

2019

Kyoto City Commemorative Symposium, 49th Session of the IPCC was held. To achieve zero net carbon emissions by the year 2050, the city decided to pursue various measures and undertake specific action, and announced the "Kyoto Appeal to jointly achieve 1.5°C" to the world.

2009

Office relocation of Consulate-General of France to Kyoto City.

1997

The Kyoto Protocol was adopted at the 3rd Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP3).

1997-2007

Kyoto City Internationalization Promotion Principles

These principles saw the addition of various perspectives related to multicultural coexistence.

1990-1996

Kyoto City International Exchange Promotion Principles

These principles were formulated to actualize the declaration below and promote numerous policies.

1978

Declaration of Kyoto as A City Open to The Free Exchange of World Cultures

The declaration seeks to achieve world peace through culture. As part of this declaration, the city aimed to become a place where "people of any country may assemble freely and in peace regardless of race, creed or social system, for the purpose of free cultural exchange." Since then, the city has governed a range of different policies that have been driven by this ideal.

Kyoto City's International Policies

The General conference of International Council of Museums (ICOM) was first held in Japan in Kyoto City.

The 4th UNWTO/UNESCO World Conference on Tourism and Culture was held in Kyoto City, and the "Kyoto Declaration on Tourism and Culture" was announced as a result of the conference.

2021

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Formulation of Kyoto International City Vision

The Vision will drive the actualization of the goals shown on the back of this leaflet, and act as guidelines as we implement policies related to the environment, culture, industry, welfare, education, and more.

The Culture City of East Asia 2017 was held in Kyoto City, Changsha City, China, and Daegu City, Korea.

2017

The Kyoto Conference on the Global Environment 2017 "Kyoto+20" was held to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Kyoto Protocol.

2011

Establishment of Goethe-Institut Villa Kamogawa (formally known as German Cultural Center which opened in 1983).

2009

2008

2008-2020

Kyoto City Internationalization Promotion Plan Revised the Kyoto City Internationalization Promotion Plan

The promotion plan was formulated ten years after the principles shown below, in line with changes in international affairs, as well as the resulting issues. The plan was revised in 2014.

1994

Establishment of the League of Historical Cities

It was established at the 4th World Conference of Historical Cities as a new foundation for inter-city exchange and cooperation. The administrative office of the League was set up in Kyoto City.

1989

Establishment of the Kyoto International Community House

The facility was established to act as a hub to promote wide-ranging international exchange by citizens and multicultural coexistence.

1987

The 1st World Conference of Historical Cities pioneered by Kyoto City was held in Kyoto City as an international conference to discuss common issues in conservation and development of historical cities.

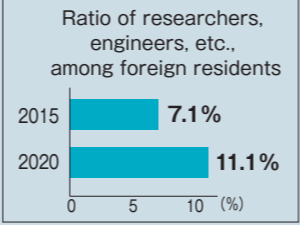
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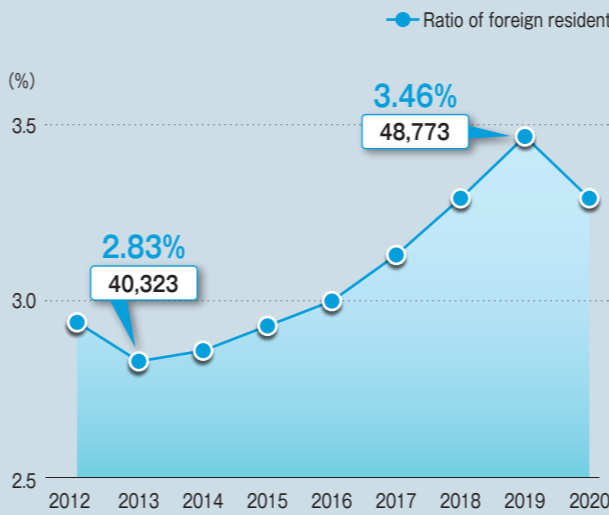
Responding to intensifying inter-city competition in international society and improving environments so that international residents can live with peace of mind

We will need to communicate the appeals of Kyoto City to overseas, and improve our environments so that we can attract outstanding global companies (such as those engaged in SDGs initiatives), researchers, and engineers.

