

Principles of City Management

"What are the most important things concerning Kyoto's city development?"



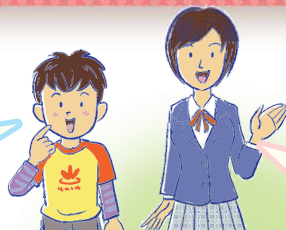
"It is important that we, the citizens and the City Office, cooperate so that city development will progress."

With citizen interests at heart, local government in participation and cooperation with the people, pioneering a new era of autonomous municipal management.

- Municipal management in the new era of autonomous local government should not stop at the national government's handing down of authority and financial resources, but the city should be managed and developed by local citizens and government through participation and cooperation, acting on the awareness of their new responsibilities.
- Despite serious issues, such as financial problems, declining birth rate, aging population and global environmental issues, Kyoto's citizens are overcoming these issues through positive thinking and action (futurism), by making use of a sense of beauty and strengths that have been developed over many years, through sharing futuristic thinking with citizen interests at heart and through finding a route to success through participating and working together. This ensures a future full of hope as we work together.

Kyoto's vision of the future

"Kyoto's visions of the future? Do you mean what will our city look like in 10 years' time?"



"That's right! Let's work together to achieve our 6 visions!"

Harmonizing the global environment and prosperous living

"Kyoto: Environmental symbiosis and a low-carbon city"

History and culture are creatively used for the generations to come

"Kyoto: An international city with a Japanese heart"

Traditions and wisdom are made use of and prosperous living is supported

"Kyoto: A city that cultivates industry that increasingly contributes to the environment and society"

Life and living are defended and comfort, safety and happiness can be experienced

"Kyoto: A city that supports one another and where autonomy is alive"

Everyone can learn and develop together and young people who bear the future can grow

"Kyoto: A city of learning"

Humanly work with vigour and enthusiasm and live a rich lifestyle at home and community.

"Kyoto: A city where true work-life balance can be achieved"

Harmonizing the global environment and prosperous living

“Kyoto: Environmental symbiosis and low-carbon city*”

We, the citizens of Kyoto, to protect the future generation's lives and security, must bring a long-term vision (until 2050) in to view. Over the first 10 years, the environmental industry must create new jobs using state of the art technology and the skills of the traditional master artisans. City development must give priority to public transport to improve the ease of living and visiting. The woods on the mountain ranges surrounding three sides of the city and the city's vegetation that creates a peaceful and pleasant feel for all citizens is a form of low-carbon city development that creates harmony with the lives of a fulfilled people; this is the aim. Through respect and sharing a spirit of “*mottainai*,” “*shimatsu*” and “*okagesama*,” which are values that the people of Kyoto have cultivated over a long history, the citizens can practice environmental symbiosis and low-carbon community development in many fields, such as transport and city development, manufacturing, labor, housing, and way of life, pioneering measures for the controlling of global warming not only locally but also internationally.



*Low-carbon: low greenhouse gas emissions

History and culture are creatively used for the generations to come

“Kyoto: An international city with a Japanese heart”



We, the citizens of Kyoto, are passionate and proud of Kyoto as it is rich in culture and intimate traditions that have been cultivated over in excess of a thousand years of history; we aim to maintain Kyoto as an international cultural city that is great to live in as well as visit. Our ancestors, on occasion, stubbornly defended and at other times, with an enterprising spirit, developed Kyoto's history, culture, exquisite nature and landscape as well as traditional living. The feature of Kyoto is that it is the physical and moral heart of Japan and it must be creatively used to pass it on to the next generation. In addition, Kyoto's charm is to be broadly marketed to the world in a spirit of peace deepening cultural exchange.

Kyoto's vision of the future



To be “A City Alive in 1000 Years”

I initiated a discussion during a Kyoto City Master Plan Committee meeting from the viewpoint that if you think that Kyoto has a 1,300 year history, then we must think ahead towards the next 1,000 years. I would like all citizens to cooperate so that Kyoto may be in various standpoints a “city alive in 1,000 years.” Participation and cooperation are set as keywords and so I hope that we as citizens will work together over the next 10 years to advance this plan.



Kyoto City Master Plan Committee President
Mr. Kazuo Oike

President of the International Institute for Advanced Studies and former President of the Kyoto University

* A message for a combined effort: The ideas of the people involved in the formulating of this plan and the desires that they wish to add to the decision process.

