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8th TOTAL CITY PLAN OF YAMATO-SHI 2009~2018 DIGEST VERSION

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Creative Healthy City — Yamato



In quest of a “*Creative Healthy City*”



Yamato City, municipalized in 1959, is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Since the first total city plan was released in 1960, we have worked hard at city-building for 50 years to this day by revising our plans, and materializing them to meet shifting social and economic environments.

The current situation surrounding this country looks ever more uncertain due to a number of problems --- a quickly aging population, the numbers of children dwindling, the economic downturn, and the increasing global severity of environmental issues to name a few.

In order to fulfill the basic responsibilities expected of a municipality, we listen to the people's voice, answer diversifying city needs, and protect and support citizens' lives in the midst of mounting social unease. With this in mind, the municipal government has completed the Total City Plan of Yamato-shi 2009~18 with the vision of a “*Creative Healthy City – Yamato*” as our ultimate goal.

This scheme is formed as a basic guide to make the city itself healthy by emphasizing 3 areas of health --- (1) ‘the health of the people’ to improve the daily physical and mental health of our citizens, (2) ‘health of the city’ to provide our citizens with a feeling of security and peace of mind, and (3) ‘the health of the society’ to build strong local communities and foster warm human relationships.

From now on, we will steadily execute the government policy in line with the established plan from the standpoint of careful project choice, concentrated efforts, and the pursuit of results. Thus we look forward to Yamato's development by leaps and bounds. We look forward to the positive participation and support from all citizens of Yamato City.

Last but not least, we extend our deepest appreciation for the valuable comments and suggestions contributed by the members of the Total City Plan Workshop Committee, the city assembly members involved, and those given in the citizens' discussion meetings and questionnaire responses. All of these went into the making of this plan, and were invaluable in the completion of the project.

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Ooki Satoru, Mayor of Yamato City



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This digest version was prepared in an informal style for your better and easier comprehension of 'city making' as projected by the Total City Plan of Yamato-shi. For details, read the total plan and its execution scheme.

What is
the Total
City Plan?



The total plan is placed on the city's highest priority, systematically spelling out its future visions and unfolding individual projects. All the projects dealt with by the municipal government are grounded on this plan.

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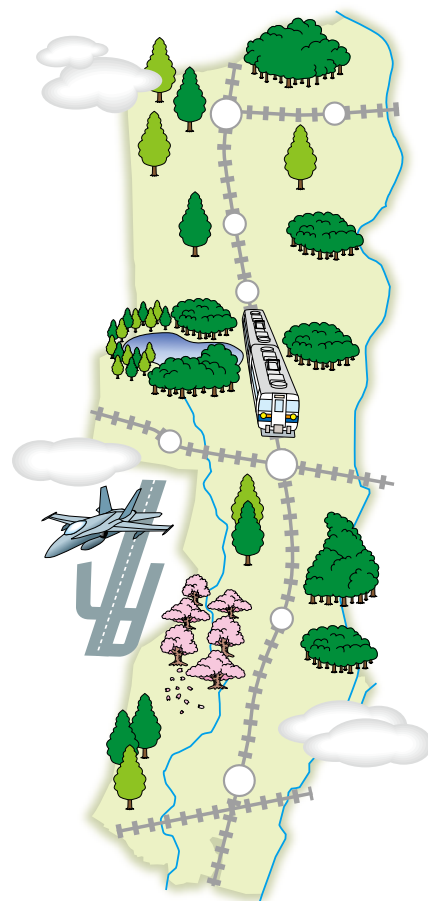
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Yamato's vision of the future and three domains of health.

Yamato City will pursue the environment of a

“Creative Healthy City – Yamato”

in order to build a city where people can enjoy happy, healthy lives both in mind and body.

As the fundamentals to materialize the city's vision, Yamato puts forward the criteria of ‘*human*’, ‘*city*’, and ‘*society*’ and promotes their realization.



What does *“Creative Healthy City”* mean?

It's a city where the three elements of human, city and society interact with each other to bring about a healthy and satisfied life to each citizen.

