

# Situation of Corruption in Japan and its Anti-Corruption Measures

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Japan Citizens' Ombudsman Association

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1. What is Citizens' Ombudsman?
2. Tools of our Activities
3. Emergence of Citizens' Ombudsman, Policy Mission and our Accomplishments
4. Challenges for the Future

# 1. Citizens' Ombudsman and Public Ombudsman System

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- ❖ What is the Public Ombudsman System?
- ❖ Let's Claim Ourselves (Citizen) as "Ombudsman"! (NGO)

## 2. Tools for Pursuing Local Governments

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**Information Disclosure**

**Audit Requests and  
Lawsuits by Citizens**

# Disclosure of Information

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- ❖ What is Information Disclosure ?
- ❖ Objectives of Information Disclosure
- ❖ Efficacy of Information Disclosure

# Audit Requests and Lawsuits by Citizens

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Audit Requests by Citizens (limited only to Local Governments)

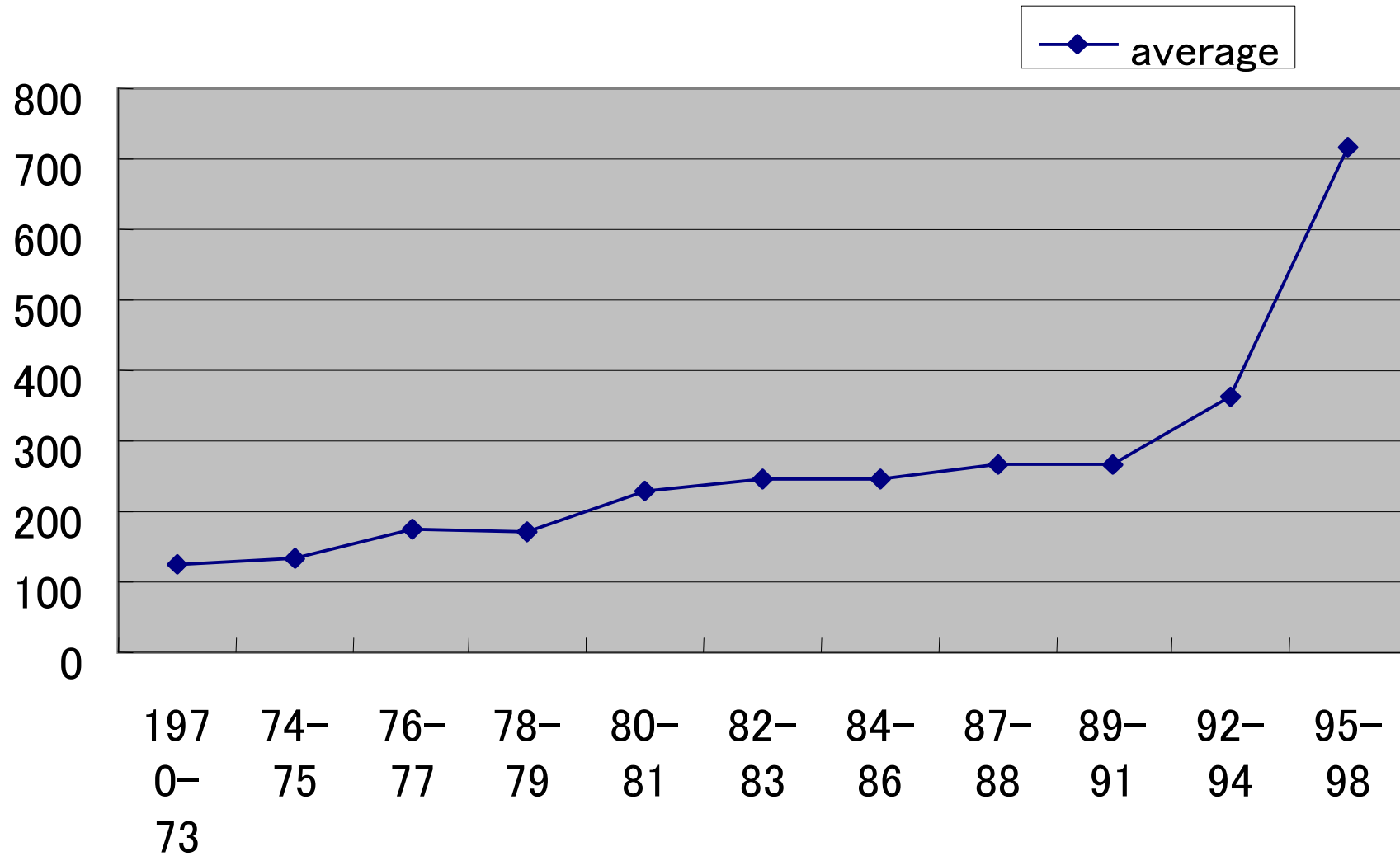
→to Internal Audit Committee,

- Pay back the Money
- Stop Wasting the Money



In case of failure, lawsuits are filed by citizens

Transition of the Number of Audit Requests by Citizen



Source: Masaki Abe(2003)

### 3. Japan Citizens' Ombudsman Association

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- Early 1990s: Nagoya · Sendai · Tokyo
- In 1994, the activity has spread nationwide:  
General Investigation and Pursuing  
Nationwide Corruption
- Now, there are 85 organizations with  
6,000 members.
- We do not rely on government subsidy or  
trust fund.



