

Sanya Area

One of the three largest laborers' communities in Japan.
Sanya is still known as a poor district of Tokyo.

SANYA is a Day Laborers' Community.
We are against redevelopment which excludes laborers!!



YUI Associates is a social enterprise which runs Hotels and a Cafe in SANYA



Hotel Meigetsu

Since August, 2009



Juyoh Hotel

Since June, 2013

Sanya Cafe

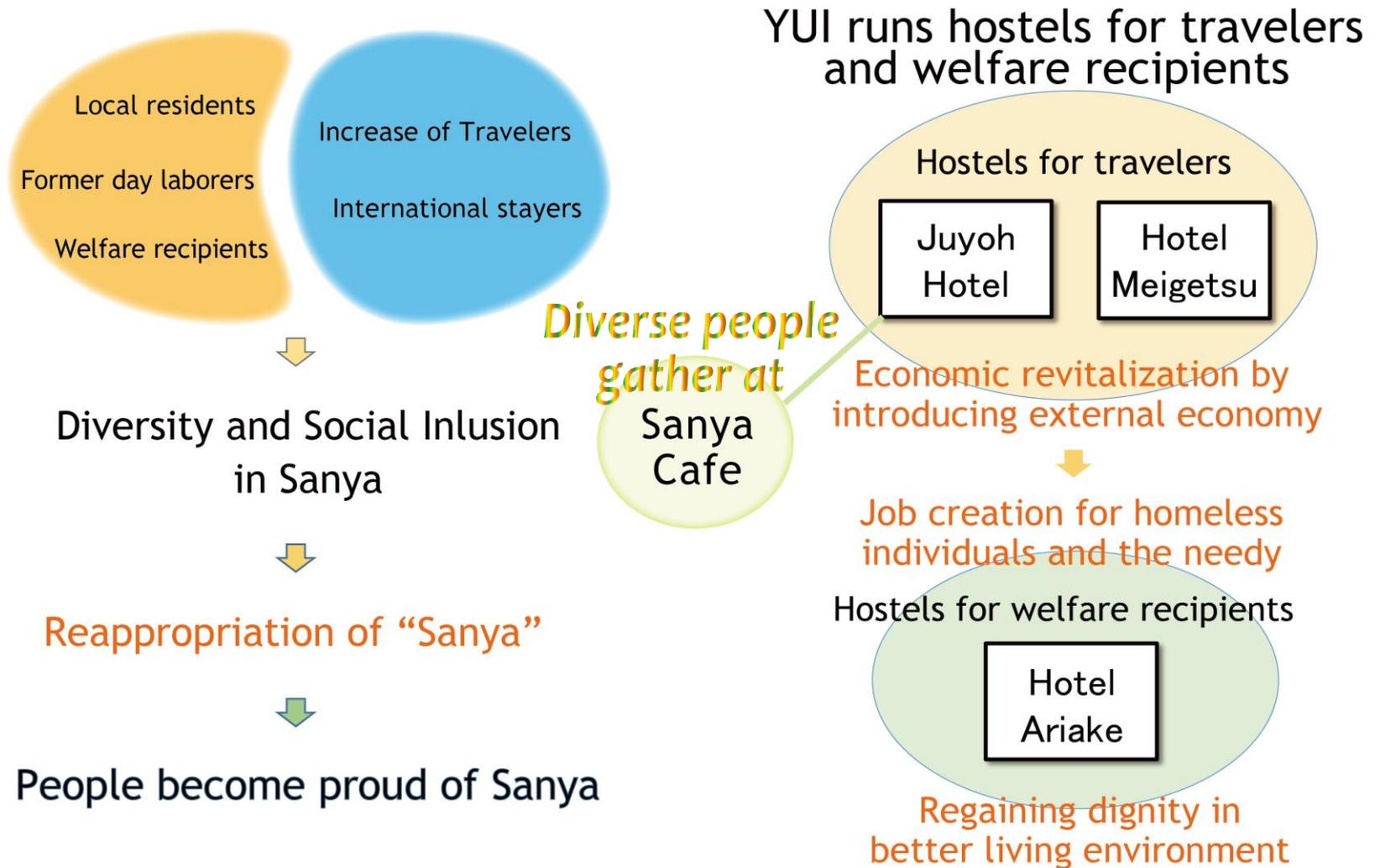
Since March 30, 2018



Hotel Ariake

Since June, 2014

Description of Project Activities



Under COVID-19: Our Challenges

People have lost their jobs and become homeless

YUI Associates:

