

Temporary Shopping Area

What is Temporary Shopping Area ?

A temporary shopping area is a group of temporary prefabricated shops and restaurants. Most of them are developed and lent to the shop owners for free by the government. They needed it because they cannot rebuild their permanent shops in their old sites immediately due to the tsunami. And then, it is also essential for the residents to revitalize local community.



Tenant	6 shops
Building area	350㎡
Total floor area	700㎡
Construction period	about 2 months
Structure	light steel frame
Lending period	2 years in principal (but 5 years in most cases)

Prefabricated shop (type : 2 stories)



A scene of the local event in the temporary shopping area

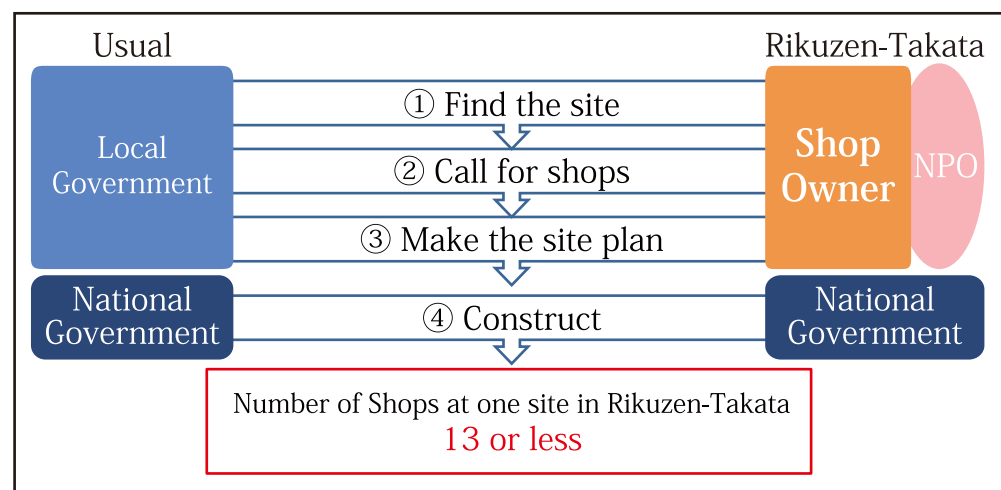


A temporary shopping area

Temporary Shopping Area in Rikuzen-Takata

Shop Owners had to Rebuild their Temporary Shops by Themselves.

Now, there are 57 groups of temporary shops in Rikuzen-Takata. 6 groups of them are temporary shopping area. Since the support by the city government was insufficient, therefore the other groups only consist of 2 or 3 temporary shops. Shop owners had to lead the development of their temporary shops by themselves. It is more financial and time consuming for them. But, the shop owners of 6 groups had developed their shopping area for "Local revitalization" with the support by NPO.