# Action Themes

❖ '95 Entertainments by Bureaucracy

❖ '96 Fake Duty-Trips

❖ '97 Action against Bid Collusion

❖ '98 Disclosing Information of Local  
Assembly

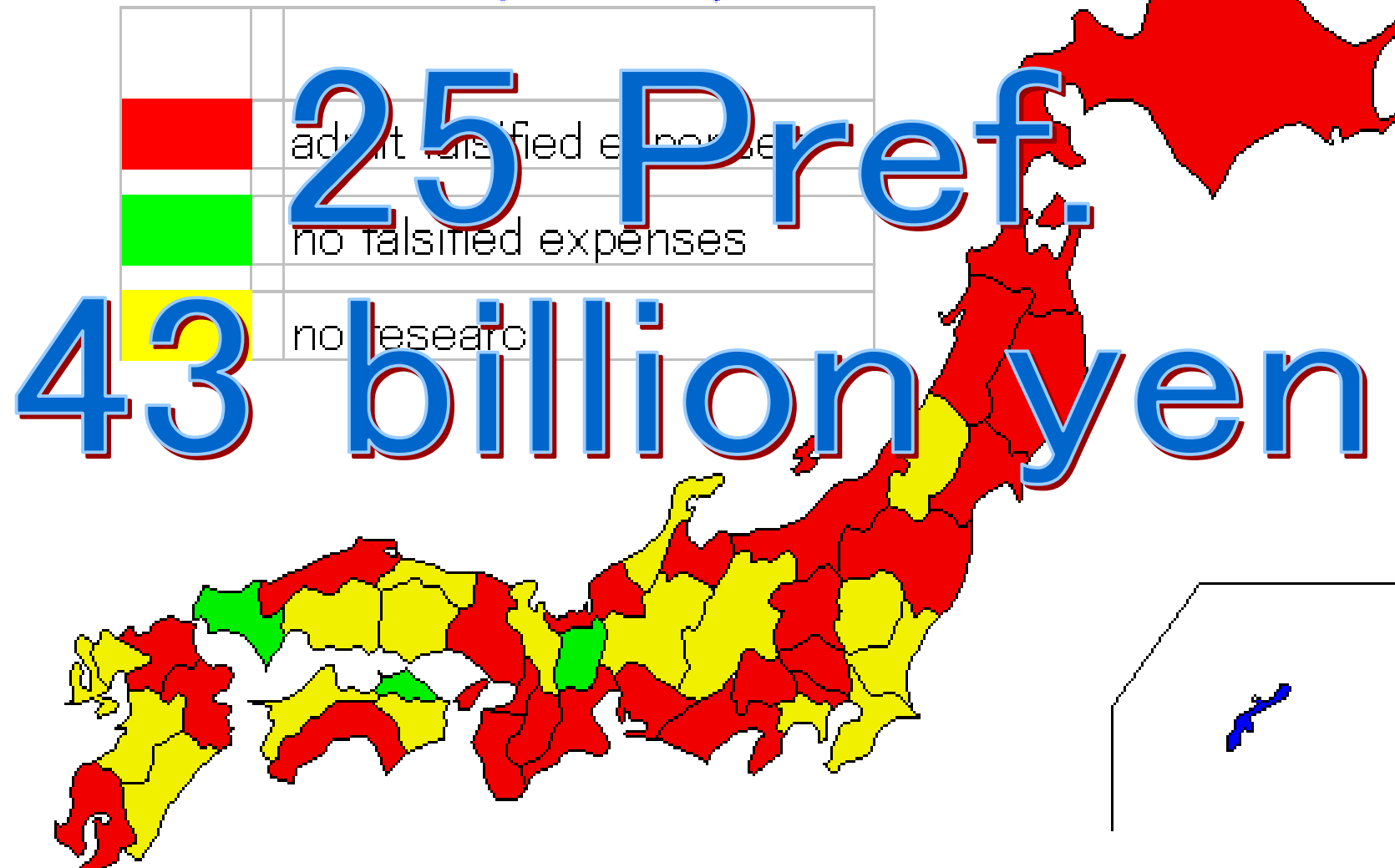
❖ '00 Salted Lands

