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Entity List

Core Team

Name	Role
Rob Oudendijk	Founder & Project Lead (Dutch, resident Sugano since 2012)
Japanese Co-founder	TBD — top priority hire; rural-credible, Japanese-speaking
BIOMASS ENERGY & AI project (バイオマスエネルギーとAI)	Primary project entity (一般社団法人 → NPO法人)
YR-Design	Rob's company; project affiliation
Safecast	Citizen science network; philosophical foundation & open-data model

Advisors

Name	Role
Ray Ozzie	Creator of Lotus Notes; former Microsoft CSA; confirmed May 5 2026
San Poisson	Project Manager
Takuo Dome	Professor Emeritus, Osaka University · Director, Inochi Forum; specializes in history of economics and social innovation; confirmed
Evin Zoet	Co-Representative Director, Transom; confirmed 2026-06-16
Yoshiko Zoet-Suzuki	Co-Representative Director, Transom; confirmed 2026-06-16

Local Stakeholders

Name	Role
Mitsue Village Mayor	Primary government contact
Mitsue Village Vice Mayor	Initial informal contact (met late 2025)
自治会 Leaders (Sugano + hamlets)	Community associations; trust-building target
Private Mountain Landowners	Sugi forest owners; harvesting partnership targets
Local Forestry Group	Early consultation partner (met early 2026)
Former Sugano Elementary School (Mitsue Taiken Koryukan)	Available community exchange center; leading candidate Phase 1 datacenter site (final choice confirmed in Phase 1)

Government — Local & Regional

Name	Role
Mitsue Village Government	Primary stakeholder; letter of interest target
Nara Prefecture	Regional oversight; potential grant source

Government — National (Grants, Permissions & Policy)

Ministry / Agency	Grants / Funding	Permissions / Regulation	Notes
METI (経済産業省)	Green tech subsidies; data center incentives	FIT/FIP registration; 電気事業法 (power generation licensing)	Key funder for energy transition & AI infrastructure

Ministry / Agency	Grants / Funding	Permissions / Regulation	Notes
NEDO	Renewable energy R&D grants; rural energy resilience and EV infrastructure grants	—	Arm of METI; major R&D grant source
林野庁 (Forestry Agency)	Forestry subsidies; reforestation grants	伐採届出 (cutting notification); Forest Act compliance	Critical for forest restoration and legal timber sourcing
Cabinet Office (内閣府)	地方創生 regional revitalization grants (¥5–50M)	—	Digital Garden City Nation Initiative policy driver
総務省 (MIC — Ministry of Internal Affairs)	Rural broadband subsidies; data center regional grants	Telecom regulation; municipal digital policy	Funds rural fiber; connected to Digital Garden City strategy
デジタル庁 (Digital Agency)	Digital transformation grants for rural areas	Digital infrastructure standards	Aligned with project's rural digital mission
環境省 (Ministry of Environment)	Carbon credit support; 地域脱炭素移行・再エネ推進交付金 (2/3–3/4, via village); planning-support grant (funded the village RE plan)	J-Credit certification; environmental impact assessment (環境アセスメント)	Governs J-Credit scheme for forest carbon offsets. Funds the village's RE plan & 交付金 channel: village = grant recipient, project = 官民連携 operating partner
JST (Japan Science and Technology Agency)	R&D grants for green tech & AI	—	Potential Phase 2–3 R&D co-funding
農業委員会 (Agricultural Commission)	—	Land use permits if agricultural land involved	Local body; Nara Prefecture jurisdiction
Legal Affairs Bureau (法務局)	—	Corporate registration (一般社団法人)	One-time registration

Diplomatic

Name	Role
Kingdom of the Netherlands	Rob's origin; diplomatic backing

Foundations

Name	Tier	Role
Nippon Foundation (日本財団)	Primary	Social challenge grants; Asia's largest grantmaker
Japan Fund for Global Environment	Primary	Environmental conservation grants
Toyota Foundation	Secondary	Community & rural projects
MacArthur Foundation	Stretch	International philanthropy alignment
Rockefeller Foundation	Stretch	International philanthropy alignment

Japanese Corporates (potential partners)

Name	Angle
NTT	Fiber connectivity; data center consultation (critical contact)
SoftBank	Data center partnership
Sumitomo Forestry (住友林業)	Forestry expertise & capital
Mitsui Bussan (三井物産)	Trading company; forestry supply chain
Hitachi	Industrial / infrastructure

Dutch Corporates (potential partners)

Name	Angle
Philips	CSR; Dutch presence in Japan
ASML	CSR; Dutch presence in Japan
Royal HaskoningDHV	Water & infrastructure engineering
Arcadis	Sustainability & climate consulting
Heineken	CSR; Dutch presence in Japan

Legal & Professional Support (to hire)

Role	Timing
行政書士 (Administrative Scrivener)	Phase 0–1; permits, NPO setup, grants
公認会計士 / 税理士 (Accountant / Tax)	Phase 1; accounting system, tax registration
弁護士 (Lawyer)	Phase 1–2; landowner contracts

Decisions Required of Each Stakeholder

The following table makes explicit what each key stakeholder must actually decide — and when — for the project to advance.

Stakeholder	Decision(s) required	When
Village government	Former Sugano school (Koryukan) use / lease terms; endorse project as 官民連携 operating partner for the 交付金; co-apply for 地域脱炭素移行・再エネ推進交付金; issue letter of interest	Phase 0–1
Mountain landowners	Sugi harvesting terms and fair compensation; participation in restoration programme	Phase 1–2
Advisory board (Ozzie, Dome)	Confirm written commitments (even informal); agree on time commitment and engagement scope	Phase 0
JP co-founder (TBD)	Commit to the project; agree role, time commitment, and compensation terms in Founder Agreement	Phase 0 (Gate 1 trigger if unresolved)
Funders / grantmakers	Award decisions at each gate (G1 ¥3–8M; G2 ¥30–50M; G3 ¥120–290M)	Phase 1–3
Rob Oudendijk	Confirm continued availability and Japan residency; execute Founder Agreement; trigger Gate 1 hold if JP co-founder not secured	Phase 0

Relationship Flowchart

