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## (1) The reason why we chose this topic.

We have some problems in Odate city such as population aging, declining birthrate, transportation and so on. We have discussed what we can do to solve these problems.

We've decided to make a bus route map that is easier to see for everyone.

To make a map, we did some fieldwork to interview with staff at Shuhoku Bus.

### 2)Fieldwork

#### Shuhoku Bus Corp.

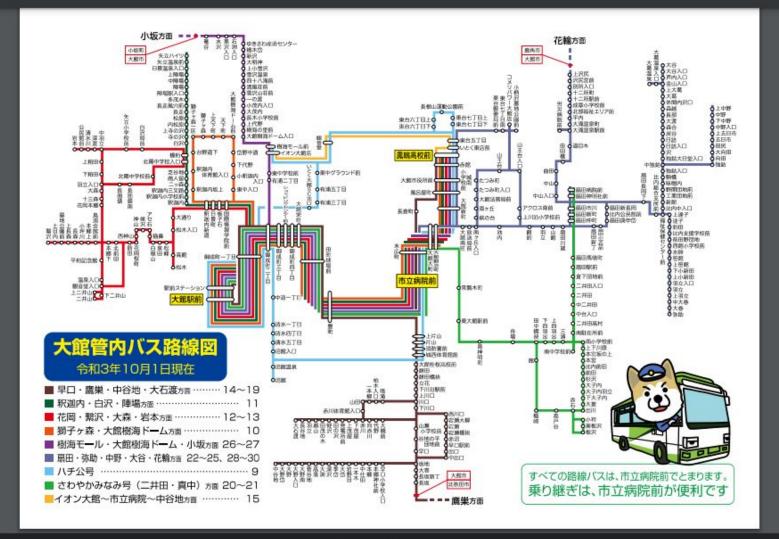
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0186-43-3535



### 3) Making our map



# Hard to see at first sight

We decided to create a route map that would make it easier for the elderly and small children to use.

#### What is Hachiko?

The Hachiko is a bus that goes around the city with a flat fare of 160 yen.Convenient for transportation to hospitals, supermarkets, hot springs and public facilities.



In addition, you can leave Odate Station for about 18 kilometers and return to Odate Station in about 50 minutes, so even strangers can use it easily.

#### To make a route map 1

- If you put all the information into a map,
  it will be hard to understand.
- Limited space for pasting
  A3 size is the largest

#### To make a route map 2

- Write in hiragana and romaji too.
- Emphasize the route with colored lines
- Emphasize the bus stops that

many people use, such as The City Hospital.

#### To make a route map 3

- Make it easier to see by pasting a photo of the bus stop
- →It will be easier to understand the specific location





There are many bus stops with "Shimizu" nearby

## (4)The interview with Shuhoku Bus

# "We would like young people to use the buses more."

### Recent students often have their parents / grandparents send them



They use less buses

#### Effort to increase users

- Promote the use of "Gold Pass"
- Coupon tickets for students

(27 sheets each,

you can get 27 sheets for 20 sheets price)

etc.

• Elementary and junior high school students can use buses for the fixed fare during summer and winter vacation.

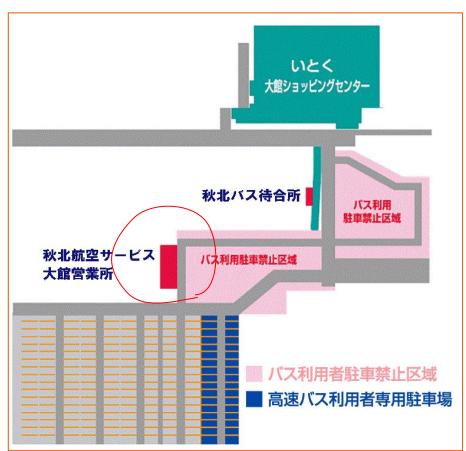
(E.S. 50 yen at a time J.H.S. 100yen at a time)

#### Where to buy

<Address>

Akita Air Service Odate SC North Exit Parking Lot

〒017-0044 3-6-31 Onaricho, Odate City, Akita Prefecture



## (5) The prospects for the future

- We have to give more objective opinions to make it easier to see.
- Decide the target generations
  and make maps easier for them to see.

 Based on what we have learned this year, we would like to make new timetables and route maps for other buses.

### With the cooperation of everyone, we can improve

the traffic environment!

Use the buses more often

when going out!

## That's all for our presentation