❖ '01 Public Works

❖ '04 Backdoor Money of Police

❖ '07 Expenditure for Policy Research

# falsified expenses research (1998)



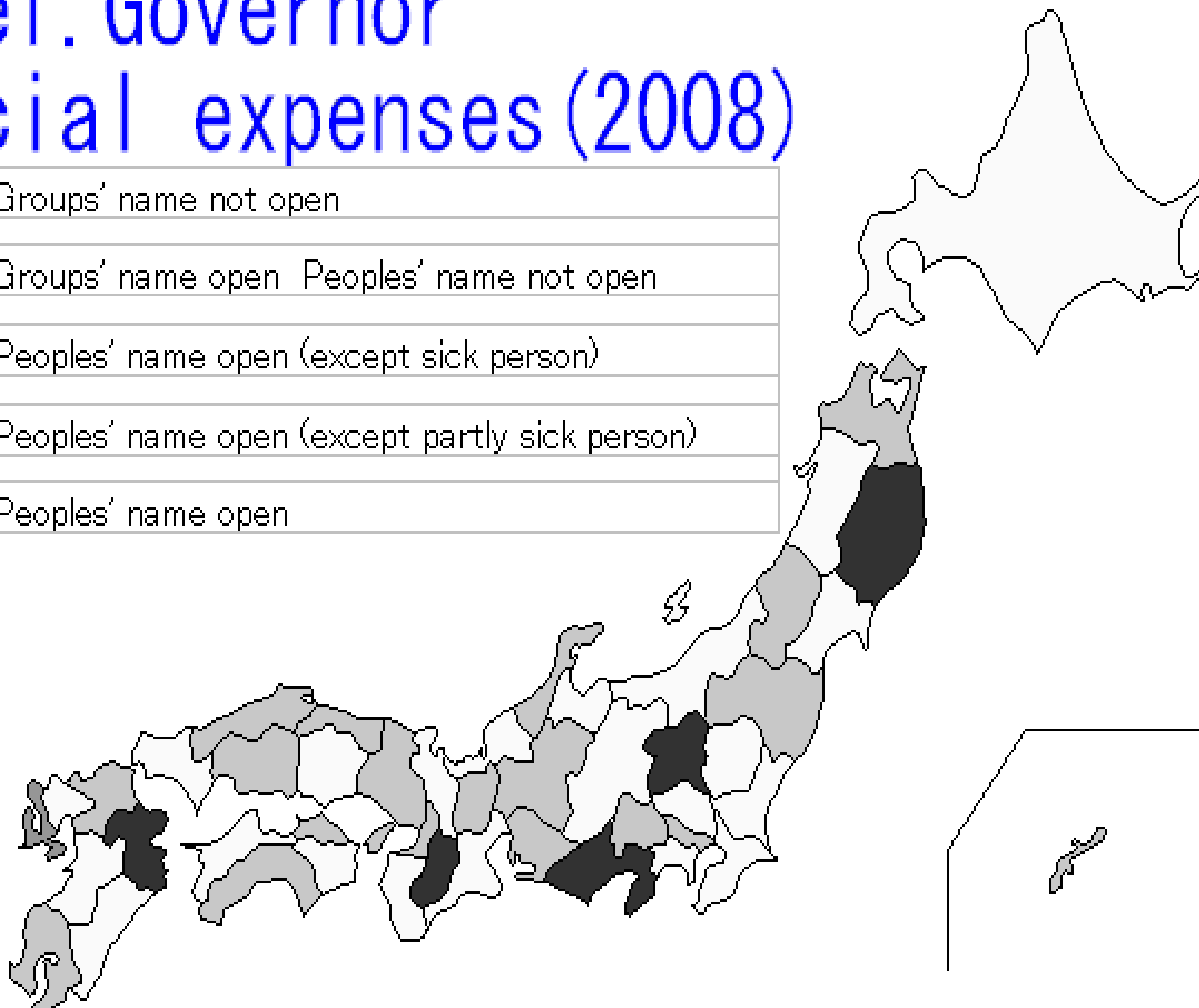
# Fixed Point Investigation

