# 3. Tackling the challenges of greenhouse horticulture (approach for the next-generation greenhouse horticulture)

To pursue the establishment of a top-runner model (next-generation greenhouse horticulture) capable of overcoming the challenges facing Japan's greenhouse horticulture all together in the form of matching the nation's natural conditions by (1) installing advanced environmental control, (2) expanding the scale of operation through the utilization of employment, and (3) making use of regional energy, taking clues from greenhouse horticulture in the Netherlands.

Productivity improvement by install of advanced environmental control technology

Realize the year-round production based on the sales plan with the grater yield by the horticulture in the weather-resistant Greenhouse with an environmental control system which is able to control different environments at the same time by utilizing ICT.

(Example) Success in yielding 30-40t/10a of large tomatoes(National average of 10t/10a)

Control temperature, CO2, solar irradiance, etc. at the same time by utilization of ICT

Environmental monitoring apparatus

Sunlight sensor

Hygrothermal environment & Coz sensor



3. Reduction of dependence on fossil fuels by utilization of local energy resources

Realize the stable management of farms by the reduction of dependence on fossil fuels where price rise has a potent influence on farm management due to the fuel expenses account for big portion in the farming costs.

## Utilization of local energy resources







Waste heat

Woody biomass

Heat from hot spring

# 2. Large-scale management utilizing employed labor

Realization of efficient production and expansion of management scale by utilizing employed labor through preparation and review of appropriate work plans, due assignment of employees, standardization of work processes, etc.

Employment-oriented production management needed for expansion of operation scale



Preparation of production plan and work plan and assignment of employees



Nurturing of employees streamline operations

Reference: Differences in natural conditions between Japan and the Netherlands

ı	Japan and the Netherlands		
1		Japan	The Netherlands
	Temperature	Hot and humid in summer	Cool in summer
	Accumulation of snow	Present	Almost non-existen
4	Big wind	Occasional brunt of typhoons	Absence of hurricane brunt
	Main fuel	Fuel oil reliant on imports	Natural gas from North Sea oil field

# 3. Tackling the challenges of greenhouse horticulture (development of base of next-generation) greenhouse horticulture)

- O Formation of ten model bases across Japan to create next-generation greenhouse horticulture matching natural conditions, etc. of the country extended north and south
- O To rotate the PDCA cycle by collecting the environment, growth, work and other data at the model bases and assess yield per 10a, the rates of reduction in the use of fossil fuel and productivity per worker in order to study integrant technologies for next-generation greenhouse horticulture.
- O To accumulate evidence that can help overcome the challenges facing Japan's greenhouse horticulture and improve profitability

### Data to be collected at model bases

#### **Daily program**

- Environment, growth of plants, amount of fuel used and other factors inside greenhouses - Work plans and results
- Grasping challenges and improvement (PDCA cycle)

Improvement in

balance of

management

(PDCA cycle)

#### **Benchmarks**

- Yield per 10a
- Rate of reduction in use of fossil fuel
- Yield per worker

### 5. Toyama Prefecture (Toyama City) [Completed in June 2015]

Tomato (2.9 ha) Ornamental plants including Eustoma (1.2 ha) Waste heat



7. Hyogo Prefecture (Kasai City) [Completed in August 2015]

Tomato (1.8 ha) Cherry tomato (1.8 ha) Woody biomass



10. Miyazaki prefecture (Kunitomi Town) [Completed in July 2015]

Sweet pepper (2.3 ha) Cucumber (1.8 ha) Woody biomass



# 1. Hokkaido (Tomakomai City)

Strawberry (4 ha) Woody biomass

9. Oita prefecture (Kokonoe Town)

Red pepper (2.4 ha)

Heat from hot spring

[Completed in March 2016]



3. Saitama prefecture (Kuki City)

4. Shizuoka prefecture (Oyama Town)

2. Miyagi pref. (Ishinomaki City)

Tomato (3.3 ha) Woody biomass

Tomato (1.1 ha)

Woody biomass

Ground thermal

Red pepper (1.3 ha)





[Completed in January 2016] Tomato (3.2 ha)

Cherry tomato (0.8 ha) Woody biomass







Cherry tomato (3.6 ha) Water discharged from a Sewage effluent heat





8. Kochi prefecture (Shimanto Town) [Completed in March 2016]

Tomato (4.3 ha) Woody biomass









# Hokkaido (Tomakomai City)



Wooden biomass

To realize year-round production of strawberry with cool weather of summer in the north area of Japan.

To introduce the advanced environmental control technology and make toward high quality and low



Supply of energy



Facilities at base

Product development and branding







Delivery and logistics



Stock photos used

#### Names of consortium and its members

Name Consortium of the Next-Generation type of Greenhouse Horticulture in Hokkaido

Tomatoh Farm Co., Ltd. / morimoto Co., Ltd. / The Hokkaido Confectionery Association / Tomatoh Inc. / TANJI FORESTRY Co., Ltd. / **Members** Tomakomai-Kouiki Japan Agricultural Cooperatives /Hokkaido Food Industry Promotion Organization / Hokkaido Government / Tomakomai City

Crops	Area	Yield (goal)
Strawberries	4ha	314t (7.5t/10a)

Category Overview of project

(1) greenhouses, (2) woody biomass, (3) facilities for production of seedling, and (4) facilities for collection and shipment

Technological Demonstration of devices for warming inside and around a bench ,mist cooling, application of CO2, etc. adopting advanced demonstration environmental control technology

Other programs (1) Establishment of regional brands for new products (2) expansion of overseas sales, etc.





