# SOCIAL INNOVATION IN JAPAN ----LATEST TRENDS AND ECOSYSTEM----

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Social Innovation and its Ecosystem

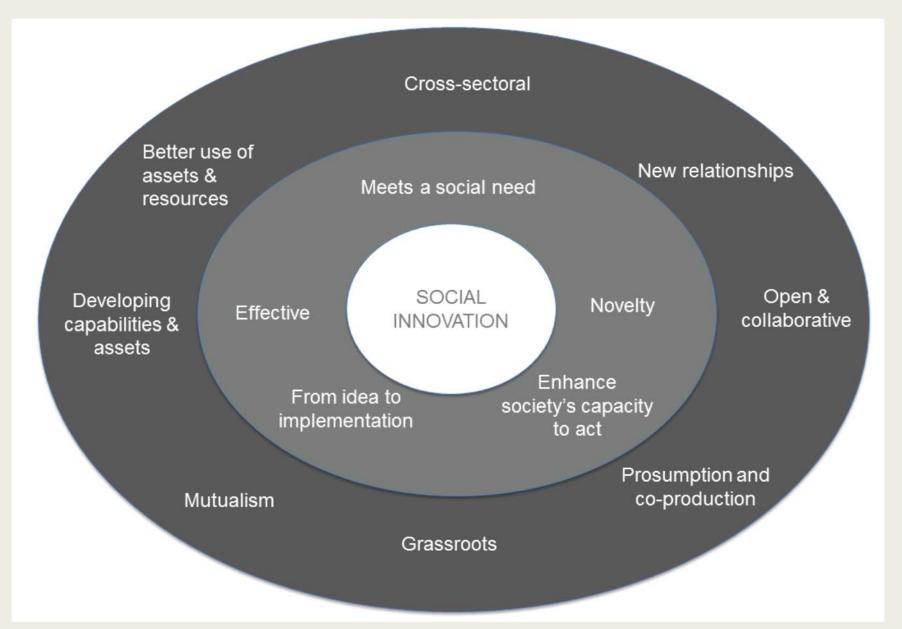
## What is social innovation?

### Definition of SI

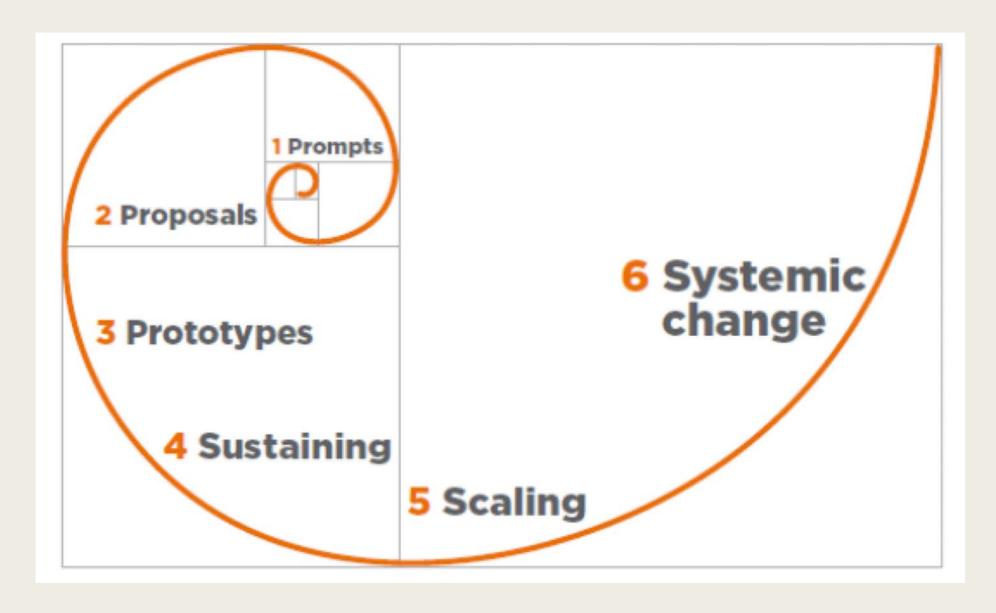
Social innovations are **new solutions** (products, services, models, markets, processes etc.) that simultaneously meet **a social need** (more effectively than existing solutions) and lead to **new or improved capabilities and relationships** and **better use of assets and resources**. In other words, social innovations are both **good for society** and **enhance society's capacity to act**.

