

About Oguni Town

- Population: 7,500
- Area: 136.72 km²
(80% forest)
- Main industries: Agriculture, Forestry, Tourism



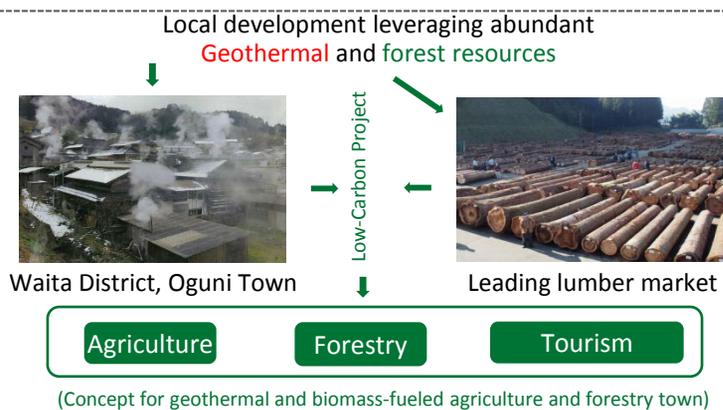
Dairy products made with Jersey cows' milk



Nabegataki Falls, a "power spot" of the area

Local production and local consumption of energy

Use geothermal energy and biomass to supply energy to the region, for achieving efficient energy use and revitalization of the agricultural and forestry industries



"Wood Station" Project



A long line of mini-trucks forms on shipment days



Collected firewood is used as fuel

Our slogan is

"Paying for evening drinks with a mini-truck and a chainsaw!"

The "Wood Station" Project began in March 2015. Forest owners and forest volunteers ship under-utilized forest materials, such as leftover timber and forest thinning, to the Wood Station, and receive the local currency, "Mori Vouchers," in return. These vouchers can be used as payment options at member stores in the town. They can also be used to pay for those evening drinks.

The collected timber is used as firewood to fuel the woody biomass boiler that was installed in the town's hot springs facility in February 2016. Comparing figures for before (April 2015) and after (April 2016) the installation of the boiler, the facility's heavy oil consumption has been cut to 1/14th. After the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake, hot spring water heated with the stockpiled firewood was released for free, that made large numbers of evacuees happy.