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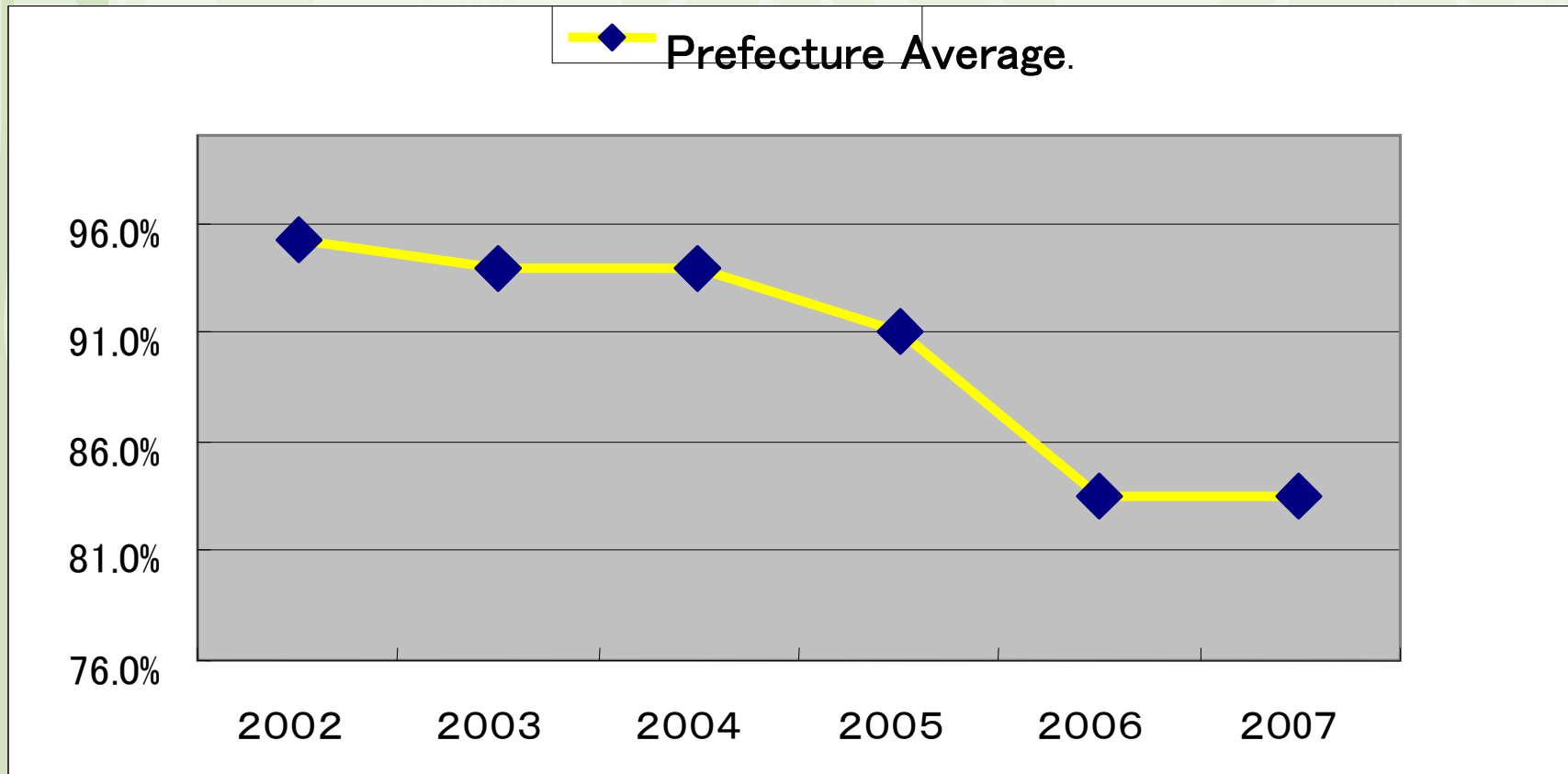
- Ranking of Information Disclosure (97-)
- Investigation of Successful Bid Ratio (03-)
- Report Card of Comprehensive External Audit (00-)

