

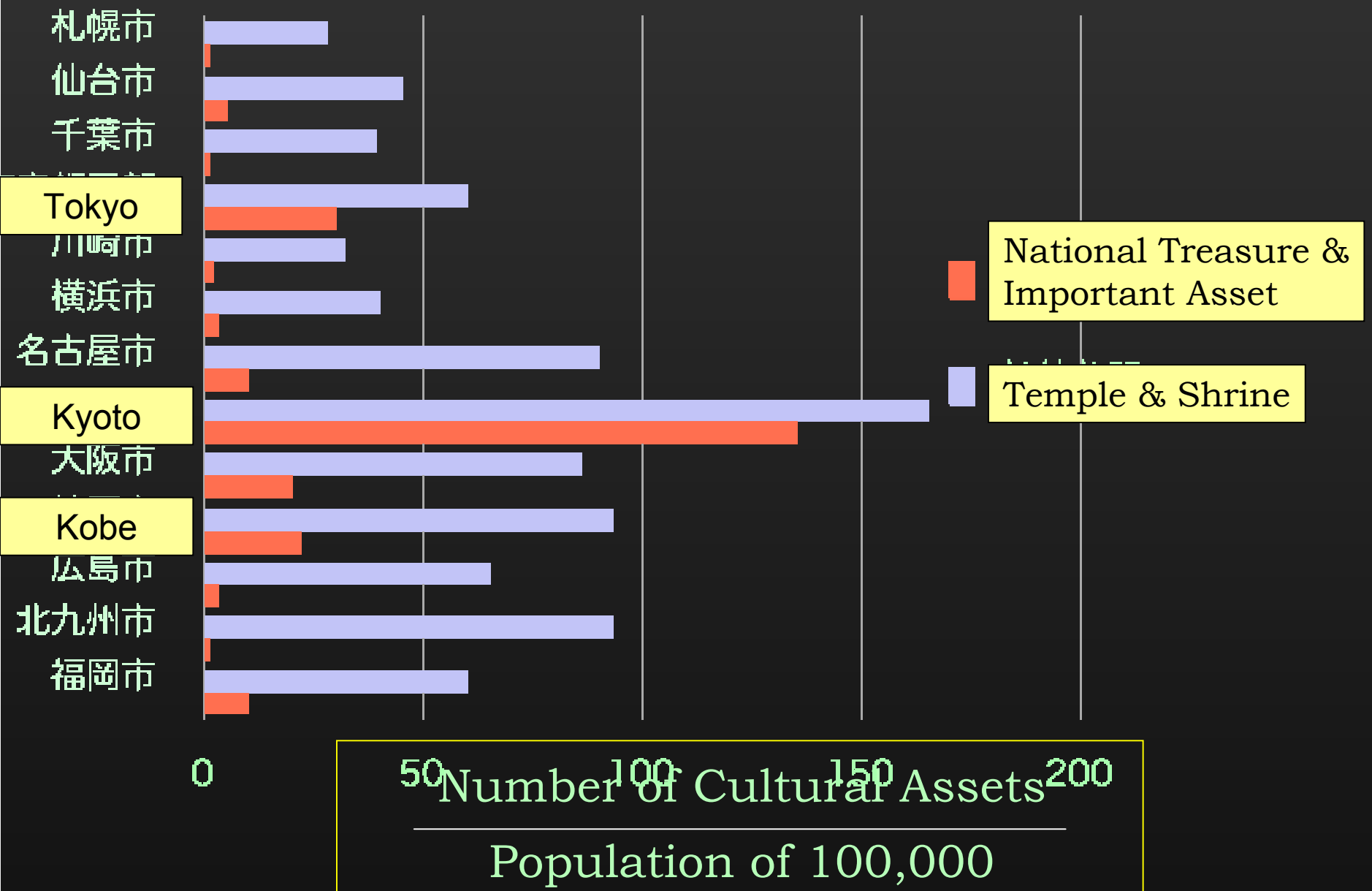
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Protection of Cultural Heritage from Post-earthquake Fire

