Hanamaki City, Iwate Prefecture

Kenji's City Development Promotion Project





Dowa Mura (Village of Fairy Tales) at night

Situation (background, aims, etc.)

The project is designed to vitalise the city by taking advantage of Kenji Miyazawa and increasing people's interaction, while implementing award activities by citizens concerning Kenji Miyazawa, a famous fairy tale writer from Hanamaki

Details (project outline, etc.) Implement the project from the following four perspectives

People – Provide opportunities to learn about Kenji (personal development) Award great creative activities under the name of Kenji, holding workshops such as "Explore Places Related to Kenji's Works"

Events –Increase people's interaction by holding events

Organize events to introduce artists actively involved in artwork relating to Kenji's works

Townscape –Develop a city where you feel the presence of Kenji

Exhibit great paintings themed on Kenji's work on monuments placed along a street

Goods – Products developed as a tool to distribute information and enhance public relations

Create a calendar including places related to Kenji and event schedules

Ihatobu Festival

Results (features and innovations. future developments, etc.)

· Promote development of a city that utilises Kenji's legacy under the collaboration of citizens and Kenji-related groups

·Increase opportunities for people to enjoy Kenji's attractions by enhancing Kenjirelated information distribution and Kenji-related projects