# Pref. Governor social expenses (2008)

■	Groups' name not open
■	Groups' name open Peoples' name not open
■	Peoples' name open (except sick person)
■	Peoples' name open (except partly sick person)
□	Peoples' name open



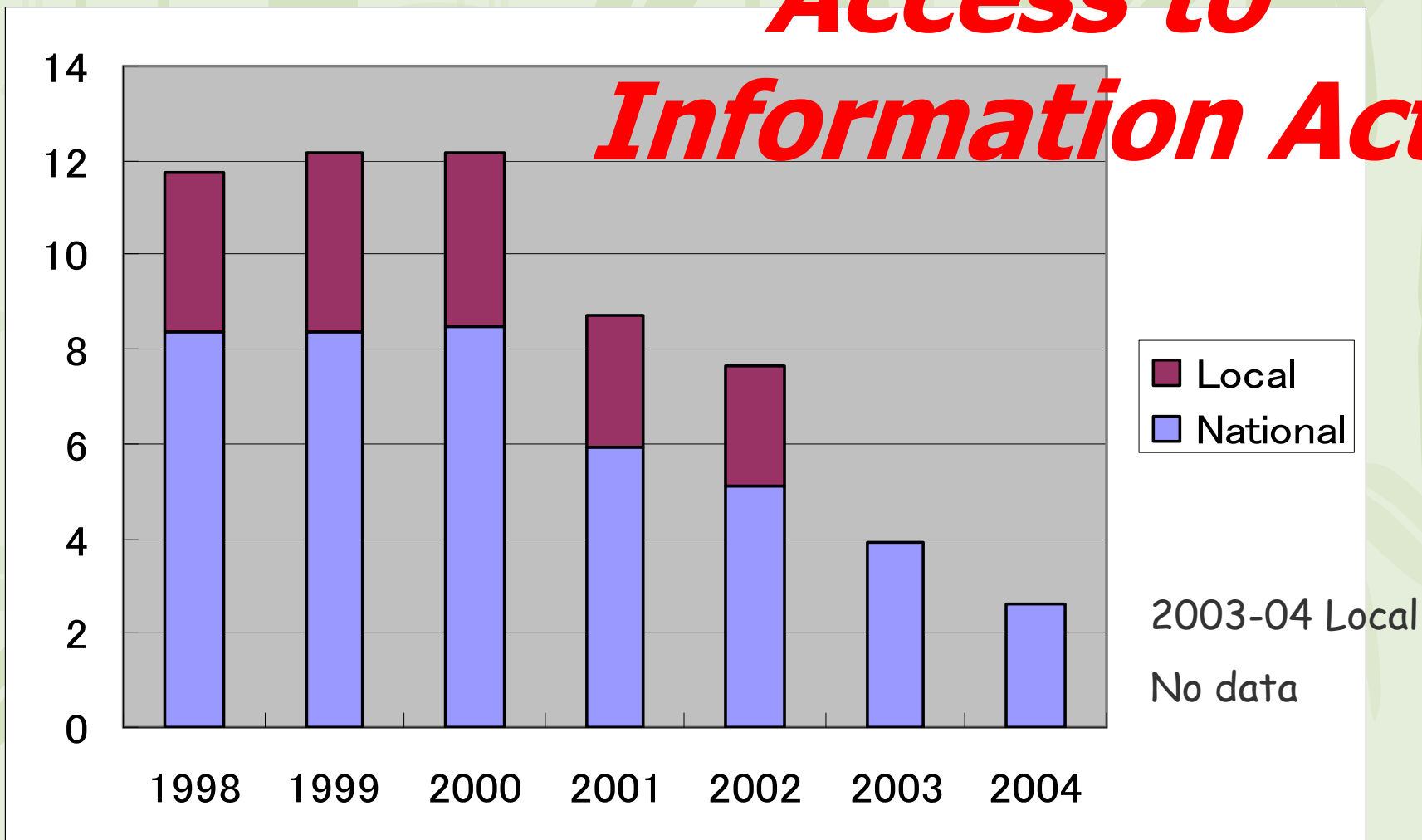
# National Average of Successful Bid Ratio