Human health

This is the area of health which increases the number of happy, positive individuals irrespective of whether or not they are mentally or physically challenged. In this criterion, ‘the community where one can live happily as long as one wishes’ and ‘the community where children grow up to be good-natured’ are set as the mottos.

City health

In viewing the town as the base for people's life and activity, this field of health is necessary to establish an excellent town space by eliminating any obstacles that impede citizens' safe and comfortable lifestyle.

This aspect of health emphasizes ‘the city that provides security and peace of mind to its citizens’, ‘the city that maintains reasonable living conditions’, and ‘the city that provides a friendly town space.’ Aiming at these targets, the ‘city's health building program’ will come into session.

Society health

This is the area of health which builds proactive local communities by nurturing them, with the focus on interpersonal relations and thus prompting good human relationships in which people respect each other.

In this respect, the ‘health of society’, ‘the city that fosters a kind-hearted community’ and ‘the city energized by proactive citizens’ are promoted as the slogans in Yamato-shi.

The structure of the Total City Plan

The vision of the city in the future.

Creative Healthy City — Yamato

3 health criteria ► Basic target ► Sub-target

Human health

Basic target 1

The city where individuals enjoy a healthy life as long as they wish.

Sub-target 1-1 The citizen's mental and physical health is kept and promoted.

Sub-target 1-2 Necessary medical treatment is available anytime .

Sub-target 1-3 To encourage local welfare based on communal support.

Basic target 2

The city where children can grow up lively.

Sub-target 2-1 To care for children's health and safety.

Sub-target 2-2 To empower children's potentials to grow.

Sub-target 2-3 To provide a friendly environment for child raising.

Basic target 3

The city with a feeling of security and safety.

Sub-target 3-1 To enhance the means of a safe lifestyle.

Sub-target 3-2 To strengthen the capability to defend people from disasters.

Sub-target 3-3 To eradicate possible causes for the damage inflicted by airplane accidents.

City health

Basic target 4

The city which protects the environment.

Sub-target 4-1 To lighten the environmental load.

Sub-target 4-2 To make a greener city.

Basic target 5

The city with a living space attractive to its people.

Sub-target 5-1 To build the foundation for a pleasant city.

Sub-target 5-2 To make the city easily accessible for those who come and leave.

Basic target 6

The city that foster a warm human spirit.

Sub-target 6-1 To prepare places and opportunities for learning at any time.

Sub-target 6-2 To foster Yamato's culture.

Society health

Basic target 7

The city which is energized by its positive citizens.

Sub-target 7-1 To build a society in which members respect each other.

Sub-target 7-2 To encourage localities to get motivated and enliven their own area.

Sub-target 7-3 To enliven communal activities for the citizens.

The direction of the administration

Direction 1

Administrative management for easy understanding.

Administration based on mutual understanding / Target-oriented administration

Direction 2

Administrative management that avails immediate response to problems.

Sound fiscal management / the forming of organizations that meet the public requirements.
Appropriate management of public facilities and government property.

Direction 3

Well-staffed administrative management.

Improving staff skills / Effective staffing – the right person for the right position

Basic target

1

The city where individuals enjoy a healthy life as long as they wish.

These days, people are increasingly health-oriented as the senior population rises quickly due to an extended life-span.

On the other hand, people tend to be affected by life-style diseases due to their changing in diet and living environmental. Also many people suffer from emotional imbalances due to stresses in their modern life.

In order for everyone to lead a healthy life, it is important for an individual to motivate him or herself to be proactive in obtaining a healthy body.

Yamato will provide a variety of supports to help individuals maintain overall health and receive the most appropriate medical care in their time of need.

Yamato will put effort into making an ideal environment so that citizens feel fulfilled living in the community, where people enjoy mutually supportive system in time of difficulty and can rely on public services whenever necessary.

Yamato is focused on city-building to materialize its goal of a "Creative Healthy City" in reality.



Sub-target

1-1

The citizen's mental and physical health is kept and promoted.

'The expected results' of aiming at this target.>

Promote the following projects or services.

