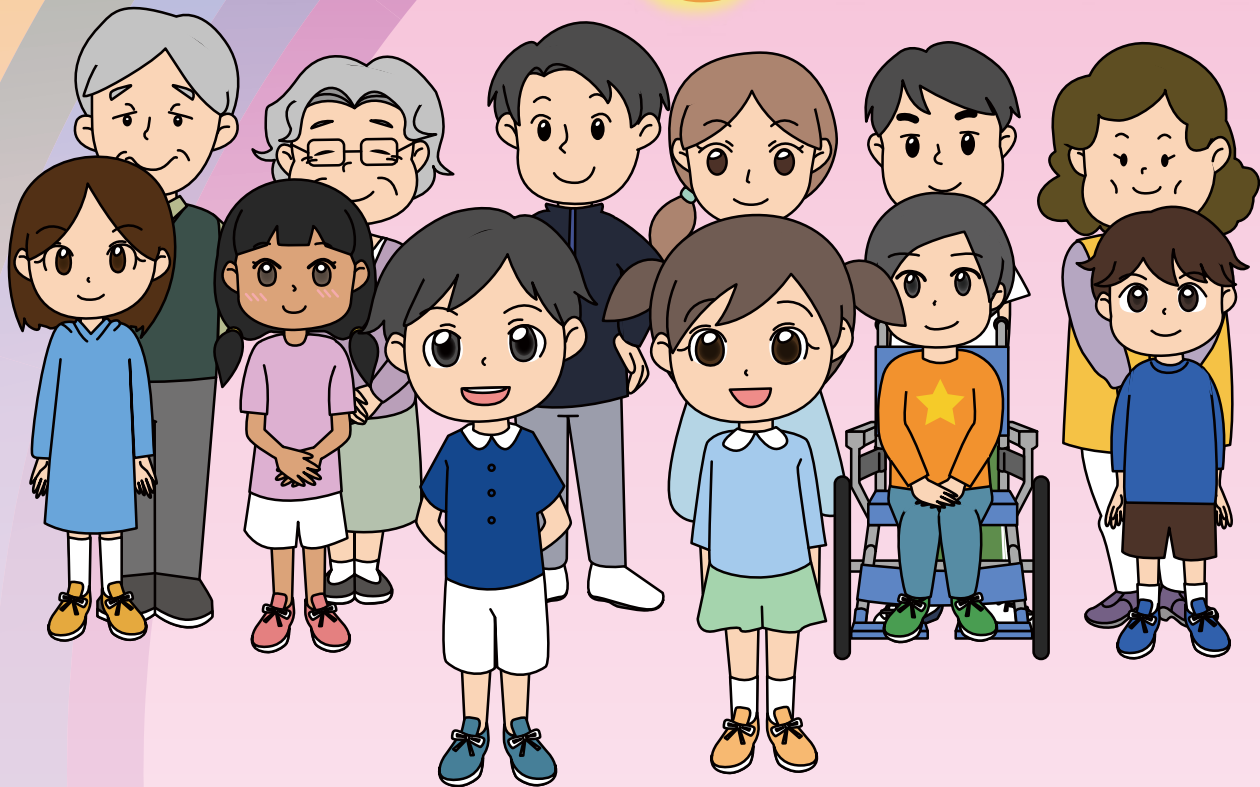




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Kawasaki, a City Full of Smiling Children



What is the Kawasaki Children's Rights Ordinance?

Enacted in 2001, the Kawasaki Children's Rights Ordinance is rooted in the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Kawasaki was the first municipality in Japan to enact such an ordinance. The ordinance was enacted with the aim of having children cherished and protected as individuals, and enabling them to live in ways that are true to themselves.



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Perspective on children's rights

- Each and every child is a precious individual.
- To have your rights protected, you must value the rights of others. It is important for everyone to respect each other's rights.
- Both children and adults are members of society and have a role to play in building a better future.

The Important Rights of children

1

The right to live with peace of mind

To have their life protected and to be raised with love and understanding.

2

The right to be true to themselves

To have the individuality of each and every child accepted.

3

The right to protect themselves and be protected

To be able to escape and receive consultation in cases of bullying, abuse, physical punishment, etc.

4

The right to enrich their lives and be empowered

To be encouraged in their play, study, and search for happiness.

5

The right to decide things for themselves

To be allowed to decide on their own matters, in correspondence with their age and maturity.

6

The right to participate

To voice their own views and thoughts, participate in society, and make friends.

7

The right to receive support in correspondence with individual need

To be cherished regardless of nationality, disabilities, gender, etc.



A message from children to adults

Adults, please be happy yourselves first. If adults are not happy, it will not be possible for us children alone to be happy. If adults are not happy, they may abuse and physically punish us.

The ordinance states that children are to be raised with love and understanding. As a prerequisite, we want adults to be happy at home, in school, and in the community. In this kind of atmosphere, children will be able to live with peace of mind.

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