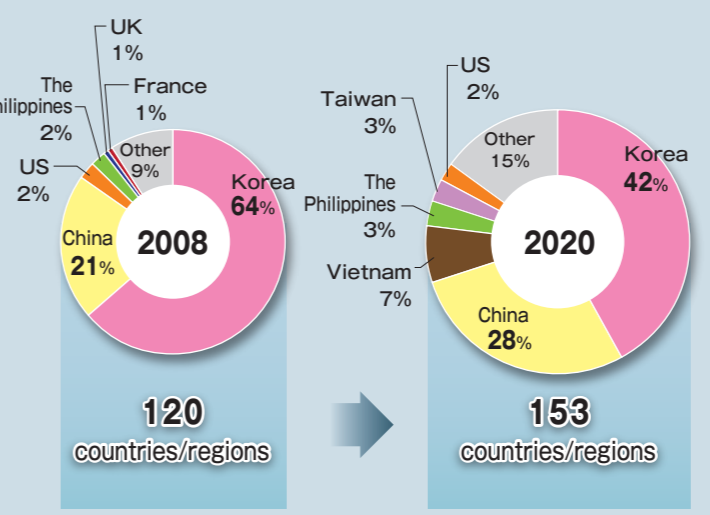
In addition, as Kyoto City is home to around 46,000 foreign residents (as of December 2020) of diverse nationalities and cultural backgrounds, we must aim to create environments that facilitate interaction among international and local residents, mutual recognition of differing values, and cooperative city development.



Ratio of foreign residents on Kyoto City's basic resident register

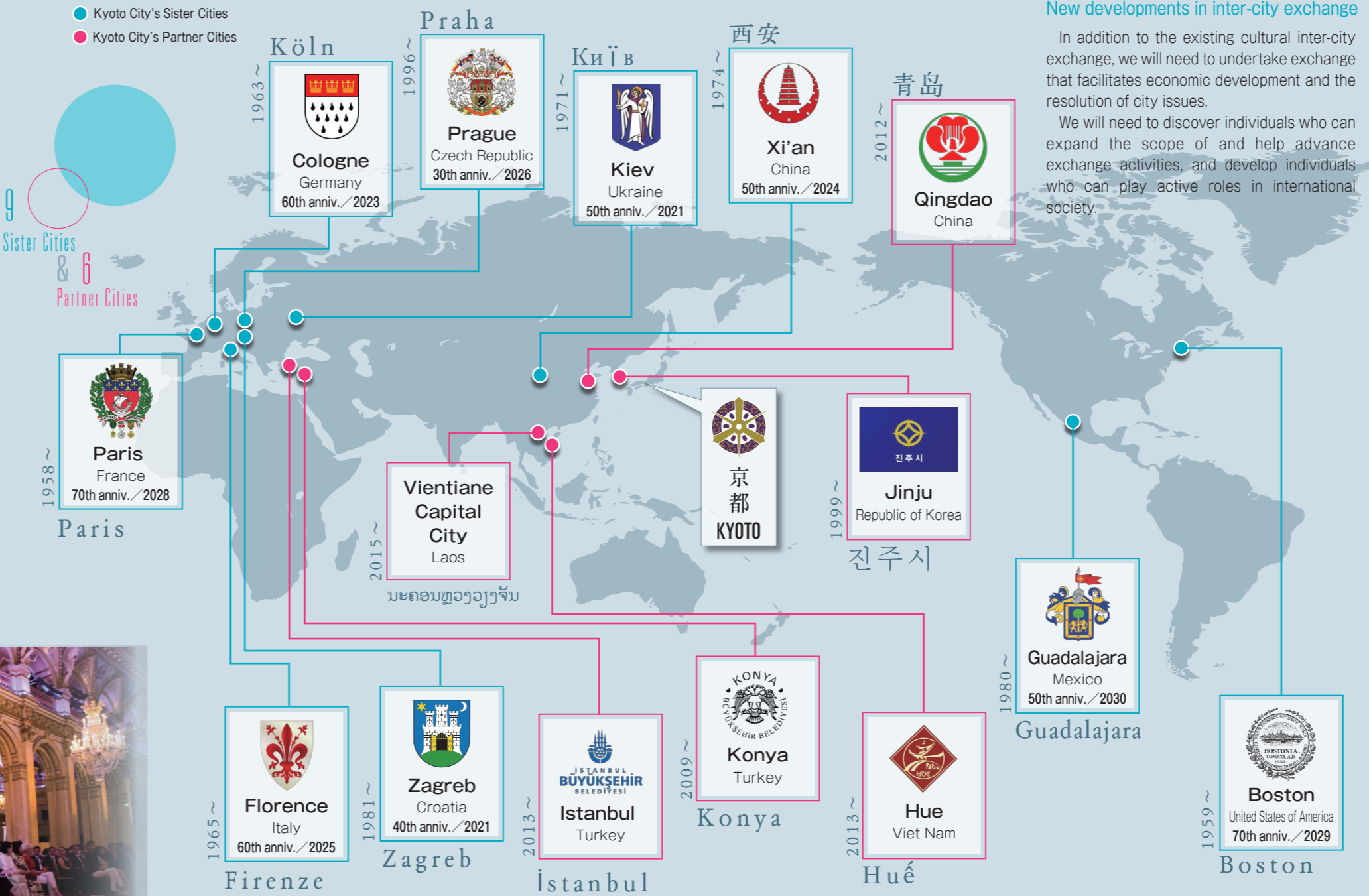


Changes in the nationality and birth regions of foreign residents in Kyoto City



Kyoto City's sister and partner cities

● Kyoto City's Sister Cities
● Kyoto City's Partner Cities



New developments in inter-city exchange

In addition to the existing cultural inter-city exchange, we will need to undertake exchange that facilitates economic development and the resolution of city issues.