1 Each citizen engages in obtaining a healthy mind and body.

Project of education for maintaining good health, Project of supporting to improve dietary habits, Project of health check

2 Yamato has the establishments to maintain the good health of its citizens.

Project of supporting management of food hygiene, Project of suicide preventive measures

Sub-target

1-2

Necessary medical treatment is available anytime .

'The expected results' of aiming at this target.>

Promote the following projects or services.

1 Medical care is in place any time for those in need.

Project of supporting management of emergency clinics on holidays, Project of supporting management of night clinics

2 The local hospital takes on its role as the mainstay in the local medicare system.

Management of City Hospital

Sub-target

1-3

To encourage local welfare based on communal support.

'The expected results' of aiming at this target.>

Promote the following projects or services.

1 The system is established so that localities help each other and give mutual assistance.

Project of supporting activities of social welfare and child welfare commissioners, Project of supporting management of social welfare committee, Project of insurance payment (national health insurance)

2 Day-care or other services for the elderly are available.

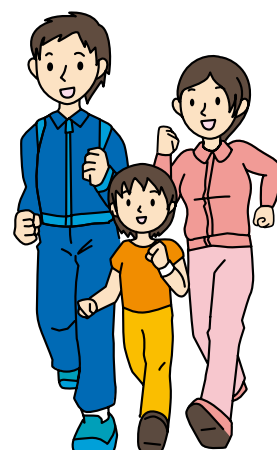
Clerical duties for long-term-care insurance management, Insurance payment business (long-term-care insurance), Clerical duties for appointing and guiding agency of long-term-care-insurance institutions

3 Senior people are in good health.

Project of supporting establishment of welfare facilities for elderly, Project of supporting elderly, Project of preventing long-term-care for elderly in general

4 Physically or mentally challenged individuals can manage their own affairs in daily life.

Project of supporting the Physically or mentally challenged who live at home, Project of supporting life of the Physically or mentally challenged in the community, Project of supporting the disabled to commute to facilities, Project of daytime support for disabled children



Basic target

2

The city where children can grow up lively.

The numbers of children are dwindling across the nation. Yamato is no exception despite being proud of its many youngsters in former days.

As capsule-families became dominant and weakened communication within society became obvious, weaker skill in child raising at home has been pointed out as a problem.

More it is important to remember that not only the family but the whole community must be involved in promoting children's health and welfare to help support their sound growth.

A lack of practical experience or exposure to real nature has lowered children's innate power to live.

Yamato is going to provide children with education to widen their abilities, and also their opportunities to have practical experiences with parents, schools, or related agents. All of which is for the purpose of helping them reach their potential and cultivate their individual personalities. Thus, children can steadily grow with dreams and purposes firmly fixed in their minds.

In order to erase parents' feeling of loneliness or anxiety, Yamato will help to assure that their living conditions are anxiety-free for child rearing. We will do this by giving support in variety of aspects.

In realization of a *Creative Healthy City*, Yamato will extend its strategy to meticulously meet the child's growing level so that he or she can be healthy and active.



Sub-target

2-1

To care for children's health and safety.

'The expected results' of aiming at this target.>

Promote the following projects or services.

1 Children's emotional and physical health is cared for.

Health check for pregnant women, Vaccination, Health check for infants, Management of kitchen for school lunch

2 Children's human rights and the safety of their living conditions are taken care of.

Maintenance and management of elementary & junior high school facilities, Project of keeping school children safe, Project of counseling young people and protection & guidance for young people downtown

Sub-target

2-2

To empower children's potentials to grow.

'The expected results' of aiming at this target.>

Promote the following projects or services.

1 Children learn with purposes and with dreams in mind.

Project of maintenance of school library, Project of solving the problem of bullying at school and refusing to attend school, Project of supporting school activities at elementary/junior high schools

2 Children's education is provided in accordance with their characters and abilities.

Employing part-time teachers for making classes smaller at elementary/junior high schools, Project of special support education, Project of promoting English education

3 Children grow up experiencing many things.

Management and control of *Jidoh-kan*, Management and control of *Kodomo-kyoshitu* for children after school, Project of promoting physical and mental health of young people

Sub-target

2-3

To provide a friendly environment for child raising.