- Accepted chronically homeless individuals in Sanya in a hotel for tourists in May for 7 days during the emergency declaration.
- Started “food distribution” to homeless people on street with “Sanya Cafe Cleanup Team” by visiting them and conduct short interviews each time.
- Keep accepting people who newly become homeless due to COVID-19 and helping them to find a job.
- Plans to renovate a wooden structured building to accommodate the homeless people on street.

What if the 2nd wave comes to Sanya?

Under COVID-19: Our Challenges

YUI Associates also faced a big challenge



Hotel Meigetsu

Keep serving for:

- Local residents including former laborers stay at hostels without kitchen
- Refreshment from self quarantine in small rooms (5.5 m²)



Juyoh Hotel



Sanya Cafe



Hotel Ariake

- Case conference through Skype
- More support for a person in terminal care

People living in Tamahime Park



There are fewer construction works and fewer works provided by Tokyo Metropolitan government. They have to make a living by collecting cans.

Food Distribution: “Gohan Kubari”

[Nikkei Newspaper: “Day Laborers are in a plight under COVID-19: Tokyo Metropolitan Government stopped providing jobs for 2 months.”](#)



“Which would you like, a beef rice bowl or a chicken & egg rice bowl?”



Playing Japanese chess in the park

Drinking on street



Sanya Cafe Cleanup Team

Current Issues: disrespectful townscapes

- There are long lines for food distribution in the end of each month.
- Trashes are thrown on the streets after drinking.

Social engagement



Who joins?

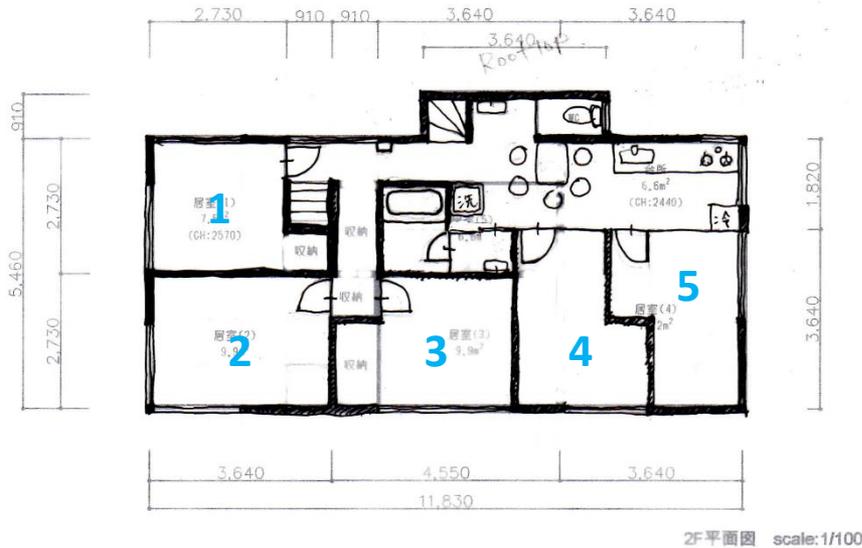
- people who (used to) live in Sanya
- people who are drinking on streets
- Ariake residents



Towards respectful and clean townscapes

- Participants will feel sense of belonging.
 - Regain dignity and self-esteem.
- ⇒ Avoid exclusion pressured by local regular residents

Next Project?