(The Young Foundation (2012))

# Core elements and common features of social innovation



# **Development Path for Social Innovation**



# Ecosystem for social innovation

#### AN ECOSYSTEM FOR INNOVATIVE SOCIAL PURPOSE ORGANISATIONS FRAMEWORK CONDITIONS · Financial/economic environment Human resources · Legal/institutional environment FINANCIAL SUPPORT Political context - Grants for early stage developmen - Social context Prizes for social innovation Pre-commercial procurement Public procurement and commissioning Social impact bonds of innovative goods and services Venture philanthropy · Supporting private demand through tax incentives/ subsidies/ personalised budgets NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES - Campaigning and advocacy · New flows of information (open data) - Safe spaces for R&D (e.g. labs for social innovation) · Developing the knowledge base ENHANCING Business development support (e.g. accelerator programmes) (measuring impact and outcomes) DEMAND · Strengthening system wide capabilities (cluster policies, network policies, Peer to peer support support for R&D co-operation) · Professional services of various kinds including: legal advice, marketing services, fiscal and accounting services, HR advice and governance advice SKILLS AND FORMATION · Tailored courses for social entrepreneurs and other actors - University programmes for social entrepreneurs INTERMEDIARIES Subsidised secondments Social innovation networks - Mobility schemes Centres for information and evidence Transferring . Hubs for diffusion and adoption knowledge - Platforms for open data/exchange of ideas PROGRAMMES/INTERVENTIONS social innovation Networking opportunities/events Information and brokerage support Knowledge transfer programmes - Learning Forums and insight

# Key Factors to Promote Social innovation

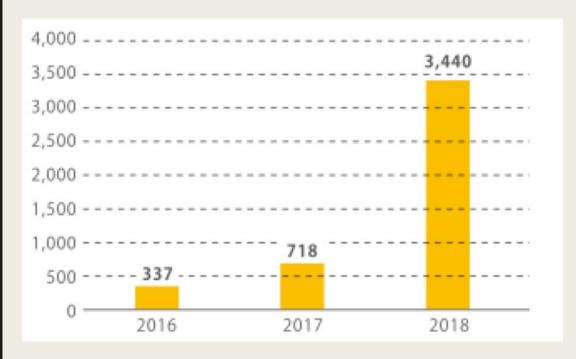
- **■** Financial Support
- Non-financial Support
- Skills and Formation
- Intermediaries
- Public Policy
- Infrastructure

Boelman et al. (2014)

Development of SI Ecosystem in Japan

# **Financial Support**

#### Estimated AUM of Social Impact Investment in Japan



(Unit: 100 million Japanese Yen)

### **Key Funders**

**■** Public Financial Institutions

Japan Finance Corporation (JFC)J, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

■ Private Financial Institutions

Dai Ichi Life Group, Nomura Asset Management, Daiwa Securities, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, Shinsei Corporate Investment etc..