# Police Investigation Money

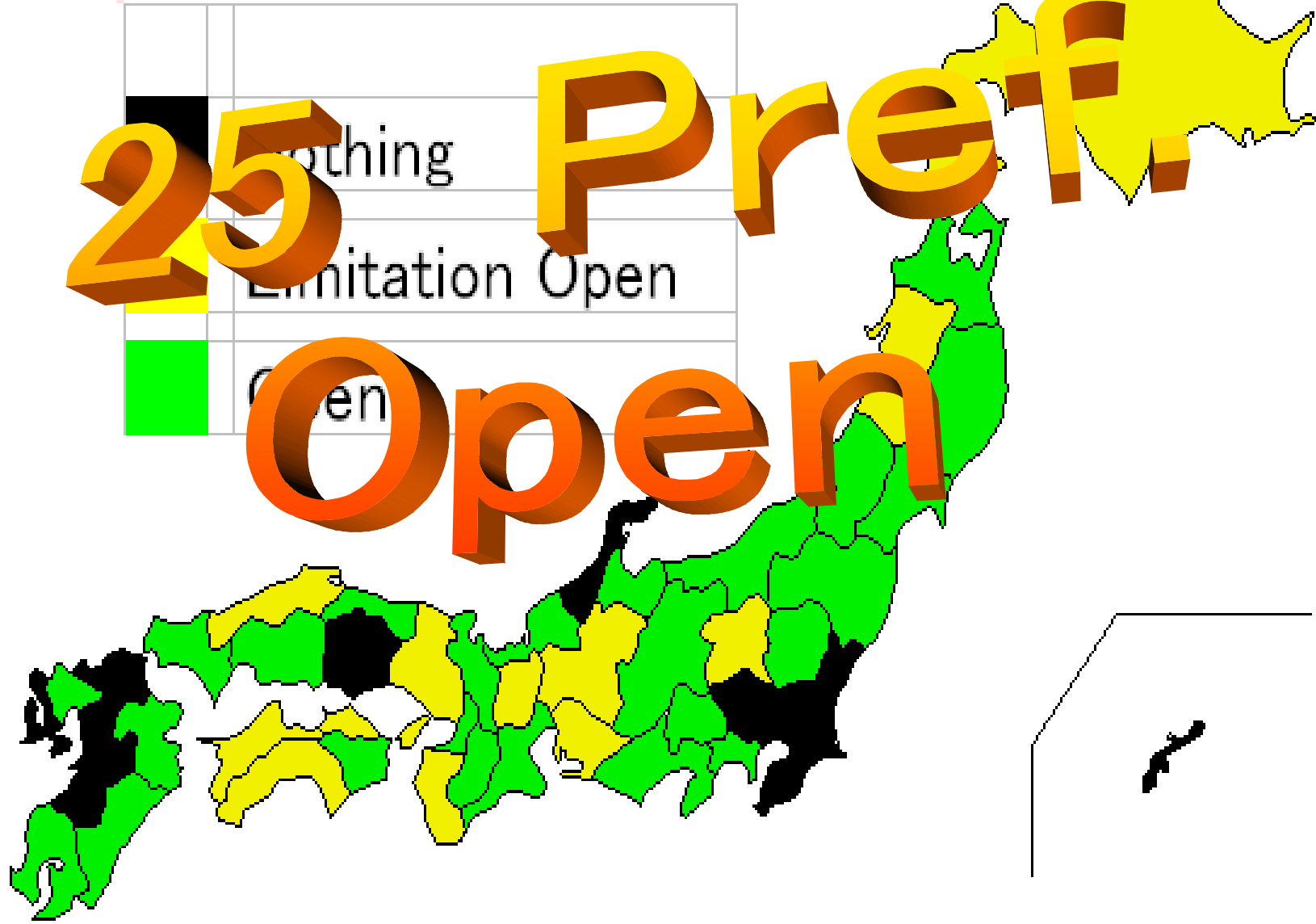
(billion Yen)