- Present Situation in Japan -

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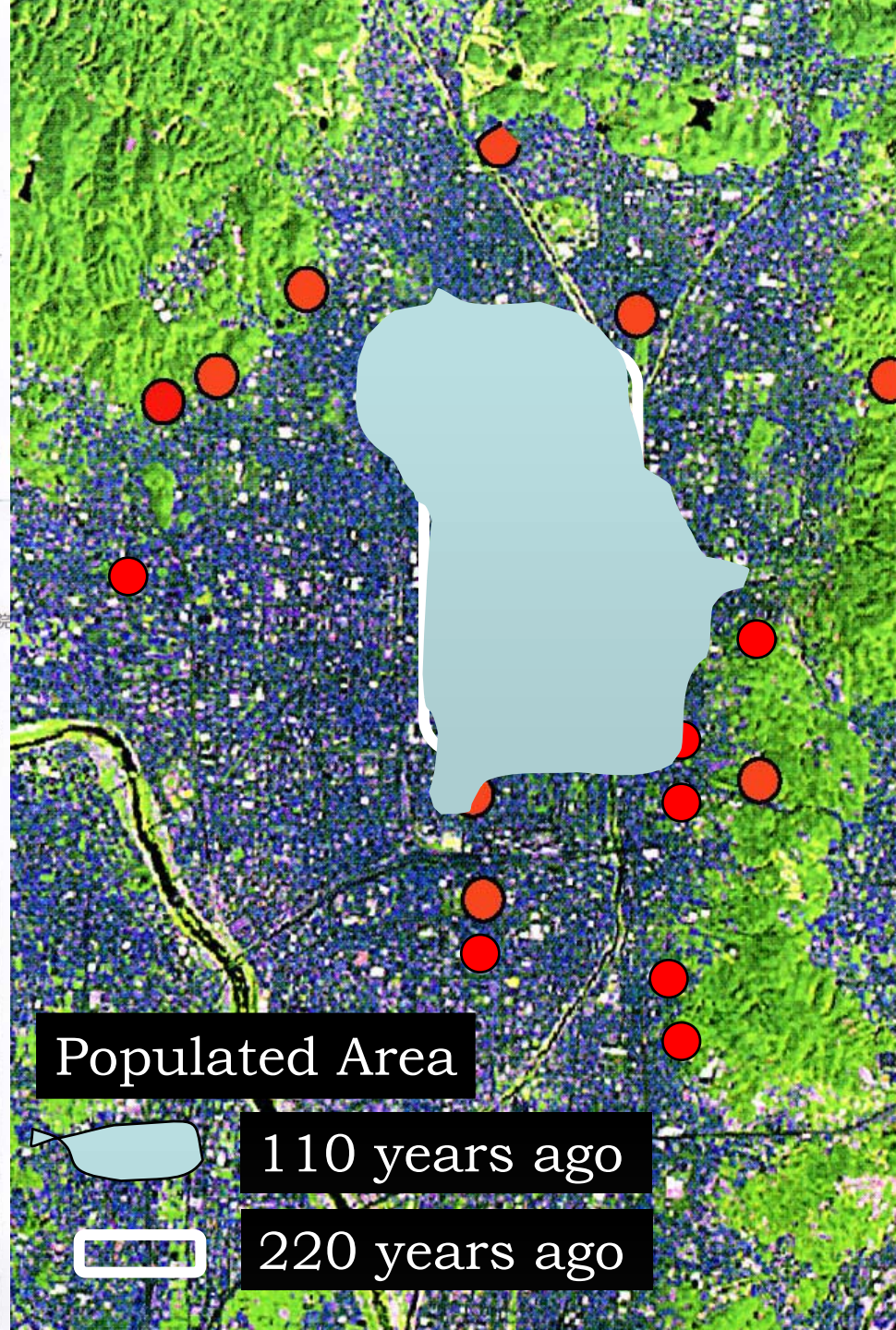
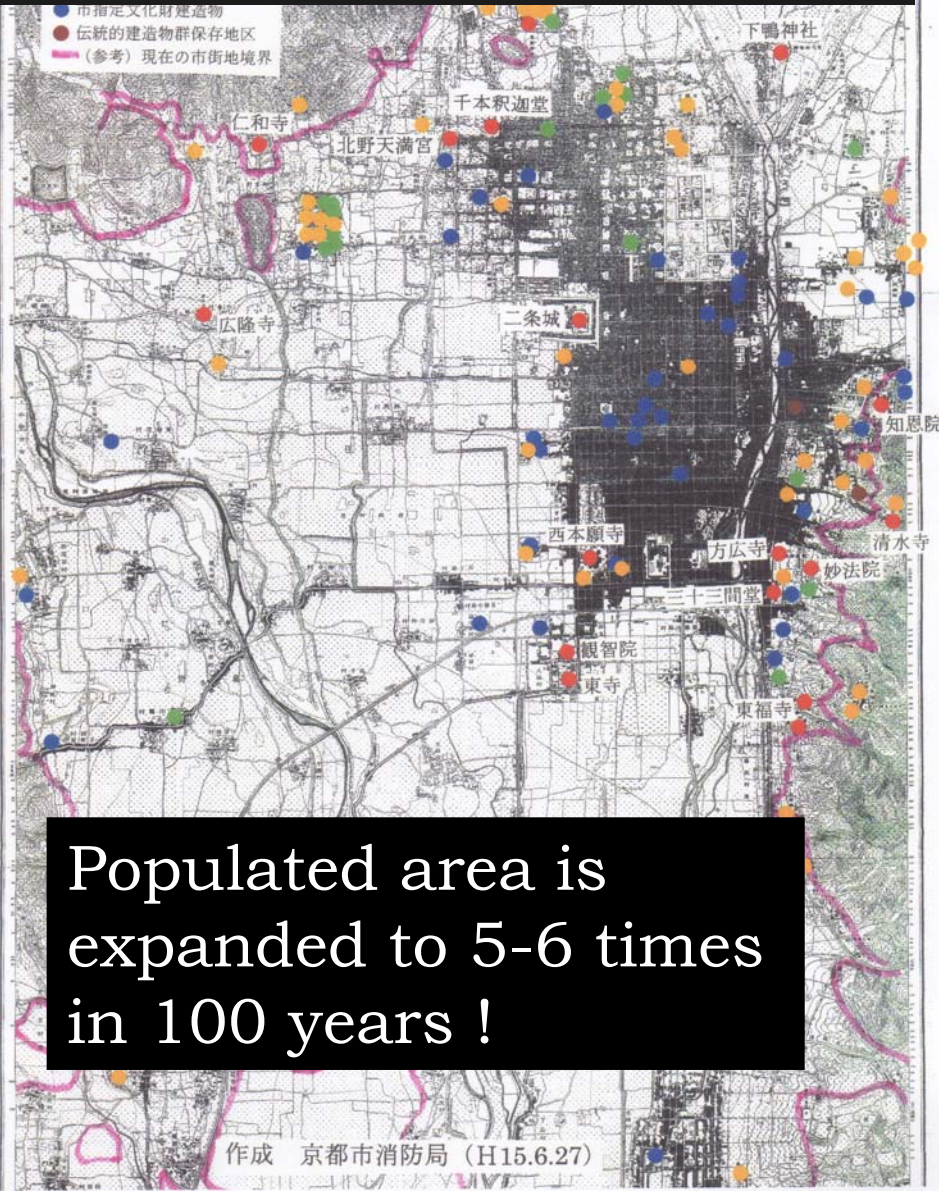