**■** Foundations

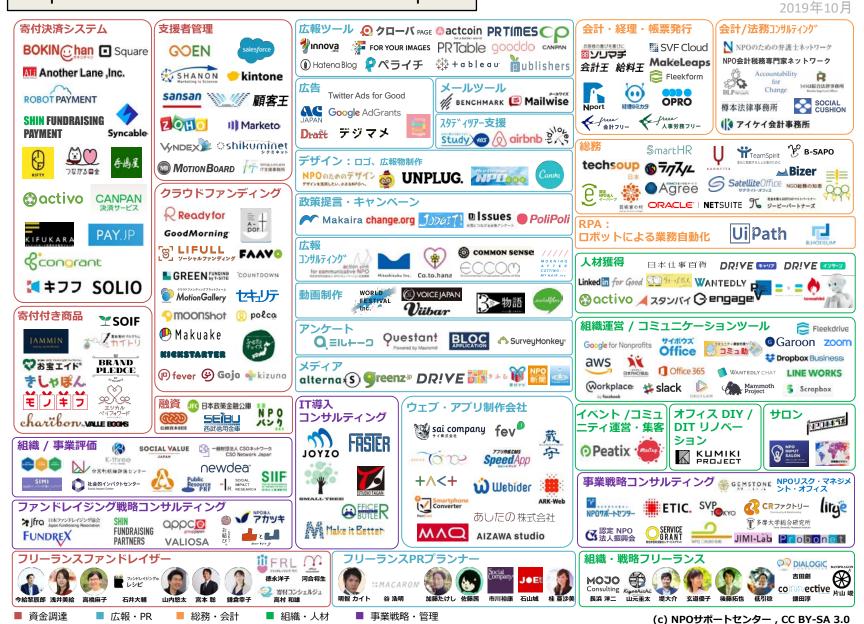
Social Innovation and Investment Foundation (SIIF),, Sasagawa Peace Foundation (SPF)

**■** Impact Funds

Plus Social Investment, Next Shift Fund, Kibow Fund, Social Investment Partners (SIP), Mistletoe etc..

# Non Financial Support

#### Map of Service Providers for NPOs in Japan



(<a href="https://www.npo-sc.org/PDFs/2019">https://www.npo-sc.org/PDFs/2019</a> nonprofit support map ip.pdf )

## Non Financial Support



#### Entrepreneurial Training for Innovative Communities

ETIC. aims to develop and produce entrepreneur-minded leaders who resolves social problems and create new value through their own intentions and actions. We contribute to an increase in profits by evoking transformation of the whole society through building and improving the social ecosystem in which entrepreneurminded leaders are developed.

# Leadership & Skill



#### Information Sharing



### Recruiting & Matching



#### Awards



#### Hands-on Support



# Leadership Development, Education & Training, Research

	Professional School	The Graduate School of Project Design (事業構想大学院大学)
Leadership		Doshisha University Graduate School of Policy and Management
Development &	University	Social Innovation Course
Education		(同志社大学総合政策科学研究科SIコース)
	Certificate Program	Social Entrepreneurship School(社会起業大学)
Research	General	Keio Research Institute at SFC(慶應義塾大学SFC研究所)
	Social Innovation	Nagano University Center for Social Innovation Research (長野大学ソーシャル・イノベーション研究所)
	Social Finance	Tama University Center for Social Investment (多摩大学社会的投資研究所)
Others	Support Network	JFC Social Business Support Network ~more than 100 networks covering almost all prefectures~

## Social Innovators Network and Forums

















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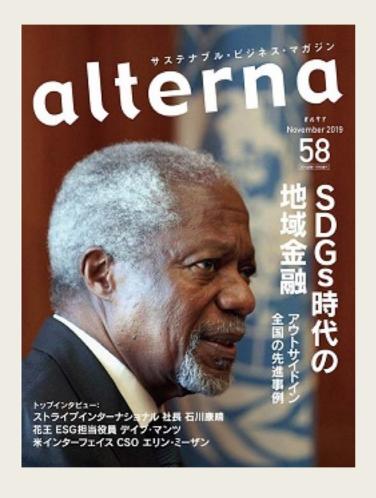
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# Online media and magazines

ツクルゼ、ミライ!行動系ウェブマガジン[DRIVE]

# DR!VE







## **Government Policy**

# Prime Minister's Office

Future Investment Conference

(未来投資会議)

SDGs Promotion Headquarter

(SDGs推進本部)

Council on Local Community Recreation

(まち・ひと・しごと創生会議

**Cabinet Office** 

Council on Fiscal and Economic Policy

(経済財政諮問会議)

Council on Dormant Bank Account Assets

(休眠預金等活用審議会)

NPOs/Public
Interest Corporation
(NPO/公益法人)

METI

The Small and Medium
Enterprise Agency
(中小企業庁)

Social Business

(ソーシャル・ビジネス)

Smart Product, IoT, Healthcare, Clean Technology etc..

