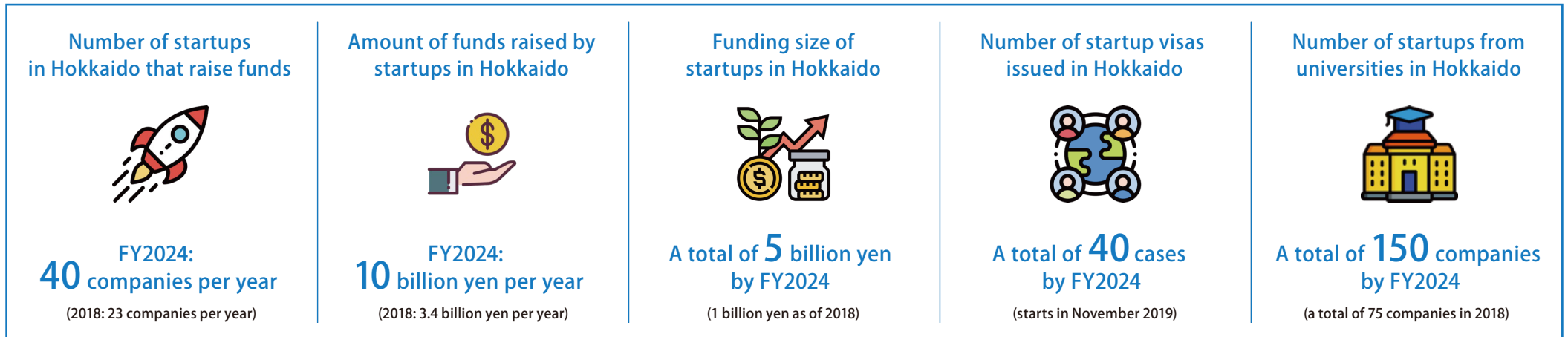


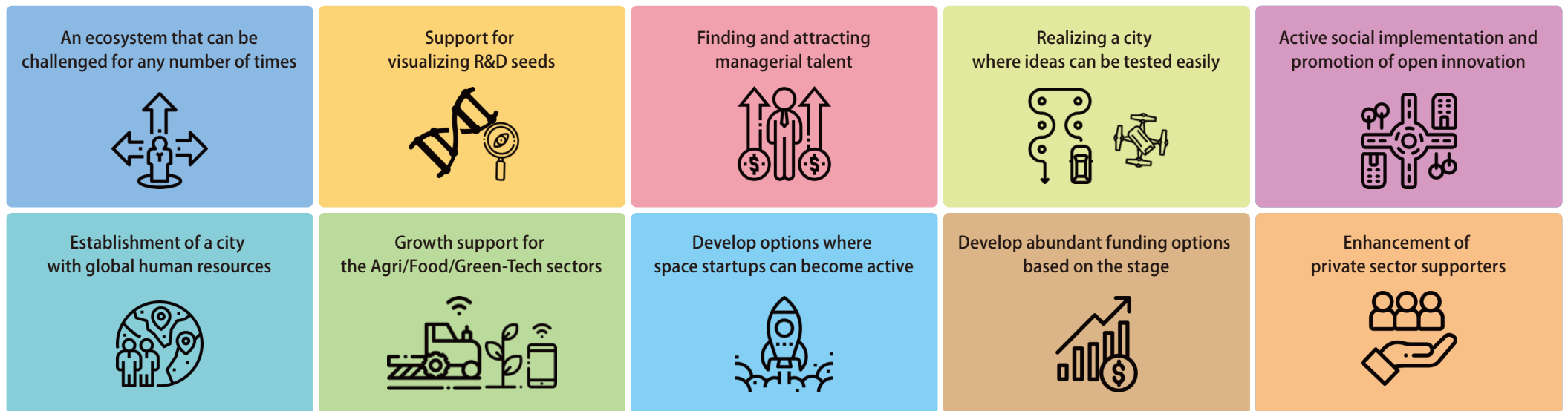
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1. Goals and KPIs of the ecosystem formation