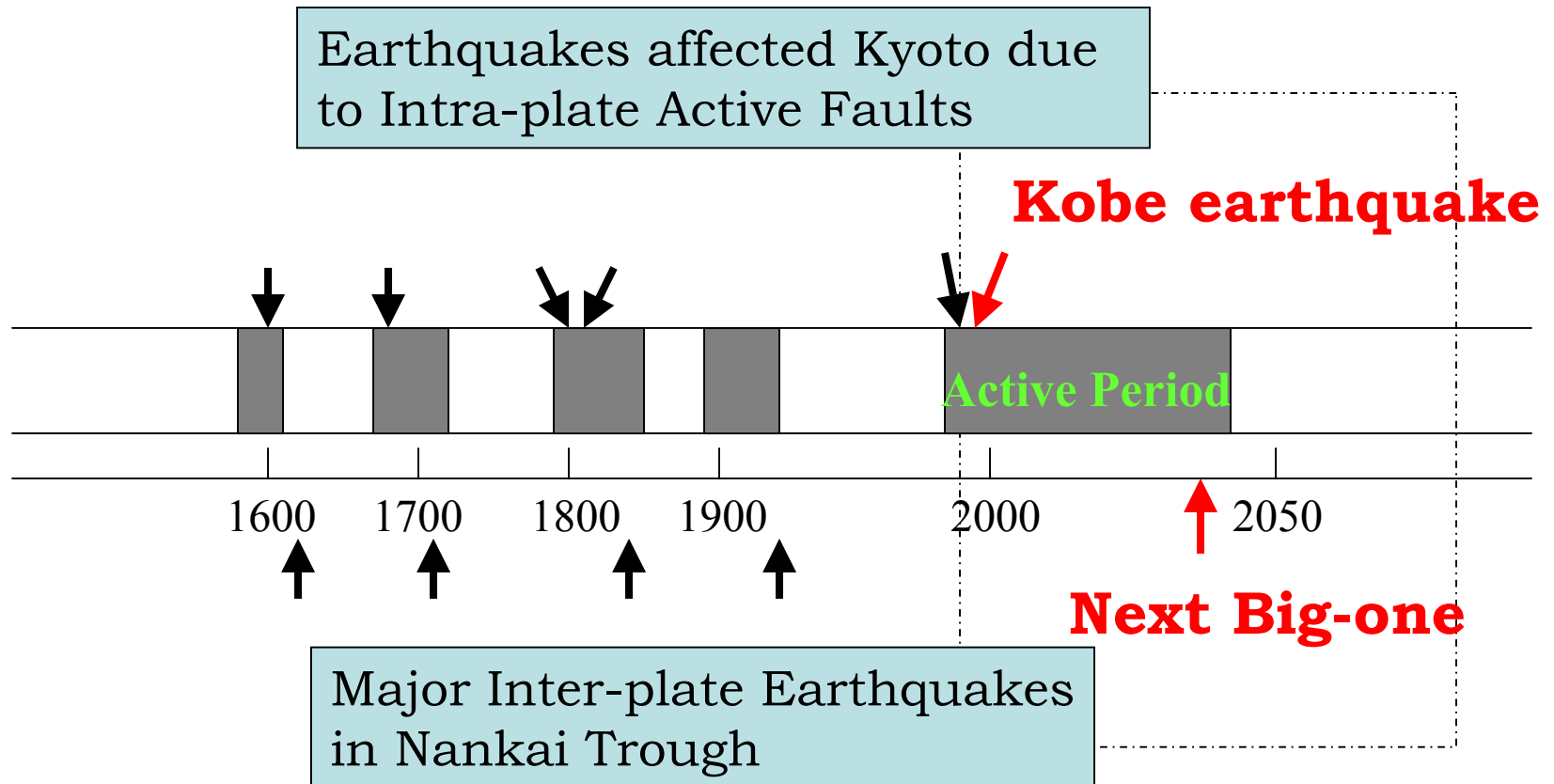
World Heritage in Kyoto (17 assets)