'The expected results' of aiming at this target.>

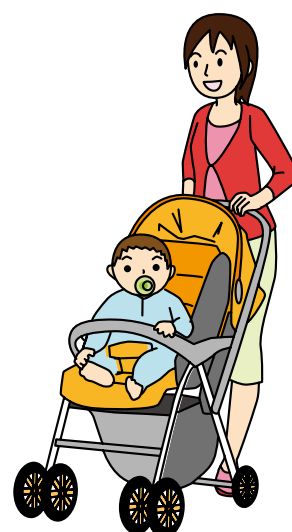
Promote the following projects or services.

1 Parents take care of their babies without being affected by uncertainty.

Management of facilities to support child-rearing center, Project of helping pay medical expenses of children, Project of financial support to those who enter private kindergarten, Payment of allowance for dependant children

2 Parents can work while raising their babies.

Nursery school project, Project of supporting management of authorized private nursery schools, Project of clubs for children after school



Basic target

3

The city with a feeling of security and safety

Assured safety and peace in every aspect of life is a basic right of residents. With this in mind, the effective strategies to reduce disruptions in city life like crimes, traffic accidents, consumer troubles and many others should be deployed.

To cope with unpredictable natural disasters, the city government shall improve buildings' anti-disaster structures, secure evacuation shelters and access roads, adopt flood/landslide controls plan, etc., leading to a more carefree city. Yamato shall deploy a complete crisis control plan in the best possible way while fostering an anti-disaster mindset in each citizen so that the correct independent action can be taken without delay.

Military planes' intrusive sound and fears of plane crashes around the Atsugi Airbase have long annoyed and threatened people in the city. The city government shall go the utmost and lengths and extended effort to solve the problem any way possible.

Yamato shall proceed in its course of action for citizens' safety and peace, protecting the life and assets of residents at all times, be --- normal or emergency, with the slogan of a *Creative Healthy City* clearly in mind.



Sub-target

3-1

To enhance the means of a safe lifestyle.

'The expected results' of aiming at this target.>

Promote the following projects or services.

1 People can live without fear of crimes.

Project of promoting crime prevention in the community, Project of supporting installing crime prevention lights, Setting up and management of Shiei-kohban (tentative name; police box run by the city)

2 People are protected from consumer trouble.

Project of giving advice concerning consumer trouble, Project of educating consumers, Project of giving support and consultation to city residents

3 People live free from fears of traffic accidents.

Project of education program for traffic safety, Project of complete check-up of traffic safety, Project of setting up traffic safety facilities, Project of building safer sidewalks

Sub-target

3-2

To strengthen the capability to defend people from disasters.

'The expected results' of aiming at this target.>

Promote the following projects or services.

1 Emergency control is perfect in Yamato.

Project of management of disaster head office, Project of support network for those who require help, Project of preparing emergency supplies for disasters, Project of community disaster drills

2 The city is well-fortified against disasters.

Project of repairing roads and bridges, Project of promoting earthquake-resistant buildings, Project of maintenance of drainages

3 The city has adequate fire-fighting capabilities.

Activities of paramedics and firefighters, Project of maintenance of fire engines, Project of fire prevention measures of houses, Project of promoting first aid education

Sub-target

3-3

To eradicate possible causes for the damage inflicted by airplane accidents.

'The expected results' of aiming at this target.>

Promote the following projects or services.

1 City people can live disaster-free from airplane caused troubles.

Activities of negotiation and demand concerning problems of military base, Project of noise measurement



Basic target

4

The city which protects the environment.

Earth's resources are limited. People have long mass-produced, mass-consumed and mass-disposed, and thus such practices have resulted in the exhaustion of resources and the worsening of environmental pollution issues, which now prevail world-wide.

Specifically, global warming has to be willingly dealt with not only by the administration but also by each citizen and each private firm.

Yamato shall enhance its effort to lighten the environmental load by cleaning the air and water, encouraging garbage reduction, promoting re-use of used materials as well as providing added opportunities for environmental study.

