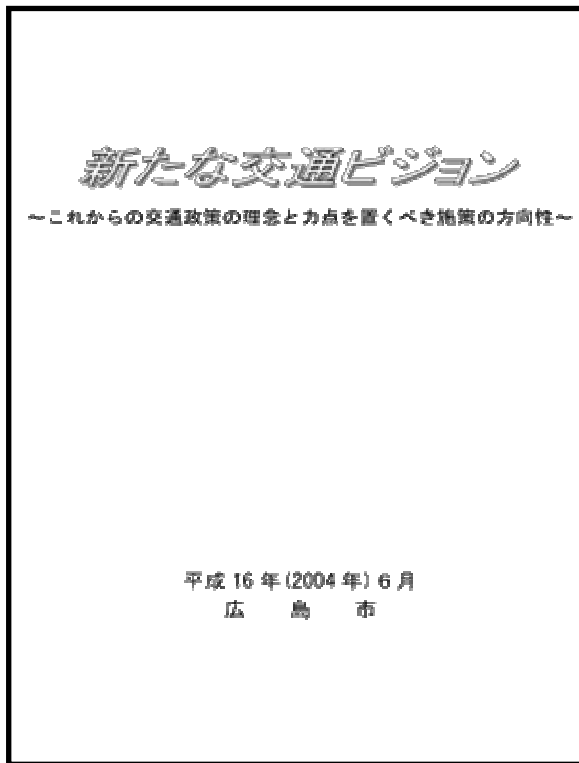
Goal 3: Reduce the Amount of Landfill Disposal

The reduction and recycling of waste will reduce the amount of landfill disposal **by up to 50%**.



Good Practice 3: Transportation Planning

Future Transportation Vision comprehensive concepts and policies



Established in June 2004

Public Transport Infrastructure for Everyone

Strengthening the public transport network

Upgrading public transport services

Improving connections between different public transportation services

Putting express bus services in operation

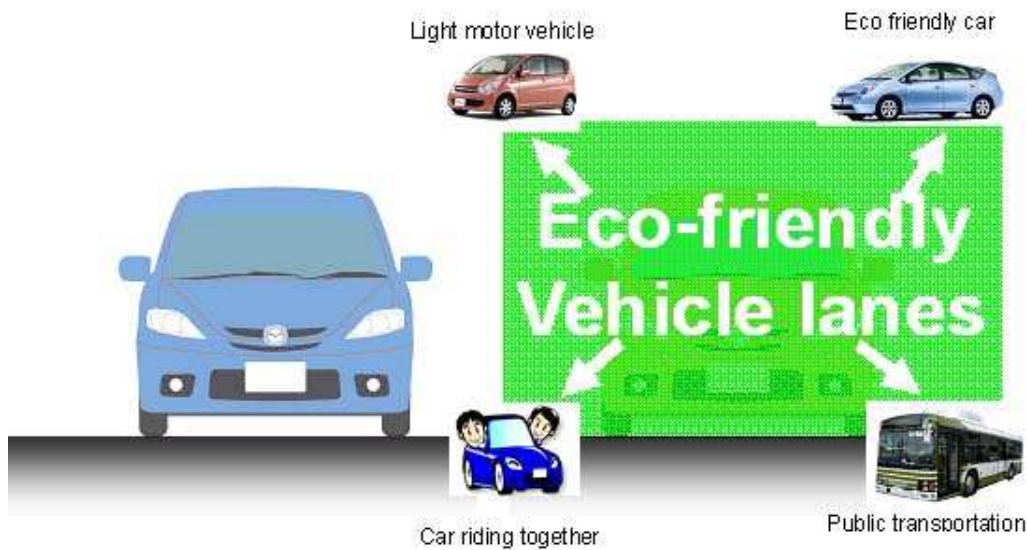


Upgrading several of our streetcars to LRT

Improving public transport nodes

Encouragement of alternative means to automobile, promotion of traffic demand management measure

Eco-friendly vehicle lanes



Eco-friendly roadways

Cycling City Hiroshima



Improving cycling routes

Weaknesses

Inadequate policies directed at energy efficiency

Proposed Activities	Contributing factors to our weakness
Improve energy efficiency as a basic principle of urban planning	Energy
Renovate the industrial	the used new and renewable
Encourage CHP and district cooling systems	Inadequate long-term vision for urban planning