History of
Kyoto is
“History of
Fire”.

Populated area in Kyoto 110 years ago.



Next strong shaking due to inland earthquake is anticipated.





NGO

Central and local government

Academia

These sectors have done something for protection of cultural heritage from earthquake hazard.

The Council for Protection of Cultural Heritage from Post-earthquake Fire was organized in October 1997.

Non-Profit Organization for Protection of Cultural Heritage from Natural Disasters has been approved by Metropolitan Tokyo in August 1999.

The NGO has conducted research and assessments of possible projects.

Protection of Cultural Assets and Traditional Community from Natural Disasters

The committee was organized by the Cabinet Office in June 2003 and released the report in July 2004.

Report of the Committee

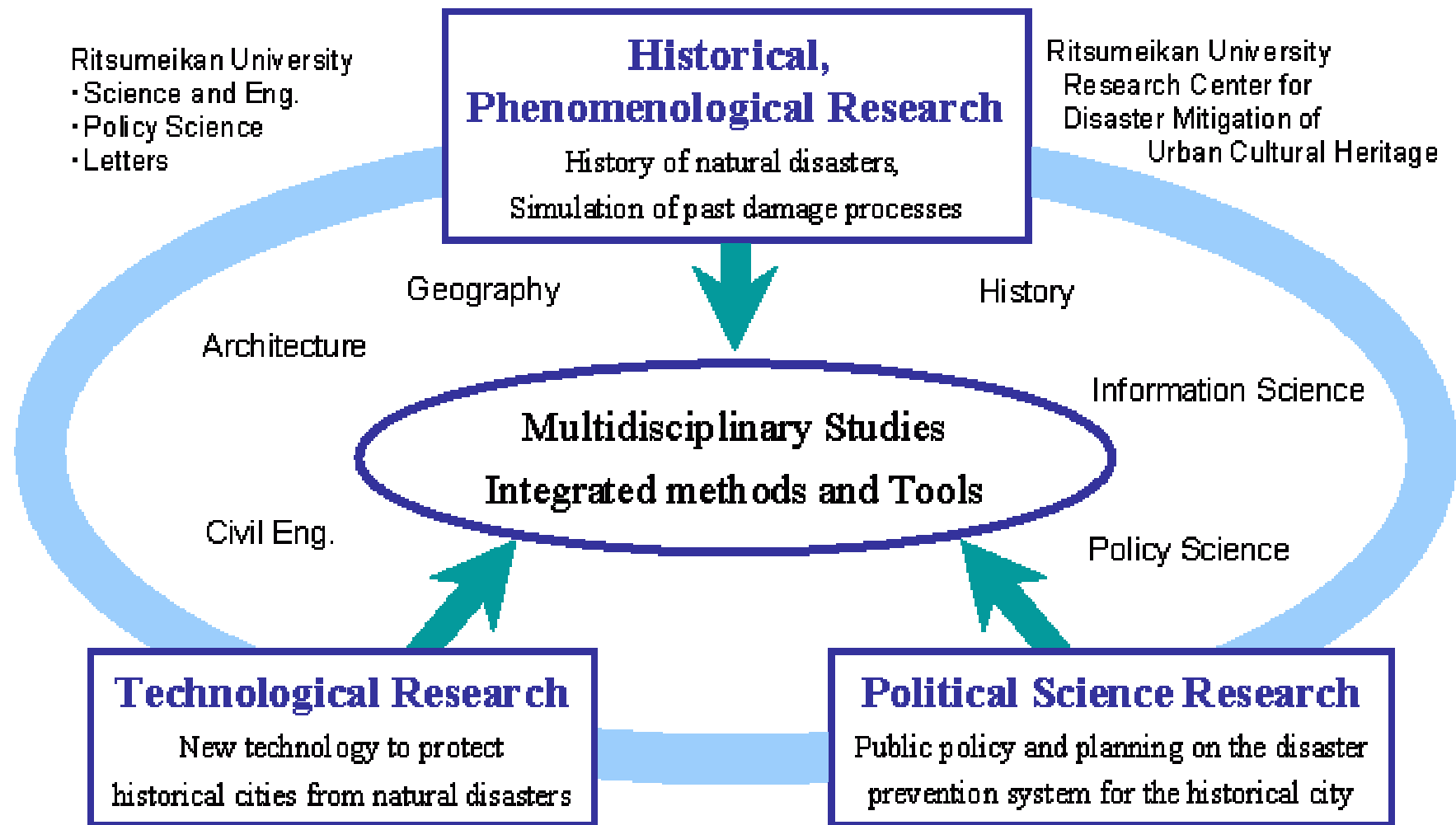
Protection of Cultural Assets and Traditional Community from Earthquake Hazard


Related ministries and agencies of Japanese Government are responsible for undertaking effective measures for protection of cultural monuments and historical community from the thread of earthquake hazard.

Small but strong step for promotion of the issues related to protection of cultural heritage from earthquake disaster.

Center of Excellent (COE) Project of Japanese Government

“Mitigation of Urban Cultural Heritage” by Ritsumeikan University





Significance and importance of protection of cultural heritage from natural disaster are getting recognized gradually in Japan.

Thank you very much
for your attention.