

# PROPOSAL of Matsuyama City Masjid Project

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### INTRODUCTION

Matsuyama is the capital city in Ehime Prefecture and one of the major cities in Shikoku instead of Tokushima (Tokushima Pref.), Kochi (Kochi Pref.) and Takamatsu (Kagawa). Matsuyama has population of about 520,000 people with density of 1,205/km<sup>2</sup>. This city is famously known for its onsen (温泉、hot spring in Japanese) especially Dogo Onsen (道後温泉), believed to be the oldest hot spring bath house in Japan despite of more other historical and cultural places.

Matsuyama Islamic Culture Center (MICC) is a non-profit organization in Matsuyama that supports the welfare of Muslim community, manages annual Islamic events and doing cultural exchange between Muslims and Japanese community in Matsuyama despite of responsible for da'wah activities in Matsuyama. MICC was established by some Malaysian students together with Mr. Abu Mahdy Sulaiman Hamanaka in the year of 1981.

The population of foreigners in Matsuyama including Muslims from various countries is growing every year. The current population of Muslims is about 130 people. One of the main reasons of the population growth is the study opportunity promoted by Ehime University due to many Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) collaborations with foreign universities from Indonesia, Malaysia, Egypt, etc. In addition, mixed or interfaith marriage between Muslims and Japanese also contribute to this population growth. There are also some Muslims from foreign countries come here for work.

Since the establishment of MICC, we rented a house as a musollah to do our activities and MICC had moved 3 times since then. Currently, we are located at Heiwadori area. Unfortunately, we are unable to do all our activities in the house due to certain reasons. For example, during Jum'ah prayer or other gathering events, we have to borrow a room in the university campus or rent a hall in community center because the current house do not have enough room capacity.

From these points of view mentioned above, we concluded that we need an appropriate place of worship (masjid), at the same time a convenient cultural center to implementing Islamic and social activities for Muslim community. We are optimistic and highly confident to do progressive da'wah, culture exchange and Islamic education for Muslims and non-Muslims.



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### OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this proposal are shown as follows.

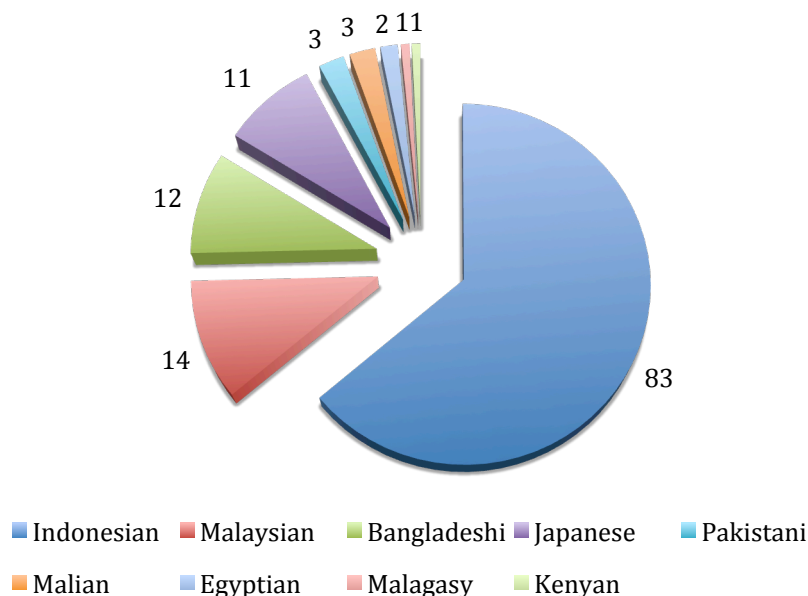
1. To find supports & sponsorships as well as donations from other organizations and the public locally and internationally.
2. To establish a permanent building for masjid & cultural center of Muslim community in Matsuyama.
3. To provide efficient service and da'wah for Muslims and non-Muslims in Matsuyama.

### REASONS

The reasons why a permanent building for masjid and cultural center is urgently needed in Matsuyama City are listed as follows.

1. Population of Muslims in Matsuyama increases gradually every year and the growth is likely to continue despite various factors. Currently, there are about 130 Muslims in Matsuyama.
2. Lack of space in current house for Jum'ah prayer and other activities due to growing number of Jemaah.
3. Current place to have Islamic education is not conducive for Muslims community in Matsuyama especially children and Muallafs (converts).
4. MICC now is more than 30 years old compared with other prefecture's much younger Islamic groups who already built a masjid. It is time for Matsuyama to have its own masjid.
5. We need a place to provide and organize halal food to facilitate the purchasing of halal food. Currently, there is no halal food shop in the whole Ehime Prefecture.
6. Recent conversations about Islam in media mass have developed interest among Japanese society. A strong demand of a masjid is necessary to strengthen da'wah activities as well as Islamic culture information center in Matsuyama.

