



# The 8<sup>th</sup> Comprehensive Plan of Kumamoto City

## English Version

Kumamoto City has established the 8<sup>th</sup> *Comprehensive Plan of Kumamoto City* — an eight-year urban development plan from April 2024 to March 2032. Kumamoto City aims to realize the goals outlined in this plan.

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# What We Strive to Achieve

## —A City With a High Quality of Life—

We aim to create a city with a high quality of life where we want to continue living and where anyone would want to visit or move to.

What is a “city with a high quality of life” ?

- A city blessed with rich nature, history, and culture.
- A city where we can happily live while supporting each other in a community filled with warm and caring people.
- A city that is resilient to disasters and where everyone can live with peace of mind.
- A city that each citizen can be proud of.
- A city where people have dreams and hopes and enjoy living their lives.

## Basic Approach to City Planning

What matters in city planning are the “community” and the “citizens” who live there. In Kumamoto City, even when hit by the Kumamoto Earthquake in 2016 which caused tremendous damages, our citizens took the initiative by helping each other in the community and neighborhood and overcame many hardships. We will proceed with city planning by creating a community where the “citizens,” “community,” and “government” have their respective responsibilities and roles and can support each other.

## The Eight Visions of the 8<sup>th</sup> Comprehensive Plan

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A city where children can shine and with hopeful youth

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A strong and flexible city that protects the lives of its citizens

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A city that connects the rich environment to the future

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A city with a safe and well-developed urban infrastructure

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A city with sustainable development, that is loved by its citizens and chosen by the world

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A city where everyone can be themselves and enjoy their lives

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A city where all citizens can live better lives

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A city hall trusted by the citizens

We will work to achieve our eight visions from the following three perspectives :

1 Promotion of SDGs

2 Promotion of digitization and digital transformation (DX)

3 Strengthened cooperation with other municipalities, etc.

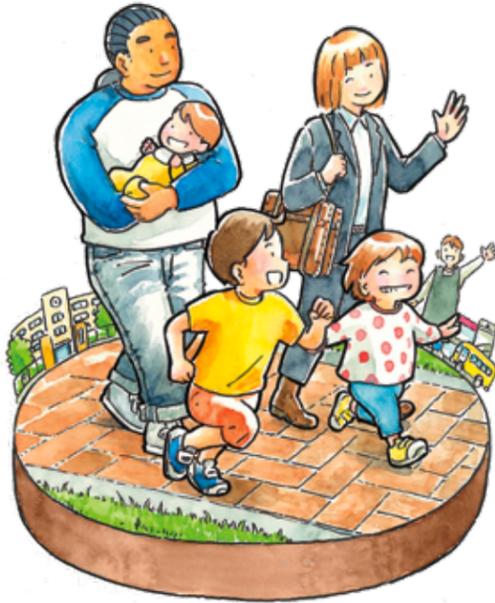
## Vision 1 A city where children can shine and with hopeful youth

We aim to create a city where children can smile and where anyone can live with hope.



### Measures to Achieve This Vision

1-1	We will create a city that makes all children smile and where parents can have dreams and hopes for raising children.
1-2	We will create a city where children in need and those raising children are provided support so that all children can live happily.
1-3	We will raise our children—who will shape the future—through education that values every individual.
1-4	We will create a city where everyone can make the most of their abilities, regardless of gender, age, nationality, etc.



## Vision 3 A strong and flexible city that protects the lives of its citizens

We aim to create a safe city that is resilient to disasters and where people can live with peace of mind.



### Measures to Achieve This Vision

3-1	We will create a city that takes advantage of what we have experienced and learned from previous disasters to protect our citizens in the future.
3-2	We will take advantage of what we have learned from COVID-19 to make improvements to protect the health and lives of our citizens.
3-3	We will create an improved system that protects our citizens from fires, sudden injuries, and illnesses.
3-4	We will create a city that is free from traffic accidents and crimes and is considerate to victims of crime. We will also communicate the importance of traffic safety and crime prevention to citizens on a daily basis.



## Vision 2 A city with sustainable development, that is loved by its citizens and chosen by the world

We aim to create an attractive city that will continue to grow into the future—one that citizens can be proud of and where people from all over the world will gather.



