

Kameoka’s SDGs Future City Projects

◆Environmentally-Advanced City Kameoka

In 2018, Kameoka enacted the “Kameoka Zero Plastic Waste Declaration” in response to pollution affecting the Hozu River. Subsequently, Kameoka became the first municipality in Japan to establish an ordinance banning the distribution of single-use plastic bags within the city. In order to realize the goal of becoming a “World-Class Environmentally-Forward City”, Kameoka is proactive with various projects which combine environmental consideration and regional economic growth.

◆Organic Village

Since olden days Kameoka has been referred to as “Kyoto’s Kitchen”. Even to this day Kameoka is the main producer of Kyoto Vegetables, acting as an integral agricultural region within Kyoto Prefecture. Kameoka believes that it’s important to pursue projects that highlight the city’s unique qualities in order to move forward with a better food system that can produce sustainable produce and agriculture. On February 12th 2023, Kameoka became the second municipality in Japan to declare itself as an Organic Village. The declaration encompasses education for organic producers who provide crops such as rice for school lunches, and promotion of organic agriculture; with the goal of passing on to the next generation a plentiful environment, bountiful crops and a well-maintained agricultural landscape.

◆Child-First Declaration

The Child First Declaration was enacted on August 22nd 2022 to provide support for families who plan on raising their children in Kameoka. Projects under the Child First Declaration include: (1) Removing all medical fees for children ages 18 and younger (2) Providing free daycare services for a family’s 2nd child and beyond (3) Providing free diapers and diaper disposal services at all nurseries, kindergartens, and daycares within the city (4) Providing free afterschool services on weekdays until 7pm, and on weekends for a family’s 2nd child and beyond.

◆Kameoka KIRI Art Cultivation

In 2018, “Kameoka KIRI Art Cultivation” began in Kameoka as a way to express the beauty, skills passed down for generations, knowledge, and other intangible assets through the medium of art. Yet, Kameoka KIRI Art Cultivation’s projects extend beyond the canvas. Environment, agriculture, and education are just a few of the many other subjects being tackled through numerous projects; with Kameoka KIRI Art Cultivation being recognized for its work related to the topics of: “Economy”, “Society”, and “Environment”. In July 2020, Kameoka’s “Kameoka KIRI Art Cultivation × X ~Sustainable Innovation~” policy proposal was chosen as a “Municipal SDGs Model Project” by Japan’s Cabinet Office. Kameoka is continuing to make strides as a hub for art-related activities.



KAMEOKA SDGs CITY PLANNING DIGEST

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Kameoka KIRI Art Cultivation

~An Innovative Hub for Sustainability~



Our Goals for City Development by 2030

◆The Revitalization of the JR Kameoka Station Area
~A City Active in Expenditure, Investment, and Innovation~

Kameoka aims to make the area from Sanga Stadium to JR Kameoka Station a place for many kinds of people to gather, an area bustling with many businesses, a destination for locals and travelers alike, and a central hub of digital innovation; eventually becoming an easily accessible central district. Kameoka is also working to realize a city where citizens and business owners alike can participate in regional economic and community planning, promote sustainable energy, produce crops locally to sell locally, and acquire foreign capital through the sale of unique products; all with the goal of building a strong industrial sector that can support the economy.

◆Preserving Agriculture ~A City among Nature~

Kameoka believes that preserving the land and providing food security is integral in maintaining the rich land that's represented by the agricultural and natural landscape. This style of tourism alongside the combination of art and agriculture will help promote the region, bring together people of similar values, and help create a long-lasting agricultural community. Simultaneously, promotion of organic agriculture within the city will allow for produce to be sold more proactively; eventually leading to a much more stable source of capital.

◆Realization of a World-Class Environmentally Advanced City
~A Society without Waste~

Kameoka aims to eventually eliminate all single-use plastic waste. While moving towards the creation of a circular economy, Kameoka is proactive in the development of environmental technologies; working to make recycling programs more accessible to the public, all the while combating carbon emissions. Moreover, thorough reduction of the city's waste production will prevent a new "waste treatment plant" from needing to be developed; in-turn reducing the economic burden placed on future generations.

◆Building a City to raise a Family
~A City where every Child can Shine & Smile~

Kameoka looks out for the children within its community with a protective gaze. Kameoka aims to support the many different unique experiences that the city has to offer, give children a feeling of being at home, and make them want to either continue living in Kameoka or raise a feeling of eventually wanting to return in the future. Moreover, Kameoka wishes to become a city that gives its citizens a sense of security when planning to have a family, and supports all families no matter how many children they plan on raising.