Green leaves make people feel good, while the protection of them helps partly to prevent the greenhouse effect. The administration will try to increase the amount of green in and around housing areas, while preserving existing green areas and farm land as much as possible.

Yamato shall go on building a city which keeps the environment as it should be. It will do all it can to live up to the realization of a "Creative Healthy City" as it reduces environmental burdens and treasures the city's green.



Sub-target

4-1

To lighten the environmental load.

'The expected results' of aiming at this target.>

Promote the following projects or services.

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| 1 | Garbage reduction and re-use of materials are on the way. | Project of garbage decrease, Project of recyclable garbage collection by type, Project of turning ashes into use, Project of trash collection |
| 2 | The cleanliness of river water has been observed. | Project of improvement of the junctures (sewage works), Clerical duties for maintenance of sewage pipe, Project of reconstruction & renewal of sewage works |
| 3 | Threats to safe living have been improved. | Research project for environmental pollution, Project of education for environmental pollution and guidance about it |
| 4 | People are cautious of environmental issues. | Project of education to raise concern about environment, Project of promoting electric automobiles |
| 5 | People keep their living environment waste-free. | Project of no smoking on the street, Project of preventive measures against illegal garbage dump |

Sub-target

4-2

To make a greener city.

'The expected results' of aiming at this target.>

Promote the following projects or services.

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| 1 | The 'Expanding green' effort is in progress while green areas are well taken care of. | Project of forest conservation, Project of large-scale maintenance of forest, Project of supporting to promote tree planting |
| 2 | Farm land in and around living quarters is well attended. | Project of enforcing bases of agricultural management, Project of supporting city people's farms |



Basic target

5

The city with a living space attractive to its people.

Enhanced convenience and comfort are a must for citizens to engage in positive life and activity. Yamato shall plan the city layout and traffic network systematically, prepare spacious places like parks in residential areas to relieve feelings of congestions and increase appealing city features. Consequently, the city's attractiveness will be increased so that people feel attached to the city and have pride and confidence living in Yamato.

Yamato shall step up to make the city suitable for living giving thought to universally accepted, common-sense design. In consequence, all people including the aged and the handicapped too, may come to live in or leave the city without trouble.

Adopting the "Creative Healthy City" as its slogan, Yamato shall make its city-space attractive by taking advantage of Yamato's natural characteristics.



Sub-target

5-1

To build the foundation for a pleasant city.

‘The expected results’ of aiming at this target.>

Promote the following projects or services.

1 The central part of the city is being systematically in line with the city plan.

Project of land readjustment in Shibuya (southern part), Project of supporting land readjustment

2 Residents can use streets and parks without concern.

Project of maintenance and control of road equipments, Project of repaving and repairing roads, Project of maintenance and control of parks, Project of maintenance of *Yutori-no-mori*

3 The layout of the city is suitable.

Project of promoting better view creation, Project of utilization of land in designated areas, Clerical duties for construction confirmation

Sub-target

5-2

To make the city easily accessible for those who come and leave.

‘The expected results’ of aiming at this target.>

Promote the following projects or services.

1 People can move around the city smoothly.

Project of community bus service, Project of local public transportation plan, Project of measures for left bicycles



Basic target

6

The city that foster a warm human spirit.

Joy in learning or creativity, feeling of refreshment or fulfillment after exercising, inspiration upon something beautiful. All these things aid relaxation and help to broaden people's minds.

All Yamato citizens, including children shouldering the next generation and the elderly, are trying to gain access to life-long learning and sports, and familiarize themselves with arts and other cultural activities.

It is said that involvement as such does not merely enhance the quality of life, but is closely related to the mental and physical health of an individual.

Also, an energized arts and culture movement will be built upon on Yamato's history and its unique assets, which will broaden its citizens' creativity and depth of emotional experience.

Working in line with the city's motto, “*Creative Healthy City*”, Yamato shall breathe life into the movement for life-long learning, sports, art and cultural events to build a city where people are kind considerate to others.



Sub-target

6-1

To prepare places and opportunities for learning at any time.