### Measures to Achieve This Vision

2-1	With the construction of a semiconductor factory in a nearby town serving as the trigger, we will invite various companies to Kumamoto City. We will also assist those starting new companies and/or small and medium-sized businesses.
2-2	We will bring out the charms of Kumamoto City—such as its rich water and greenery, history and culture, and vibrant downtown—to create a city that people from all over the world admire and its citizens are proud of.
2-3	Making use of the city's various charms, we will attract more people to visit Kumamoto City and make it a flourishing and lively city.
2-4	We will develop railways and roads to allow travel over a wider area. We will then boost the economy by improving the flow of people and goods.
2-5	We will spread the safe, secure, and delicious food of Kumamoto to people in Japan and around the world to ensure the sustainability of these industries.



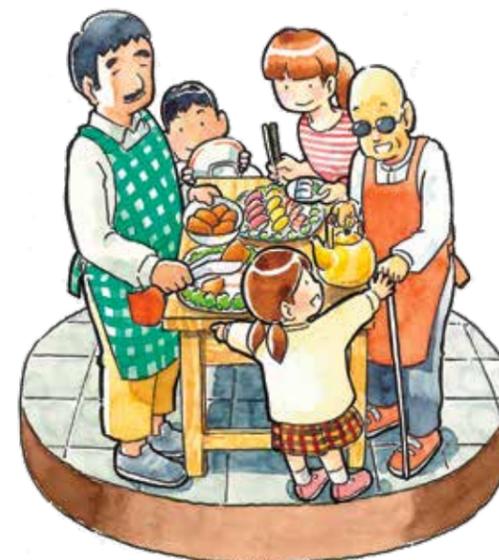
## Vision 4 A city where everyone can be themselves and enjoy their lives

We aim to create a city where everyone can be themselves and enjoy living regardless of gender, country of birth, age, or disability.



### Measures to Achieve This Vision

4-1	We will create a city where everyone understands the importance of the protection of human rights and where anyone can live equally and happily on their own terms.
4-2	We will create a city where everyone can enjoy living, care for themselves and others, and support one another regardless of age or disability.
4-3	We will ensure that regardless of gender, everyone will play an active role in society while valuing their own thoughts and motivations.
4-4	We will provide support for foreigners living in the city. We will also strive to understand each other to create a city where people can easily coexist.



## Vision 5 A city that connects the rich environment to the future

We aim to create a city that can protect and nurture its rich natural environment and connect it to the future.



### Measures to Achieve This Vision

5-1	As a countermeasure towards climate change, we will promote initiatives to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions to zero by 2050.
5-2	We aim to create a city where people live harmoniously with nature by spreading the importance of protecting biodiversity.
5-3	We aim to create an eco-friendly city by reducing waste and making it reusable. We will also create a system to properly dispose of waste during a disaster.
5-4	We will preserve a living environment that is comfortable, safe, secure, and where water and air are kept clean. We aim to create a city where humans and animals can live together.

## Vision 7 A city with a safe and well-developed urban infrastructure

We aim to create a city that is resilient to disasters and is safe and easy for everyone to get around, all while protecting the city's sublime nature.



### Measures to Achieve This Vision

7-1	We aim to create an attractive city that is resilient to disasters, easy to get around, and comfortable to live in—even in the future—all while protecting the city's sublime natural, historical, and cultural beauty.
7-2	We will arrange housing where people can lead safe and prosperous lives in accordance to changes and differences in lifestyles.
7-3	We will develop safe water and sewage systems that can continue to be used in the future.

## Vision 6 A city where all the citizens can live better lives

We aim for a city where its citizens can lead better lives by supporting the development of local communities and the pursuit of lifelong health and purpose.



### Measures to Achieve This Vision

6-1	We will protect and further energize local communities where people cooperate with and support each other.
6-2	We will promote the development of our health system so that citizens may live long, healthy lives no matter their age.
6-3	We will ensure that it is never too late for anyone to learn or exercise. We will also make it possible for people to use what they have learned for the community.
6-4	We will carefully preserve cultural properties in Kumamoto City and allow everyone the chance to interact with culture and art.
6-5	We will properly administer the social welfare system that serves to protect people's livelihoods (insurance, nursing care, pension, etc.) while offering consultation and assistance to those struggling to make ends meet.

## Vision 8 A city hall trusted by the citizens

We aim to create a city hall that provides high-quality administrative services and is trusted by the citizens.



### Measures to Achieve This Vision

8-1	We will offer effective and efficient administration while increasing staff competencies and transitioning into the digitalization of work.
8-2	We will create more opportunities for citizens to learn about and participate in the city's initiatives and consequently incorporate the opinions of said citizens.
8-3	While fulfilling our role as the largest city in Kumamoto Prefecture, we will solve problems across a wide range in cooperation with the prefecture and other municipalities.