

A Walkability Study on Shōtengai

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Inspiration

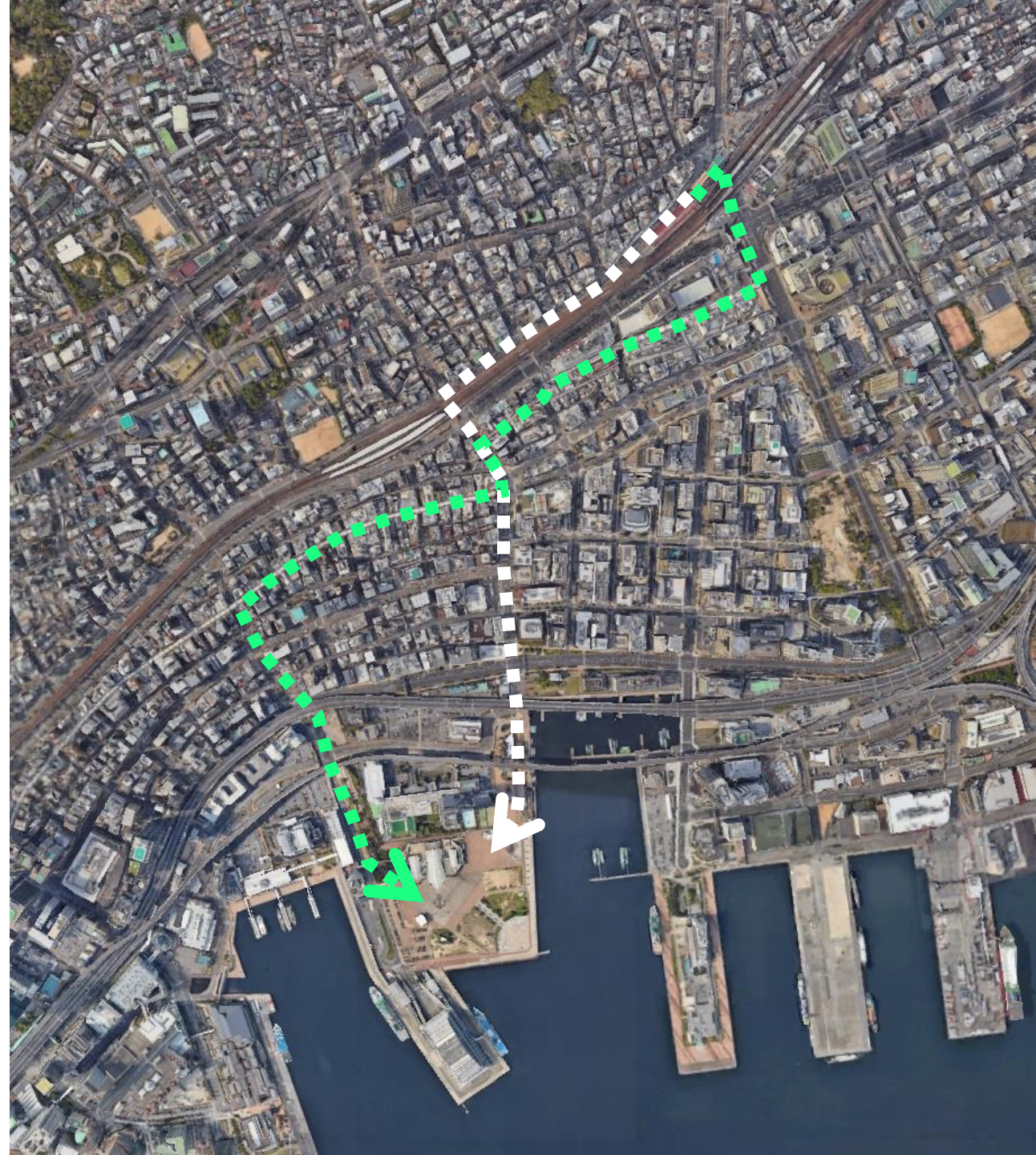
Semester abroad at Kobe University

Observations:

- Pedestrians choose a less optimal route to walk along Shōtengai
- Shōtengai are always much more frequented than neighbouring streets

Optimal Route: 25 min | 1,7 km

Actual Route: 31 min | 2,2 km



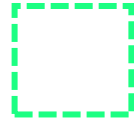
Case Study

Kyoto

Master Thesis at Kyoto University

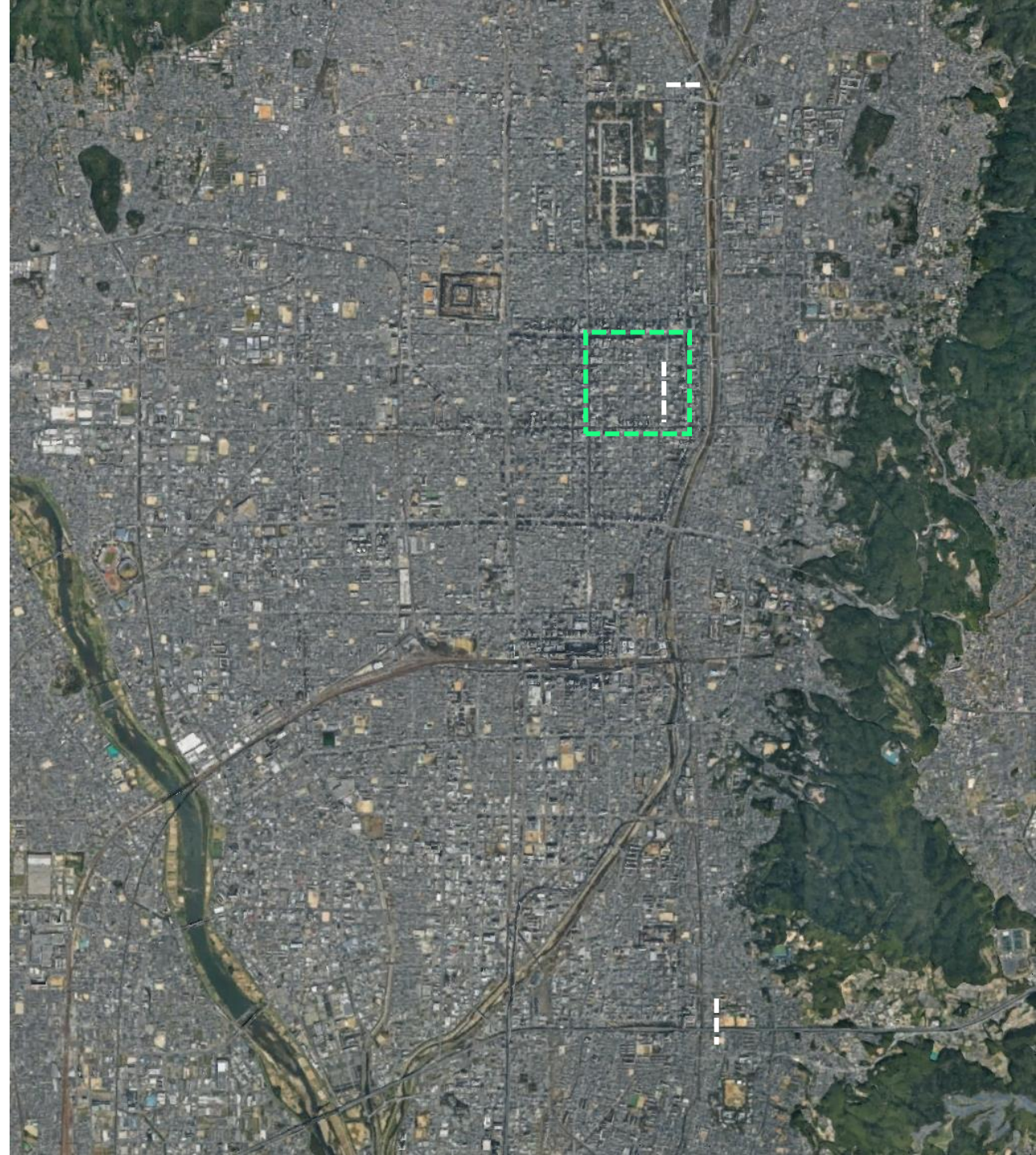
Research area:

- Center of Kyoto City



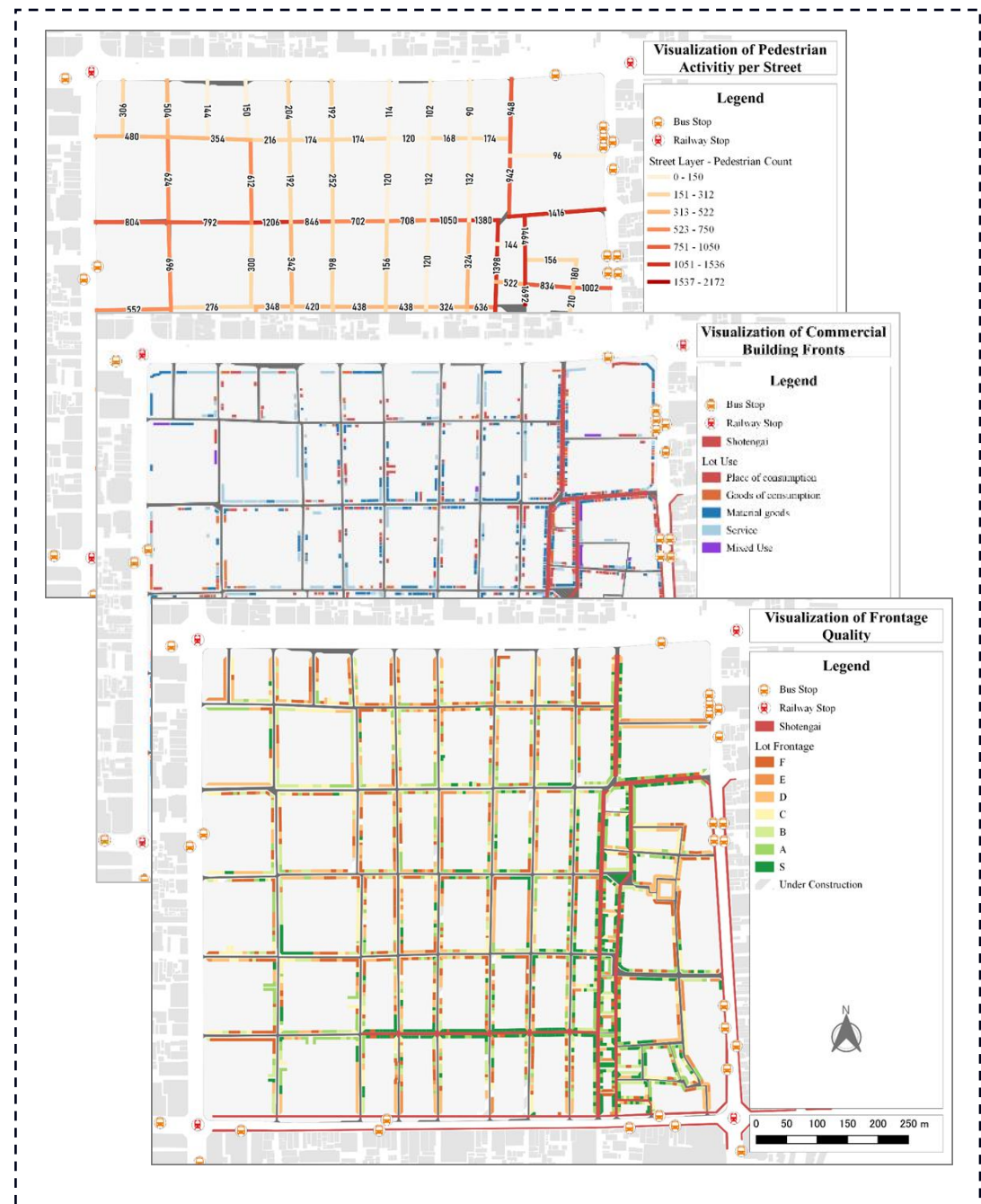
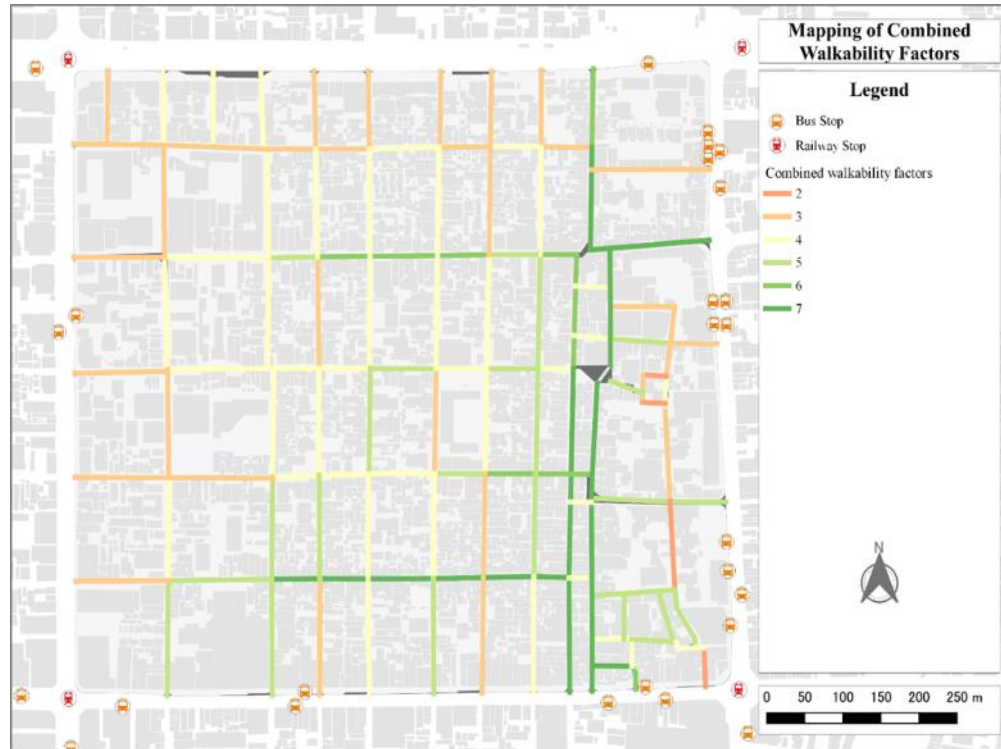
Interviewed Associations:

- Demachi Shopping Street Promotion Association
- Teramachi Kyogoku Shopping Street Promotion Association
- Fukakusa Shopping Street Promotion Association



Field Data and Walkability Analysis

Selected Examples



Cooperation and Challenges

Kyoto University | Kyoto Environmental Activities Association(KEAA)

- Monbukagakusho Scholarship
- Master's Program at Kyoto University – Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies
 - Member of the Laboratory of Regional Planning
- 3 Months Internship at Kyoto Environmental Activities Association
 - Taking part in activities
 - Getting support for interviews with shop owners and associations



Cooperation and Challenges

Language and Culture

- Interviews and surveys should be in Japanese
- Associations are reluctant to be interviewed and studied
- Difficulties in getting required information through interviews
- Need of connections to establish relationships



Added Value

Walkability and Community

Japan

- Highlighting the importance of Shōtengai
- Bringing attention to current problems
- Adding to the current literature about walkability and Shōtengai

Austria

- Rethink pedestrian streets based on Shōtengai

Overall

- Establishing a connection between Austria and Japan for future development



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