Dormant Bank Account Industry 5.0

Social Impact Evaluation

Community Business

NPOs/ PICs

Pay for Success

**SDGs** 

B Corp

Social Business

# Opportunities and Challenges for Social Innovators in Japan

## Opportunities

■ More Funding Resources

More technology

- Dormant Bank Account, Social Impact Investment, Social Impact Bond....
- More commercialization and marketization
  More sustainability, scale up....
- loT, crowdfunding, blockchain, big data...

Challenges

- More pressures from funders
  - More impact, more measurement, more efficiency, more paper works
- More risks of mission drift and competition Profit-seeking, exclusion of stakeholders...
- More technology divide and exclusion Risk of sector divide and exclusion of beneficiaries

Innovation

Business-Oriented

Scale-up

Mission-Oriented Sustainability

Social Inclusion

# What are needed for further development of Social Innovation in Japan

## **Enabling Policy**

- Funding (Grant/Loan/Equity)
- Tax Exemption
- Public procurement
- Standardization, certification etc...

## **Civil Society**

- Foundations' commitment
- Strengthening civil society
- Capacity building for intermediary

organizations etc...

Public Support

Mainstreaming

Socially built-in

## **Business Community**

- Corporate Philanthropy / CSR
- CSV
- Social procurement etc...

## Universities and think tanks

- More research on social innovations
- Training for social innovators
- Information sharing & broader education

Towards a collaborative partnership among north-east Asian countries and beyond...

# Common Agendas among North East Asian Countries

Super Aging Society

Poverty and inequality

Sustainable Agriculture and Fishery

Global Climate Change Working Poor and Unemployment Gender Equity

Change of Family Style

Declining Population of Local Regions Immigrant Workers

Multicultural

and Diversified

Society

Environmental Protection

WE NEED COLLABORATION FOR MORE INNOVATION AND SOLUTION!

# Rationale for the Partnerships

#### **International Students**

#### ■ Studying in Japan from

China: 114,950 persons (38.4%)

> Korea: 17,012 persons (5.7%)

> USA: 2,932 persons (1.0%)

> UK: 703 persons (0.2%)

(as of May 2018, according to JASSO)

#### ■ Studying in China from

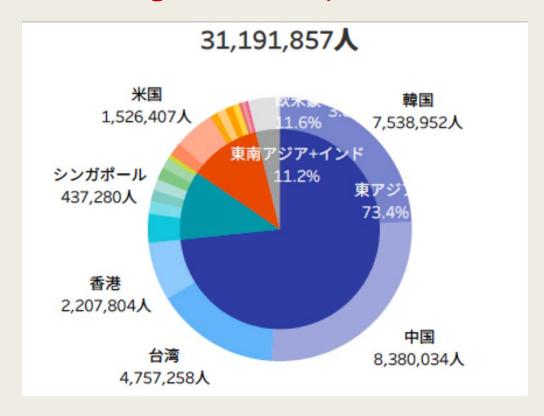
> Korea: 50,600 persons

> USA: 20,996 persons

> Japan: 14,230 persons

(as of April 2019, according to Min. of Education)

### Foreign Visitors to Japan 2018



We have already started a community building process!

# EU's efforts to promote social innovation

# European Social Innovation Competition awards



Funding Scheme for Social Innovation in EU

EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI)

## Comprehensive research











**tran**sformative **s**ocial **i**nnovation **t**heory

## **Community Building**





#### Incubation



# Pioneering Examples for Social Innovation Collaboration

## Classting Co.







### **Investors**





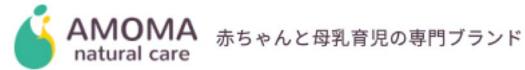


# Pioneering Examples for Social Innovation Collaboration



ソーシャルビジネスで世界を変える





- Incubation
- **Training**
- **Tutoring**
- Management Support
- Fundraising Support



**AMOMA** natural care

#### AMOMA natural care ⊱

Same social needs, Same social innovation, Extended business chance

# Thank you for listening!

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