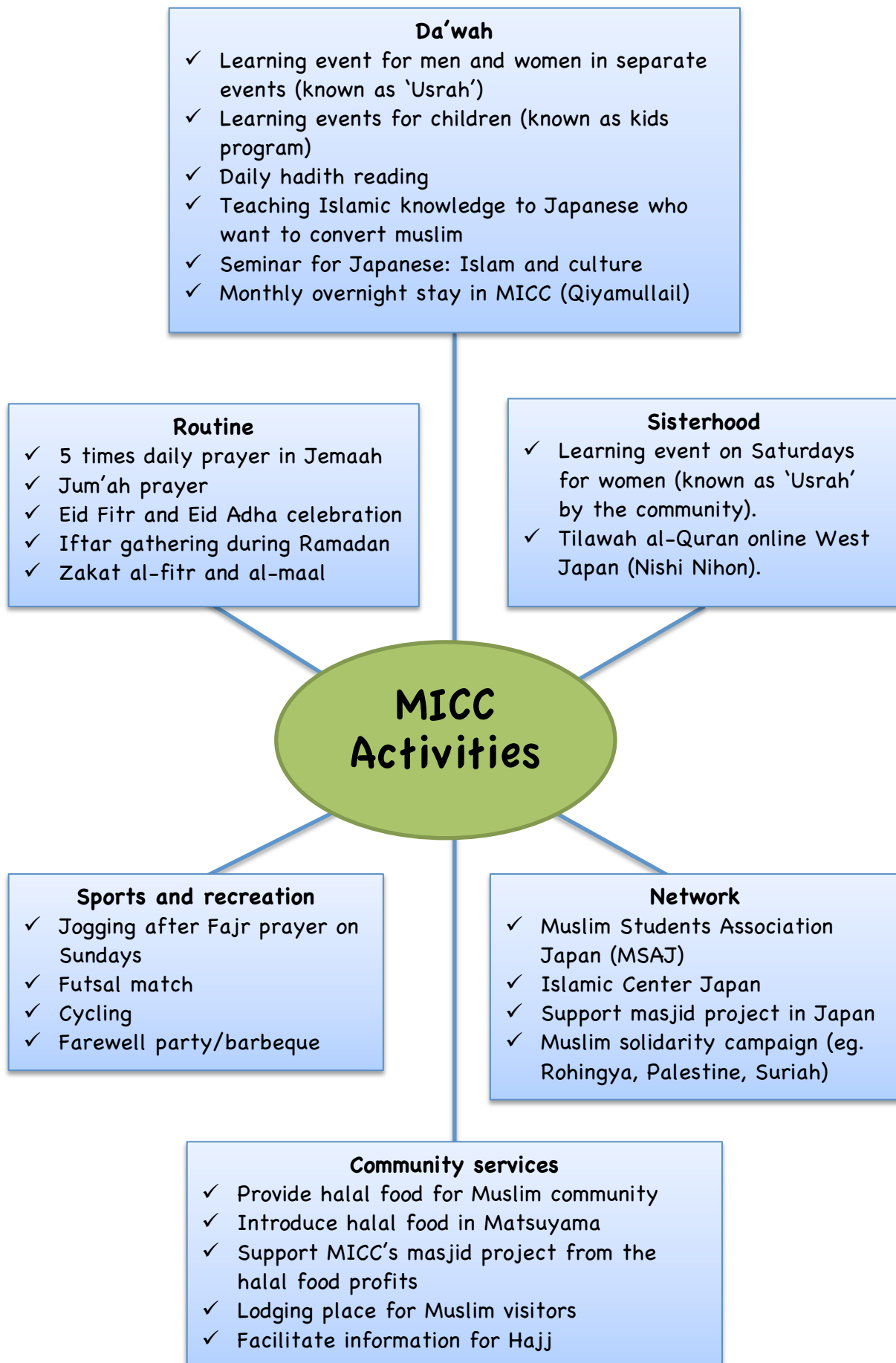
### Population distribution of Muslims 2013





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**PHOTOS**



Muslim community in Matsuyama



Eid prayer and celebration



Iftar party



Usrah on Saturdays



Weekly kids program



Hadith recitation after Maghrib



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Farewell party



Prayer in Dogo Park



Jum'ah prayer



Cycling



Ramadan for kids



Halal foods and Islamic information

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### OPPORTUNITY

We consider the house that we are renting now is our opportunity.

1. The house has 2 floors with wide garden.
2. It is located near one of the main roads in Matsuyama and nearby the main campus of Ehime University where the Muslim community is concentrated.
3. MICC is offered to buy the place with a reasonable price.
4. We also have support from the current owner to build a place of worship and cultural center.
5. As long as we practice our activities since we moved, there are no complaints from the neighbors.

From all the points mentioned above, we are confident and optimistic to build a masjid and to develop our activities.

