

## From Cities to the World — Shaping the Future Together

The climate crisis. Resource depletion. Growing division and mistrust.

Today, our world faces multiple, interconnected crises—what many call a "polycrisis"—creating unprecedented complexity and uncertainty.

These challenges can no longer be addressed by national governments alone.

Now is the time for cities to take action.

To ensure no one is left behind and that everyone can become a co-creator of the future, cities across the globe must transcend borders, learn from one another, and join hands in solidarity.

Kitakyushu City, as Japan's No. I sustainable city, having overcome severe pollution in the past and contributed its hard-won experience to global environmental issues, carries with it a story of altruism and regeneration.

This spirit goes beyond the boundaries of a "local city" and embodies a new model for urban leadership: rooted in the local, yet contributing to the global.

With this conviction, we now embark on our next challenge:

To seek solutions together with all of you. Kitakyushu is ready to take this step forward.

Let us shape the future by connecting cities, forging partnerships, and creating new paths together. We look forward to walking this journey with you.



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