Improvement of energy policies

We must
Collaborate with energy companies
Define energy efficiency as a basic principle of urban planning

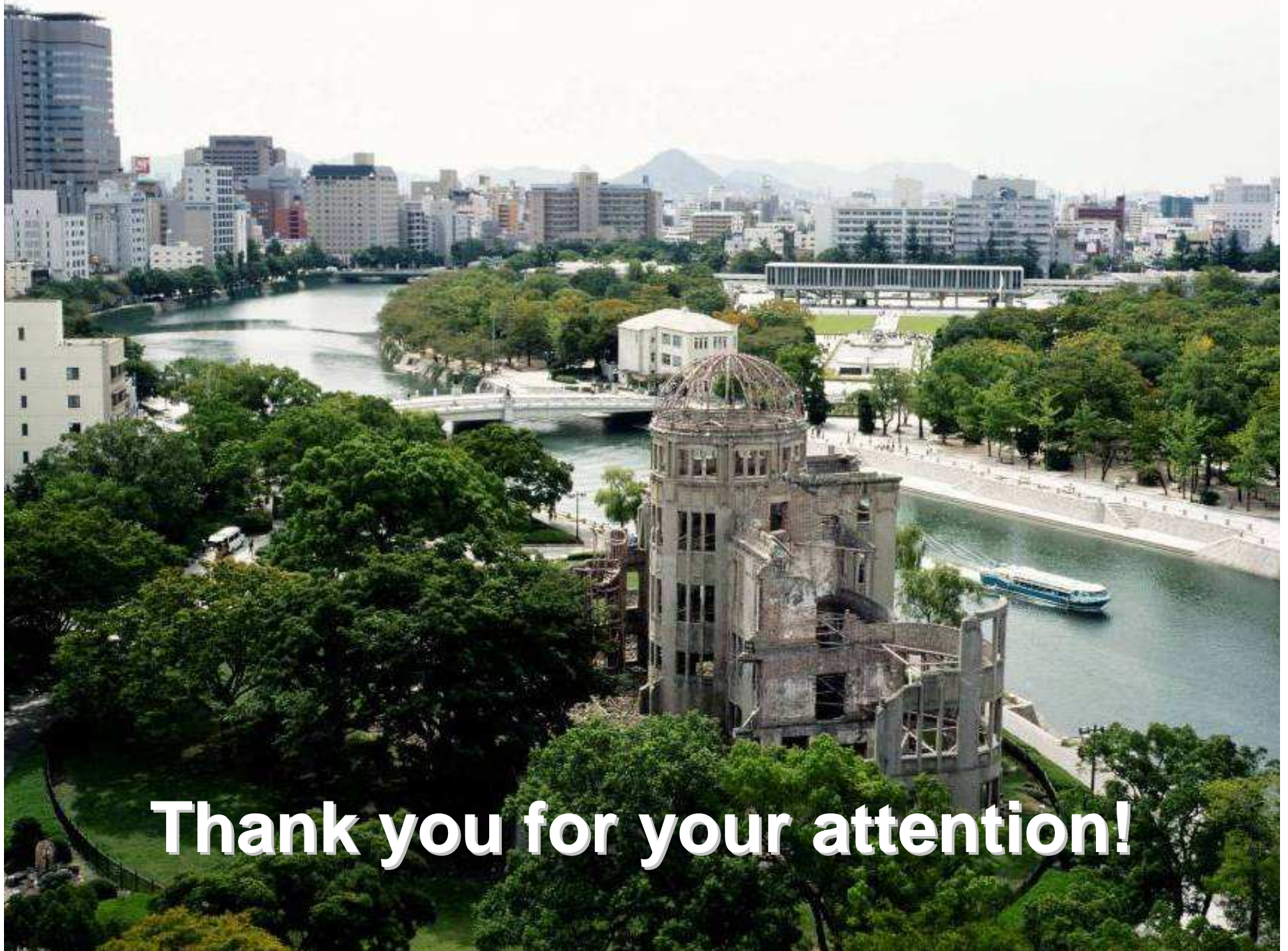
Collaboration with our sister city – Hanover, Germany

Set up CO₂ Concentration
Monitoring Systems

Provide Hanover with material on
energy consultation services for
citizens and businesses

Environmental education exchange
for children focused on energy and
resource conservation





Thank you for your attention!