Traditions and wisdom are made use of and prosperous living is supported

“Kyoto: A city that cultivates industry that increasingly contributes to the environment and society”

Our aim as citizens of Kyoto is to create a virtuous cycle of business solutions using the knowledge and instilled set of values we have received heretofore, to bring into the global market place state-of-the-art industries, which will rejuvenate not only local industries, but also the industries in agriculture and forestry with new employment opportunities, all the while addressing foremost the issues of the environment but also the rigorous demands of modern society. With this set of aims, we hope to establish an economic base, which provides social prosperity for all.

The vigorous entrepreneurial spirit of Kyoto is attracting human resources and capital from far and wide by bringing to the forefront the highest level of manufacturing technology, scholarship and ingenuity, health and welfare industries, all the while adapting to a rapidly aging population, and equipping industries to lead the way towards a low-carbon society.



Everyone can learn and develop and young people who bear the future can grow

“Kyoto: A city of learning”



We, the citizens of Kyoto, while sharing in the joys, which come from aiding in the growth and development of education, desire our city to be a place of learning, which will prepare our youth to face the challenges of the future for Kyoto, Japan and the world.

“Kyoto, a city of universities”, with its own unique urban character possesses a deep culture and abounds in riches in the arts, religious faith, and manufacturing, from the expert artisan to advanced technology, the likes of which one can spend their entire life studying and creates an environment where society is restored. Additionally, our citizenry as a whole aims to provide a healthy and mentally rich environment for children, a place where our youth can learn and reach for their dreams, to be a helping hand in the region, and to produce cosmopolitan leaders in various fields, such as the economy, academia, and the cultural arts.

A message
for a combined
effort*!



Kyoto City Master Plan
Committee Vice President
Mr. Yoshio Tateishi
(The Head of Kyoto Chamber of
Commerce and Industry)

All Kyoto: Creating a Future for Kyoto

When thinking about the future of the region, it is vital to have solidarity of vision based on the arising needs of the regions inhabitants, its workers, and its students. It is our considerable hope for this plan that not only the government but also the combined efforts from sectors of industry, cultural arts, non-profit organizations, and from local residents and others will help Kyoto realize its maximum potential. Let us all unite and with All Kyoto's shared vision cooperate to build a bright future for the city of Kyoto.

Life and living are defended and comfort, safety, and happiness can be experienced
“Kyoto: A city that supports one another and where autonomy is alive”

We, the citizens of Kyoto, encompass every age group, and we aim to be a city that protects the lives and livelihood of every person, respecting one another’s dignity, supporting one another, ensuring that every person has a place of their own and having close ties that lead to happiness from a heart that is content. Participation and working together being developed more than ever in various situations, such as raising children, education, welfare, disaster prevention, crime prevention and community development; the public government helping to protect a safe environment with citizens that can help themselves, as well as helping their community, this is something Kyoto is proud of and is what we wish to promote further.



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“Kyoto: A city where true work-life balance can be achieved”



As citizens of Kyoto, our goal is to be able to realize the ideal of meaningful work, true life, and sublime balance, by preserving a healthy environment both culturally and educationally, where the workplace is harmonious and lively, thriving healthy family lifestyles are formed, and where contribution and active participation in the local community go hand in hand, thus having a city that is attractive to all. We also earnestly encourage corporate enterprises and employers to band together with the government to take the initiative to plan and arrange for the provisions for stable and rewarding work environments, infant and nursing care, and safe places to live, as well as to give place for fulfilling opportunities to give back to the community. Furthermore, we encourage our citizens that according to their abilities, they would be able to achieve financial independence in the work force, have a rewarding family and social life, further their own personal development, and finally, whenever possible, actively participate in the community.

Kyoto's future as depicted by children



Mayor Award—Keitatsu Uemura, Day Care and Kindergarten Section City

Happy because of the many animals!

I hope that Kyoto will keep “DAIMONJI - the symbol of peace” forever!



City Mayor Award—Sayaka Nakama, Elementary School Section

A total of 2,556 pictures depicting Kyoto’s future were received from children attending day care, kindergarten, elementary school, and junior high schools. I will introduce some of the pieces of work to you.