***Access to  
Information Act***





# Assembly mens' research money Receipt (2008)

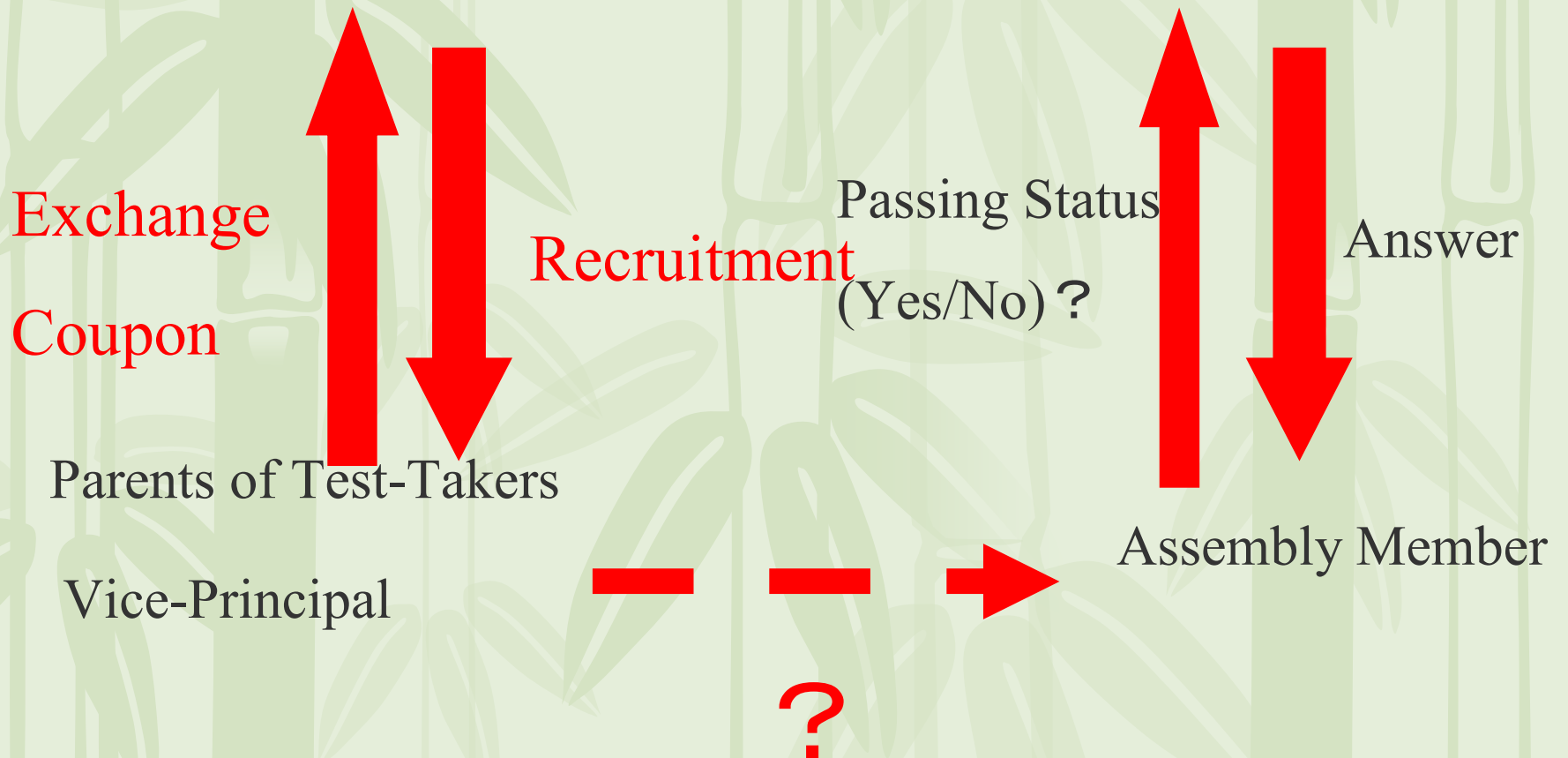




# 4. Challenges for the Future

Corruption in Teachers' Recruitment (2008 Oita Pref.)

## Education Committee



## Comparison of How to Pursue Central and Local Governments

	Local Gov.	Central Gov.
Information Disclosure	Early 1990s~	Apr. 2001~
Disclosure of Councils' and Local Assembly's Information	Late 1990s~	Apr. 2008~ Regulation of House of Representatives (Except Enactment and Investigation)
Lawsuits for the Return of Money Squandered	Possible (Lawsuits by Citizen)	Impossible (Investigation claim is possible only by stakeholders )

# The Need for Continuous Monitoring

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- ❖ Corruption-Free System
- ❖ Efficacy of Monitoring System by Citizens



Realization of Democracy

# Thank You for Your Attention

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