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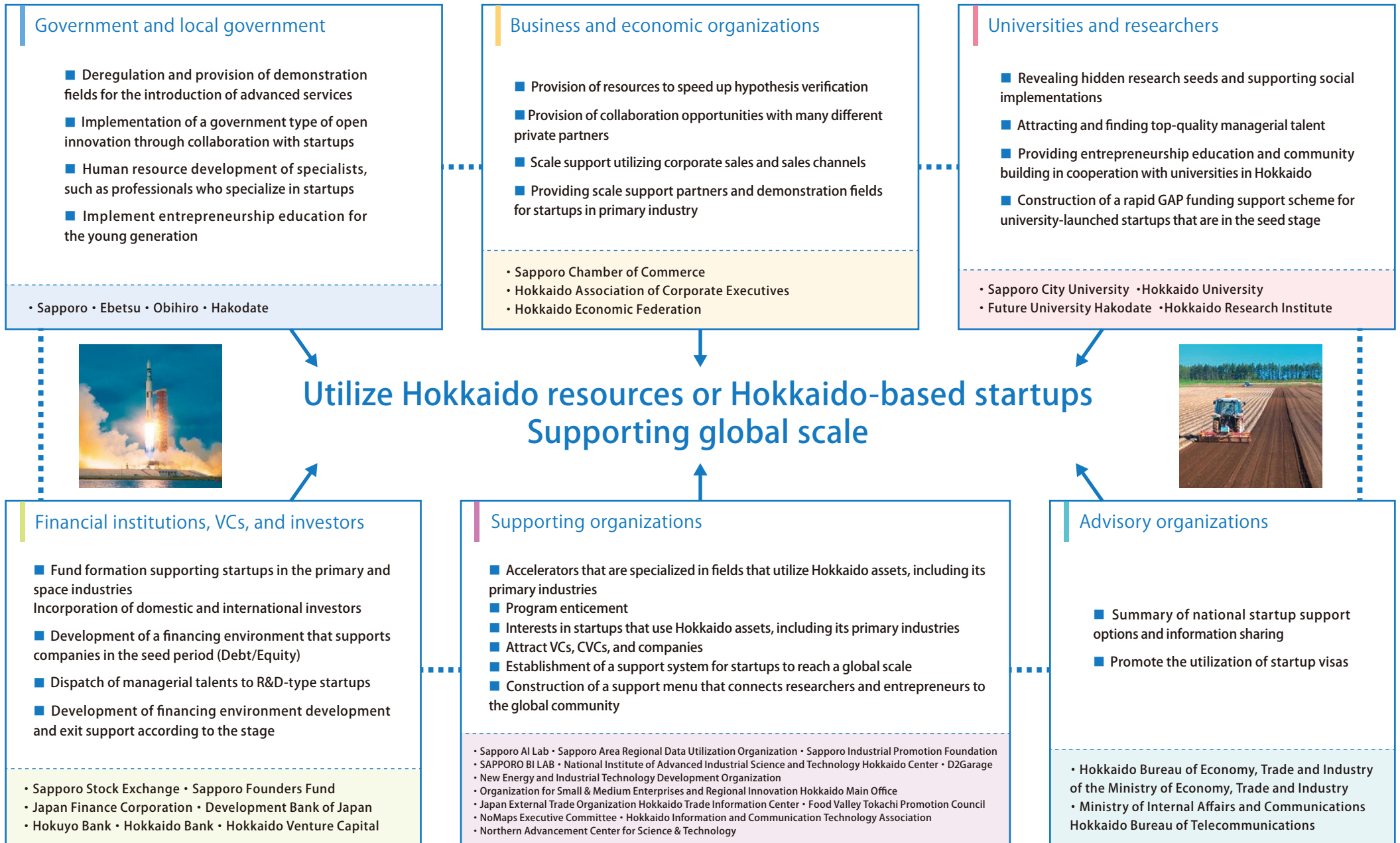


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2. Organizations and Roles of each organizations



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3. Leaders of the Ecosystem

Universities and research institutions

Taku Nakahara

Nitobe College Fellow,
Hokkaido University



Joined as the founding member of a life science startup in the United States in collaboration with a Japanese pharmaceutical company. Leading of industry-academia collaborations, mega company-startup collaborations, in-house entrepreneurship projects, startup investments, etc.

Private sector and entrepreneurs

Takuya Irisawa

Representative of Ecomott



Founded an IoT/AI startup "Ecomott" in 2007. Listed on the SSE Ambitious in 2017, and listed on TSE Mothers in 2018. Representative of "STARS", a startup support organization.

Financial institutions and VCs

Toshifumi Murata

Representative of
Sapporo Funders Fund



Started his business while studying at graduate school and founded several IT startups. One of them was listed in 2002, from which he then exited. Formed the Sapporo Founders Fund in 2017, which is a group of angel investors that have invested in six startups up to now.

Government / Municipality

Masaaki Abe

Sapporo City Economics and
Tourism Bureau



Has established extensive networks with private companies as the section head responsible for NoMaps and Startup City Sapporo. He has a wealth of experience in tourism and finance and is a key player in supporting startups in Sapporo.

Supporting organizations

Takeshi Hirose

Secretary-General of
NoMaps



Joined a private think tank after working for a private company. Has been involved in local revitalization projects for local governments in Hokkaido for 10 years. Participated in the launching of NoMaps in 2016 and plays the role of a business coordinator. Has been in his current position since April 2017.

Supporting organizations

Kyohei Fujima

STARTUP CITY SAPPORO Secretariat

Moved to Digital Garage after working in the sales planning department at Hokkaido Shimbun Press. Launched a seed accelerator program Open Network Lab HOKKAIDO in 2018. Currently focuses on open innovation projects for private companies and startups.



Mina Akasaka

Open Network Lab HOKKAIDO Secretariat

Was assigned to Digital Garage from Hokkaido Shimbun Press in 2018. From 2019, led a seed accelerator program "Open Network Lab HOKKAIDO" at D2Garage. Has fostered 10 startups so far.