We will need to discover individuals who can expand the scope of and help advance exchange activities, and develop individuals who can play active roles in international society.

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Growing as a Global City

Kyoto was formerly known as Heian-kyo, and was named as such with a desire for peace, safety, and tranquility. When it was established, the city was free of any castle walls, and for more than 1,000 years since then it has been open to the world. Many people from both Japan and abroad have congregated in the city, exchanged ideas, and brought in diverse cultures from across the globe, driving the continuous development of the city.



Today, the COVID-19 pandemic has placed huge restrictions on overseas travel, and the importance of international exchange and cooperation has grown. Questions have also been raised as to how multicultural coexistence can assist in overcoming various difficulties.

Our aim is to mix with and grow alongside the world's cultures, to contribute to international society and world peace, and to fascinate the world. To do so, the people of Kyoto are coming together to ensure sustainable city development, and to create a city bursting with exuberance.

March 2021



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Kyoto International City Vision Overview

2030

1 A city that fascinates the world, where diverse individuals can gather

Direction of initiatives

- Create new value to enhance the appeal of Kyoto City
- Create environments that are appealing to foreign researchers and engineers, entrepreneurs, and international students
- Use various opportunities to communicate the appeals of Kyoto City as a global city

2 A city that strengthens collaboration with cities overseas, and contributes to international society

Direction of initiatives

- Use the power of culture as a platform to promote international exchange and collaboration, and contribute to international society and world peace
- Promote mutually beneficial inter-city exchange

Our International City Goals

3 A city with increased awareness of international exchange and multicultural coexistence among all age groups, that nurtures individuals with an international mindset

Direction of initiatives

- Develop leaders who can contribute to regional development with a global perspective
- Create opportunities for people of all ages to come into contact with the world's diverse cultures
- Develop employees who can support the international development of Kyoto City

4 A city that promotes the incorporation of diversity, and enriches the lives of its citizens

Direction of initiatives

- Provide information in multiple languages and support for communication
- Create systems for international residents to live safely and with peace of mind
- Promote participation by international residents in regional and civic activities
- Provide employment support for international residents in various regions

Significance of international project development

Incorporate vitality from overseas

Generate opportunities to experience diverse values

Enhance the brand strength of Kyoto City in international society

Improve city resilience

Environment

gender equality

Human rights and

Regional communities

Culture and sports

Tourism

Universities

Industry and commerce

Child and youth support

Welfare

Health and medicine

School education and

Lifetime learning

Crisis management, disaster preparedness, and disaster mitigation

Pedestrian friendly

Landscape

Housing

Policy plans

Significance of international project development

We will aim to grow our international projects* and consider it as a future investment to enrich the lives of our citizens while undertaking inter-city exchange and contributing to international society through economic activities. We will thus promote comprehensive development through the four ideas below.

*Project related to the development of overseas sales routes, international exchange, international cooperation, and multicultural coexistence

1 Incorporate vitality from overseas

Amidst the advance of Japan's ageing population and low birthrate, as well as the progression of globalization, transformation of lifestyles, and technological innovation, we will need to incorporate growth markets, advanced initiatives, and cutting-edge professionals and international students from overseas. Vibrant projects and individuals such as these will be essential as we seek to revitalize the economy of Kyoto City through the creation of new project models, enhance creativity in culture and the arts, and become a Global City.

2 Generate opportunities to experience diverse values

It will be important to facilitate abundant opportunities for exchange with overseas cities, corporations, organizations, and our citizens, allow international residents to live as part of local communities, create environments in which diverse mindsets can coexist, and in turn generate opportunities to experience diverse values. These opportunities will be the driving force for innovation in global human resource development, interaction, economic, cultural and artistic activity, and ultimately lead to the growth of individuals, communities, corporations, and the city.

3 Enhance the brand strength of Kyoto City in international society

Kyoto City boasts a rich culture and outstanding historical features, and is actively engaged in environment and landscape-related policies. Sharing this information and expertise with cities overseas will contribute to the resolution of common global issues, and not only will it help to build friendly inter-city relationships, it will lead to enhanced brand strength for Kyoto City. Enhanced brand strength will provide a significant boost as we seek to grow as a Global City.

4 Improve city resilience

To enable community residents of different nationalities and cultures to support and help one another in times of crisis, such as during earthquakes and torrential rain, it will be important to create an environment in which residents can communicate smoothly with and trust one another on a regular basis. It will also be key to form and strengthen positive relationships with overseas cities, organizations, and institutions. These efforts will provide an incentive for mutual support in times of emergency and recovery, and in terms of improving city resilience, will be essential.

For more details on Kyoto International City Vision, please refer to the link below.

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