

Overview of hemp industry in Japan

The Cannabis Control Law was enacted by the U.S. occupation period in 1948 after the World War II. The demand of hems was almost lost by the spread of synthetic fiber. Now, the hemp is used only as traditional materials of Japan.



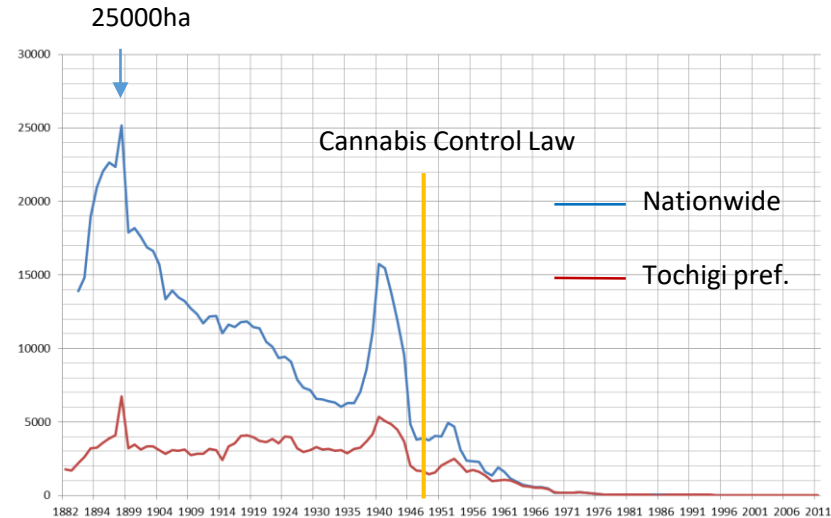
Japanese spice, Shinto shrine, Handmade fabric, Sumo wrestling



Mosquito net, Fireworks, Traditional house, Kite rope

A prefectural governor's license is required for cultivation of Hemp.

Year	Area	Farmer	Researcher
2014	5.9ha	36	388



× : ILLEGAL ○ : LEGAL



× Flower
× Leaves

○ Seeds
○ Stem --- ○ Fiber
--- ○ Shives/Hurds

× Roots

It does not matter whether the plant contains THC, the law regulates depending on the parts of the plant.

Hokkaido Industrial Hemp Association : HIHA



This association purpose is to contribute to an activation of the Hokkaido agriculture and a regional economy through an industrial hemp.

Founded ; February 2012 Established; August 2014

Hokkaido industrial hemp feasibility study commission
Established: August 2013
Secretariat : Hokkaido Government Office,
Agricultural Administration Department
Chairperson : Dr.Hirokazu Matsui, the honorary
professor of Hokkaido University

Hokkaido Legislative Assembly Industrial Hemp
Research Promoted Research Group
Nonpartisan member : about 60 people
Chairperson : Mr. Reiichi Kato, Previous chairperson
of the Hokkaido Legislative Assembly

HIHA Corporate members

Research and development(R&D) phase

1. Variety suitable for a climate
2. Development of the growing system and the processing system
3. Propagation of hemp informations

Improvement of a legal system
Ex. Hokkaido Industrial hemp
promoted regulation

**Establishment of primary processing
corporation**

Commercialization phase

Business Domain
Step.1: Hemp seed for Herbal medicine,
Hemp charcoal for fireworks
Step.2: Thermal insulation, building
materials, and animal bedding
Step.3: Biomass energy

Others: apparel, cosmetics etc.

Hokkaido Government Office, Hokkaido farmers, Local government, Corporations,
Industry group, Research organization, Hokkaido University etc.