

## Report of visiting Iida, Ina city

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In this excursion, we visited Iida and Ina city. Iida city is certified as environmental model city. They promote to introduce environment-friendly energies. We visit many place. In this report, I report about Ohisama Shinpo Energy Company and Nansin Biomass cooperative.

### - Ohisama Shinpo Energy Company

They aim at local supply and local consumption of energy. They established Ohisama fund, and exerted for the spread of environment-friendly energies, such as solar panel and energy saving. The 1<sup>st</sup> solar panel was set on the roof of kindergarten. They not only install it in a kindergarten, but also make electricity visible so that intelligibly for a kindergartner, and the kindergartner got interested in photovoltaics and an environmental problem. In this project, they could a chain and circulation that When a child got interested in them, the parents also get interested, and also it spreads in the community, then they can get investment from people in the community. This chain is very nice, Because the more and more environment-friendly activity will be spread. I think in this activity, they can set solar panel and energy saving all over the community. And this activity should be introduced everywhere in Japan

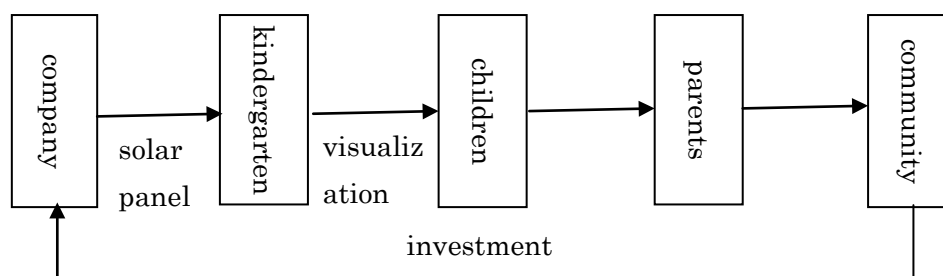


Fig.1 the chain which made from Ohisama Shinpo Energy Company

### - Nansin Biomass cooperative

In Japan, Biomass is very important. Because there is much biomass, 70% land is forest. But in rural area, young people are flow outside and forestry is on the decline. Wood pellet assume a large role in activation of community by local supply and local consumption of energy and activation of forestry and community, Wood pellet can make employment in maintenance, transport, and manufacture. In this excursion we looked on manufacturing of wood pellet, but not only wood pellet but also other biomass production (bioethanol, biogas, etc.) is very important for activation of community, and these activities should be more promoted.

Next step, I want to explore about the lows to promote upper activities.