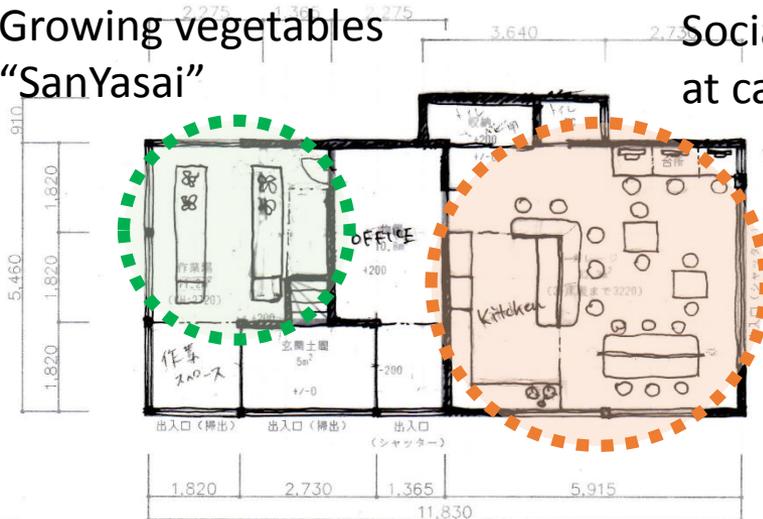


Shared Housing for Homeless People

- Seismic reinforcement
⇒ Safe and comfortable living environment

Growing vegetables "SanYasai"