### Details

#### 1. Location

Address:

〒790-0807 愛媛県松山市平和通 2 丁目

2 Choume, Heiwadori, Matsuyama City, Ehime Prefecture.



Source: 2013 Google Map

This location is strategic because of the following reasons:

- a) Located 1.2 km from the city center.
- b) Located less than 300 m from the main campus of Ehime University.
- c) Can be accessed by all kind of transport. For instance, by tramcar, bus, car, walk and bicycle.
- d) Many Muslims are living nearby this area such as Dogoimaichi St.

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### 2. Total fund needed

This proposal is proposing 2 plans to have Islamic Cultural Center.

#### a) Plan A

Purchase an existing house with parking lot and rebuild a new and better building.

| <u>Estimated cost</u>                           |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| <b>House and land</b>                           | <b>62,000,000 yen</b> |
| Construction per 1 m <sup>2</sup> and per floor | 30,000 yen            |
| Area proposed                                   |                       |
| Width   | 10 m                  |
| Length  | 20 m                  |
| Total area                                      | 200 m <sup>2</sup>    |
| Number of floors                                | 3 floors              |
| <b>Construction cost</b>                        | <b>18,000,000 yen</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>80,000,000 yen</b> |

#### b) Plan B

Purchase an empty land and build.

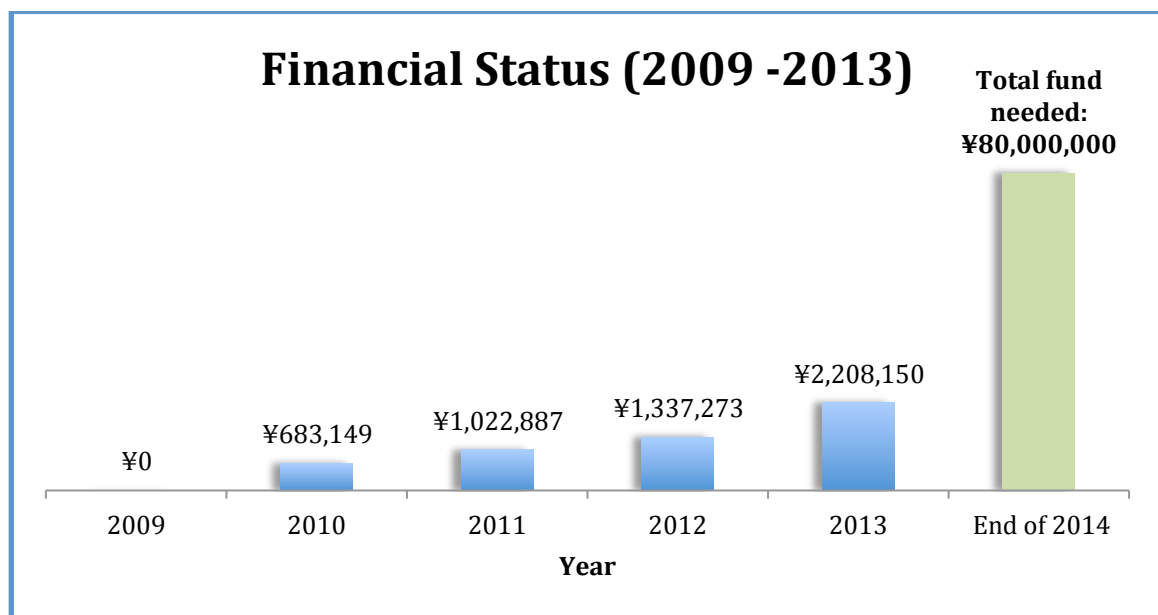
### 3. Donation sources

Donation sources for the project are:

- Existing fund
- Infaq and sadaqah from Muslim community (local and international)
- Other halal & unconditional sources

### FINANCIAL STATUS

Since the establishment of MICC, masjid project fund was not well organized. However, MICC's masjid project fund was actively managed since the year 2009. The source of this fund is mostly from local weekly donation, halal food trading profits, and Sadaqah.



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### FUTURE PLANS

What we plan to do after purchase.

1. Propose MICC as an Islamic Culture Center in Shikoku region.
2. Increase da'wah to existing Muslims in Matsuyama as well as Japanese and non-Muslims.
3. Provide services for Muslims deceased (jenazah) in Matsuyama.

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### SUMMARY

ALHAMDULILLAH, all praise to Allah s.w.t. for His blessings. The Proposal of Masjid Project now has been finally prepared. Thousands of thank you to all people especially to Mr. Hamanaka and all Muslims for the overwhelming supports and helps in preparing the proposal. We hope all supports may also come from our brothers, donators such as Saudi Arabian Government and other Islamic countries.

It is our responsibility as an Ummah to uphold the tenets of Islam and building masjid is one of shi'ar in Islam. Lastly, we make du'a to Allah s.w.t. to strengthen our Istiqamah in performing good deeds and also in making the effort to build a masjid.

“...And when you have decided, then rely upon Allah. Indeed, Allah loves those who rely [upon Him].”

Surah Ali Imran [3:159]

وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