

What will your next step be?



What's Important in The Kyoto Philosophical Charter





What is The Kyoto Philosophical Charter?

The **"city's compass"** for the next 25 years, guiding with a vision that looks a thousand years ahead

The World Seeks a New Philosophy

In recent years, the pursuit of material abundance has pushed the world to move faster, produce more, and grow without end. While convenience has increased, it has damaged the human spirit and nature, leaving many problems that economic rationality alone cannot solve. Today, the world seeks not only economic growth, but also **deeper human connections and mutual respect, so people can live safely and at peace in their communities.**



It's What Kyoto Has Always Treasured

Kyoto is steeped in over a thousand years of history and culture, with city life unfolding just steps from nature. Rather than chasing convenience alone, generations have nurtured a lifestyle rooted in mutual care and support. **We believe Kyoto's way of life embodies a philosophy for the life the world longs for.**



But It's Slowly Vanishing...

The essence of Kyoto, cultivated over a thousand years, risks being lost if we do not continually care for it.

What must we prioritize now to safeguard Kyoto's core?



We made The Kyoto Philosophical Charter to guide us for the next 25 years.

The 3 Values We Will Continue to Cherish

The Kyoto Philosophical Charter presents "Layers of History and Culture," "Symbiosis with Nature," and "Human Connections" as Kyoto's core values to carry forward into the future.

Layers of History and Culture

Living mindful of the continuity of time: the present rests on the layers of the past, and the future on the layers of our daily lives.

Symbiosis with Nature

Living with the awareness that we are part of nature, with humility and gratitude for all its gifts.

Human Connections

Prioritizing real human bonds over economic rationality, accepting each other's differences, and living in mutual respect.

The City We Aspire to Be: 9 Future Visions

Chapter 4 of The Kyoto Philosophical Charter outlines 9 future visions for our city.

1. Pursuit and Creation of the Authentic
2. Global Cultural Engagement and Synthesis
3. Endless Learning Fueled by Passion and Inspiration
4. Contemplation of Self and the World in Peace and Tranquility
5. Humble Coexistence with Nature
6. Flexible Recovery from Disasters, Epidemics, and Other Crises
7. Diverse and Living Human Connections
8. The Practice of Daily Life Through Mutual Support
9. Mutual Respect of Personalities and Values

Shaping the Next Thousand Years: The 6 Keys

"0.1 citizens"

Those who, despite living elsewhere, cherish and participate in Kyoto's life

Belonging and contribution

Offering a place to belong and a chance to help others with your skills

Kyoto scholarly and artistic fellowship

Pursuing the authentic and learning alongside other passionate explorers

Moderation and dignity

Trust built on the dignity to uphold tradition and the moderation to respect boundaries

Breathing room

The inner room to embrace diversity and bring forth new creations

Relentless inquiry

Ongoing dialogue and discussion about the city's future, guided by Kyoto's core