

# 川崎市 国連グローバル・コンパクト コミュニケーション・オン・エンゲージメント 2017

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川崎市は、2006年に「国連グローバル・コンパクト」の支持を表明するとともに、その理念を市内展開するため、かわさきオリジナルの「かわさきコンパクト」を定めて、参加を呼びかけています。「かわさきコンパクト」は、「ビジネスコンパクト」と「市民コンパクト」から成り、誰もが幸せを感じられる川崎を目指したまちづくりを進めています。

本市は、多摩川や多摩丘陵などの自然や、地域に根付いた文化やスポーツ、京浜臨海部の一翼を担ってきた産業の集積、交通・物流の利便性などの特色を持つ、首都圏の大都市として存在感を増しています。我が国の人口が減少しているなか、本市は2017年4月に人口150万人に達し、特に若い世代の方々に「選ばれる都市」として進化を続けております。

日本の産業発展をけん引してきた川崎市は、深刻な環境問題など、これまで幾多の困難に直面し、知恵と工夫をもって、課題解決に向け挑んできました。公害問題への取組の過程では、優れた人材が培われるとともに産業の集積が進み、現在では、最先端の環境技術などをもつ世界的な企業や研究機関が数多く立地する国際的な産業・研究環境都市へ変貌を遂げるなど、苦難を乗り越え、ピンチをチャンスに転換して発展を成し遂げてきました。

日々複雑化する社会状況の中、日本で唯一「国連グローバル・コンパクト」に参加している自治体である川崎市は、多様な文化や価値観を受け入れながら、経済活動などをグローバルに展開しています。2015年に国連で採択された「持続可能な開発目標 (SDGs)」は、本市がめざすまちづくりの目標と共通する部分が多いものと認識しており、国際社会の一員として、気候変動などの環境問題への対応や社会福祉の向上などグローバルな課題を真正面から捉え、我が国、アジア、世界の平和と繁栄に貢献し、この活気溢れる「最幸のまち かわさき」を、未来を担う子どもたちに引き継いでいくため、成長と成熟が調和した持続的な発展に向けて、挑戦し続けてまいります。



1960年代の川崎市の空  
The sky over Kawasaki City in 1960s



現在の川崎市の空  
The sky over Kawasaki City at Present

In addition to declaring its support for the UN Global Compact in 2006, Kawasaki city has since established its own original “Kawasaki Compact” in order to develop the ideal of the Global Compact within the city. The Kawasaki Compact consists of the “Business Compact” and the “Citizen’s Compact”, and aims to create a community where everyone can feel truly at ease.

The city of Kawasaki is blessed with many beautiful natural features such as the Tama River and Tama Hills. Moreover, this region is also well known for its many sports and cultural events, as well as the accumulation of important industries in the Keihin Coastal Area, and the convenience of its transportation and logistics. Due to these factors, the presence of Kawasaki as a major city in the greater metropolitan area of Tokyo is continuously increasing. While the national population is decreasing, the population of Kawasaki stands at approximately 1.5 million (as of April 2017) and is becoming an increasingly popular place to live - especially amongst the younger generations.

As one of the cities that helped propel the development of the Japanese industry sector, Kawasaki has faced a number of difficulties in the past — such as serious environmental issues. However, the city has used both its wisdom and ingenuity in order to tackle these problems and thus successfully resolve them. In the process of overcoming pollution issues, the city has cultivated superior human-potential and as a result the amassment of industries in the area has progressed. Today, as a site for many global businesses and research centers who wield cutting-edge environmental technologies, Kawasaki has succeeded in transforming itself into a city with a truly successful international environment for both industry and research and, in overcoming its hardships, has consistently turned “pinch” situations into “chance situations”, furthering the development of the city as a whole.

In the midst of a societal situation that grows more and more complicated by the day, as the sole participant from Japan’s many local government bodies in the UN Global Compact, by taking in a number of different cultures and views Kawasaki is aiming to orient its economic activities in a more global direction. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which were adopted by the United Nations in 2015, are regarded to have much in common with the goals of our initiatives to further develop Kawasaki City. As a member of an international society, Kawasaki will face global problems such as how to respond to climate change/other environmental issues, as well as the need to improve social welfare. Therefore, Kawasaki aims to contribute to the peace and prosperity of Japan, Asia, and the greater world respectively. In order to pass on the belief of Kawasaki as being a “most successful and happy city” to the children who will shoulder the weight of the future, we will continue to push ourselves in pursuing an ever more sustainable environment.