Formation of LRT Network

Toward the realization of the development of a compact city centering on public transportation, the city has made such efforts as the conversion of JR Toyamako Line into LRT, development of a belt line for trains in the city, and inclusion of Toyama Station in the route of the newly started Hokuriku Shinkansen. For the future, the city intends to form an LRT network with a total length of 25.3 km by connecting north and south-bound street cars under the elevated tracks of Toyama Station and expanding train lines in the city to the Toyama Chihou Tetsudou’s Kamidaki Line in accordance with the opening of the Hokuriku Shinkansen. These efforts resulted in creating the effects of multifaceted regional vitalization, such as a significant increase in the number of users, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, creation of outing opportunities for senior citizens, increase in housing starts along railroad lines, increase in the number of visitors at tourist facilities along railroad lines, etc.

The Sixth Industry of Perilla with the Use of Heat from Ushidake Onsen

The city intends to create new specialty products under the theme of the environment and health by upgrading a plant factory with complete artificial light that uses heat from Ushidake Onsen (hot spring), photovoltaic power, etc. in order to conduct the nation’s first hydroponic cultivation of perillas in mountainous areas that suffer from depopulation and population aging. The city will also expand the production of perilla seeds and oil based on open cultivation using a large, abandoned cultivated area in the city, to establish a unified process of production, processing, distribution, and sale of perilla leaves, seeds and oil. Also, the city intends to become a city with health and longevity such as the employment of local senior citizens at the plant factory to create motivation in their life, using perillas that contain effective ingredients in the food services at hospitals and schools in the city, etc.

Creation of a City with Health and Exchanges

In order to realize the development of a compact city in which senior citizens can securely and safely walk around and live, the city will create a pedestrian network by upgrading pedestrian roads in the central city, promote the improvement in senior citizen’s outing and exchange opportunities, as well as the guidance on attracting Toyama version of a day service facility and build a city with health and exchanges useful for senior citizens' health promotion. By developing a mechanism that uses walking support tools that are useful for senior citizens' health maintenance and enhancement, the city will realize the living that senior citizens can spend healthy and independent life and aims at controlling social security spending such as medical charges, care insurance benefits, etc.