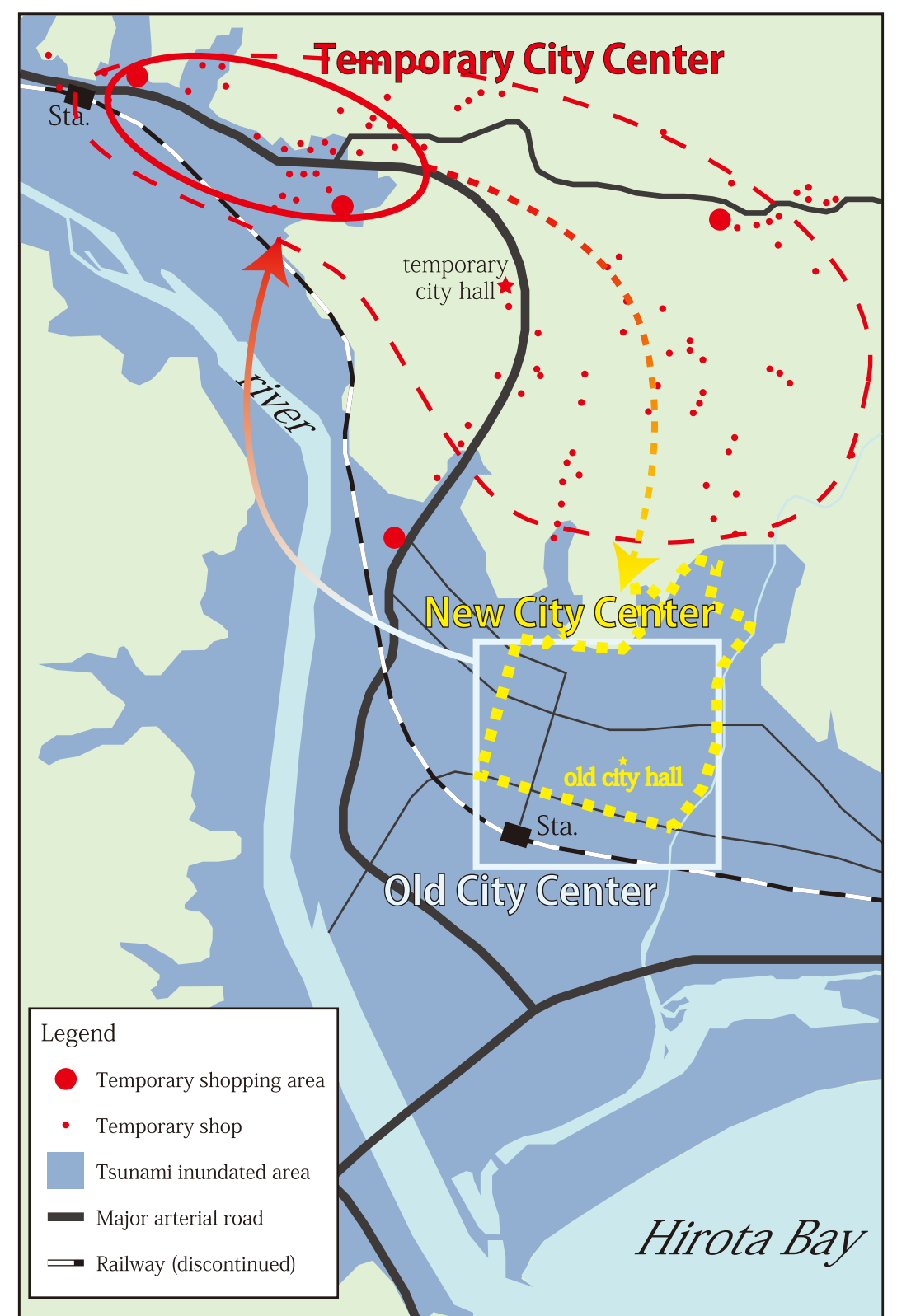


The comparison about completion flow of temporary shops

Rikuzen-Takata city government has imposed ①-③ works on the shop owners though the city government should do. Financial and time consuming prevented them to gather.



A scene of assembling the container by shop owners & volunteers

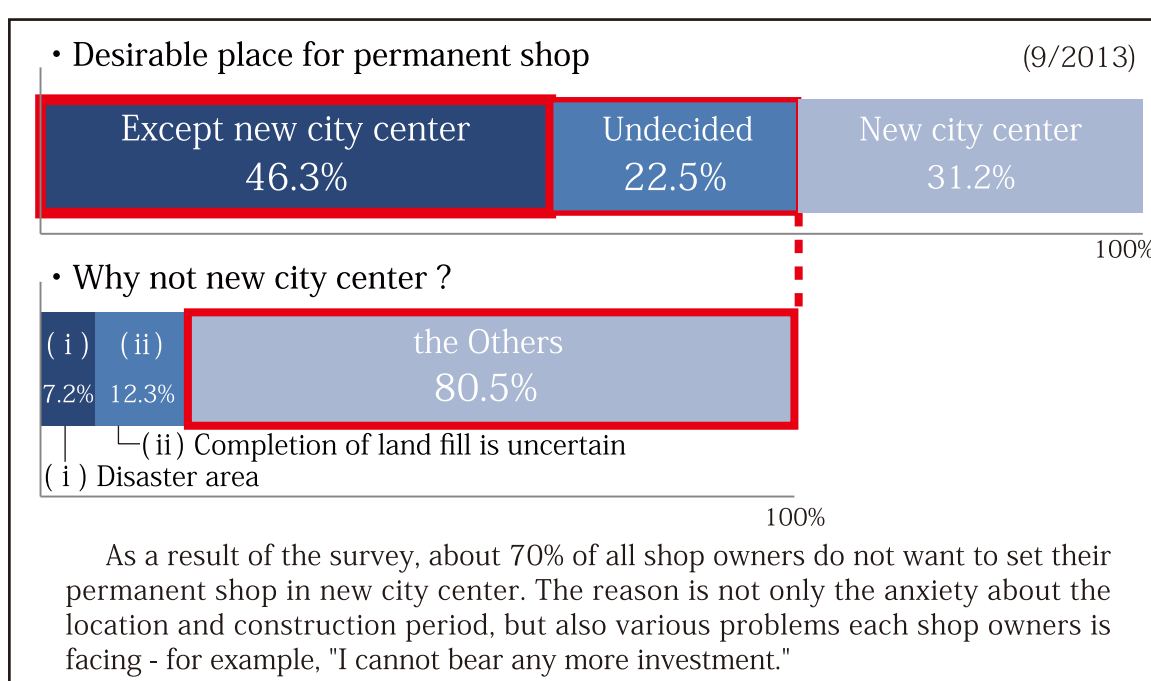


A map of the distribution & the process of temporary shopping areas

Problem

3 years after the disaster, a temporary city center was formed in Rikuzen-Takata. But on the other hand, the deadline of lending period is approaching. And then, the shop owners cannot decide whether they stay the temporary site or rebuild their permanent shops in old city center.

In the reconstruction projects, urban redevelopment is planned to start next year, but it is not clear when it completes. As individual circumstances are varied, they cannot have conclusion of opinions.



Opinion survey about the new city center by Rikuzen-Takata Chamber of Commerce



Temporary city center



A workshop about the future of the temporary city center (31/1/2014)