Social Skill Training at cafe

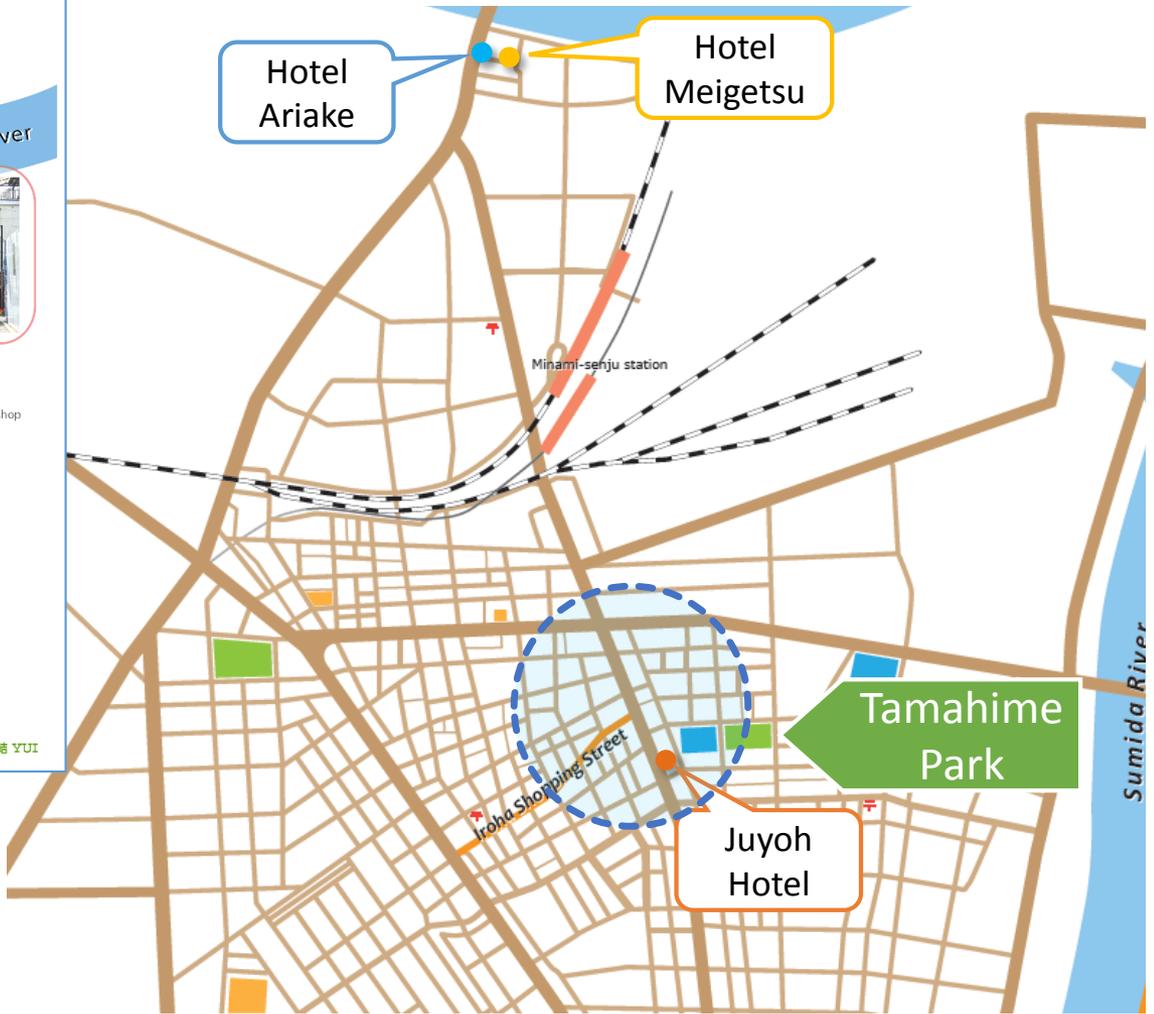
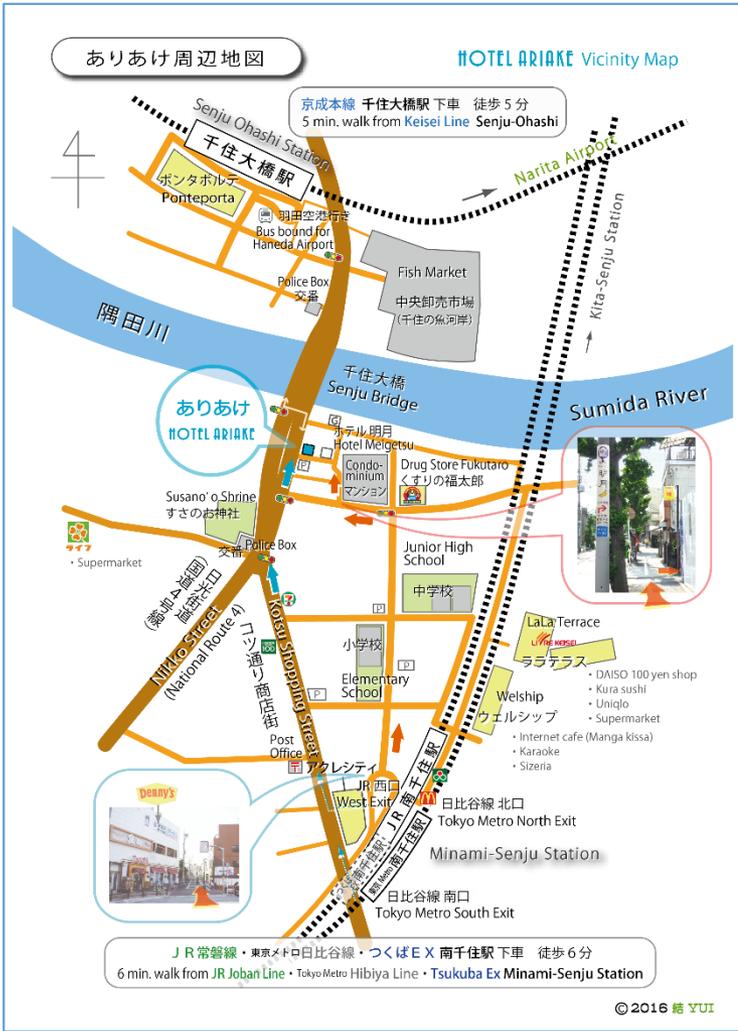


Support for Continuous Employment - Type B Service Office

What do people need to regain their dignity?

- ◆ A homeless person with schizophrenia recovering in better environment
 - Physical Environment
 - Psychosocial Environment
- ◆ Interview survey with long stayers in hostels (2011)
 - “Which do you choose between a NPO facility where you can have support you need or a hostel? “
 - 95.24% out of 147 interviewees chose hostels.
 - ⇒ Most of the facilities are under restrictive interventions.
Dignity comes from the choices you make for yourself.
- ◆ How can former homeless individuals regain their dignity and become more self reliant and independent in Sanya community?





Renovation in Ariake in 2014

