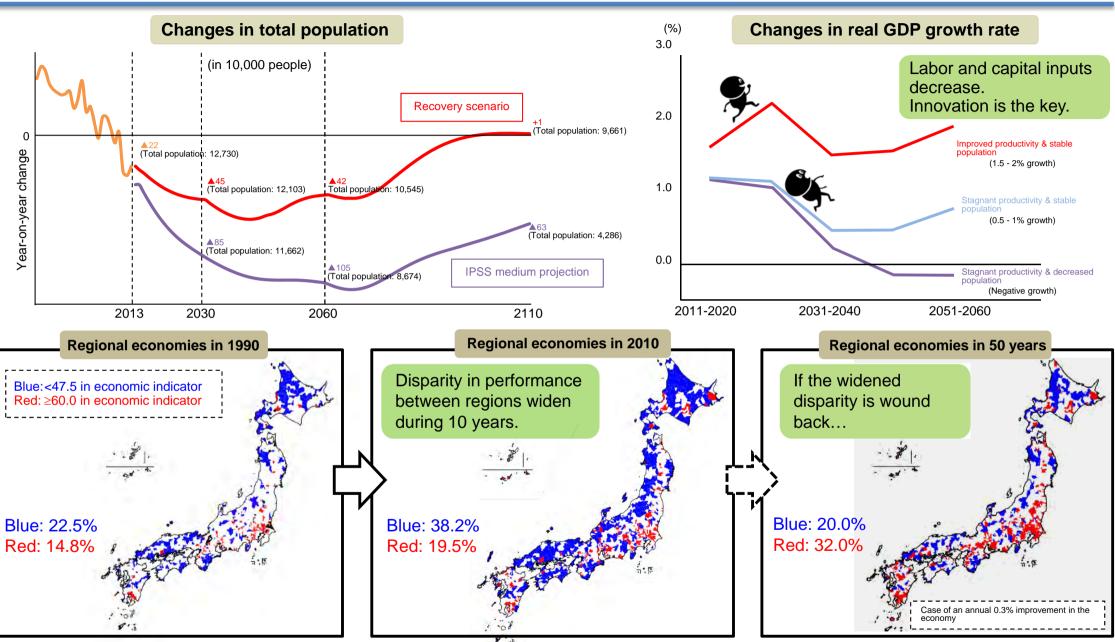


The foundation lies in human capital:

It is "people" who give birth to and bring up children in the next generation, deliver innovations, and maintain regional communities.

Future of population and economy



O The recovery scenario of total population is an estimate based on the assumption that the total fertility rate will recover to 2.07 by 2030. IPSS stands for the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research.

 [&]quot;Improved productivity & stable population" indicates the case where total population goes according to the recovery scenario, with an improvement of more than one percent in productivity.
"Stagnant productivity & decreased population" indicates the case where total population goes according to the IPSS medium projection, with stagnation of productivity.

O Regional economies are represented by the deviation value of a synthesis index calculated based on statistics of manufacturers, commerce, agriculture, and others. At a value of 50, a regional economy stands at the national average of the past 30 years.

[&]quot;Regional economies in 50 years" represents a case of an annual 0.3% improvement in the economy. (The past 10 years saw an annual 0.3% decline.)

Future of regional communities

