

Ikitera Creation: An online community to create social participation for homebound elderly and to develop children who have the future in their hands.

Iki City, Nagasaki Prefecture



Ikitera in action

Situation (background, aims, etc.)

In Iki City, a super-aged society compared to the national 25-year average projection, opportunities for interaction between the elderly and their grandchildren through an ‘online terakoya’ system that utilises ICT are being created. This system brings a sense of meaning to the elderly and an opportunity for learning to the children who will be responsible for the future in their daily lives.

Details (project outline, etc.)

With the focus on the elderly and children (who hold the future of the island in their hands) in building an online community that creates an interdependent outcome. This interdependence creates more energy, a sense of purpose, and an environment with somewhere to go and something to do for the elderly, and an environment of mutual learning and understanding provided to the children will allow them to have a vision for the future. Through this, Iki City can solve its most pressing regional issues, and become a model for regional communities that can withstand Japan’s super-aged society.



Brain training materials

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

The project adopted a programme that incorporates brain training games that all participants can enjoy together from the same point of view, while working to prevent dementia in the elderly and promote memory, hearing, and vision improvement in the children.