‘The expected results’ of aiming at this target.>

Promote the following projects or services.

1 More people are involved in life-long learning.

Project of opening classes, Clerical duties for maintenance and control of Gakushu Center(learning facilities), Project of lending library materials

2 More people are engaged in sports.

Project of opening sports classes, Project of maintenance and control of athletic facilities, Project of holding athletic meetings

Sub-target

6-2

To foster Yamato’s culture.

‘The expected results’ of aiming at this target.>

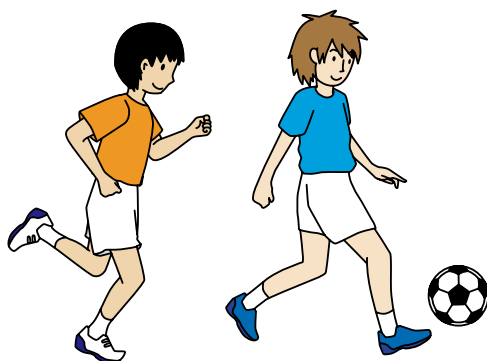
Promote the following projects or services.

1 Diversified art and culture are accessible.

Project of promoting culture and arts, Project of research and investigation for *Yamato Geijutu Bunka Hall* (tentative name)

2 Local culture is being firmly passed down.

Project of preserving cultural assets, Project of maintenance of history material museum “*Turumai-no-sato*”, Project of classifying and preserving local historical materials



Basic target

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The city which its energized by its positive citizens.

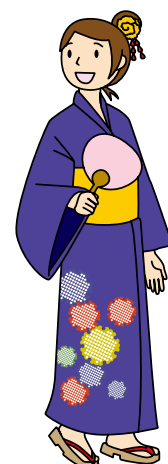
Yamato's population is subtly on the rise, however, a down-curve is predicted in the future and thus an alleviation in the city's activity is feared. In this situation, citizens' positive energy has to be rejuvenated in order to maintain and enhance its current level of activity.

It is very important for people to mutually respect each other, and positively form ideal human relations. This gives a city an uplifting power and feeds positive energy. Also, it is important to have positive communication across cultures to deepen mutual understanding with the many foreigners living in Yamato.

Energized business activity of shops and firms in the city will bring more trade traffic and hustle and bustle to the city. Promoting Yamato's attractiveness to outsiders also should improve interaction with the outside.

Further, individual participation in local and city activities, dedicating oneself to any of them, will lead to up-lifting local power.

With a "Creative Healthy City" foremost in mind, Yamato will proceed toward making an energized city where inter-personal connection has a chance to grow due to its varied local activities.



Sub-target
7-1

To build a society in which members respect each other.

‘The expected results’ of aiming at this target.>

Promote the following projects or services.

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| 1 Without discrimination, people respect each other's human rights. | Project of human right education, Project of supporting consultation concerning human rights |
| 2 Males and females work in perfect cooperation. | Project of gender equality education, Project of planning and managing gender equality |
| 3 The Coexistence of different cultures, spreads throughout a community. | Project of promoting internationalization, Project of exchange program with friend cities |

Sub-target
7-2

To encourage localities to get motivated and enliven their own area.

‘The expected results’ of aiming at this target.>

Promote the following projects or services.

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| 1 The Business activity of shops and private firms are hitting top speed. | Project of supporting management of Yamato Chamber of Commerce, Project of promoting and activating commerce, Project of financial aid for medium-and small-sized businesses |
| 2 Population working in the city increases as does the motivation of the citizens. | Project of helping young people get employed, Project of supporting Workers Service Center |
| 3 Local farm products are consumed in a sustainable way. | Project of promoting consumption of local agricultural production, Project of supporting morning fair |
| 4 An increasing number of people visit Yamato. | Project of promoting tourism, Project of supporting <i>Yamato Shimin Maturi</i> (Yamato People's Festival) |

Sub-target
7-3

To enliven communal activities for the citizens.

‘The expected results’ of aiming at this target.>

Promote the following projects or services.

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| 1 Local activity is being energized. | Project of supporting neighborhood self-government body, Project of management and control of Community Center |
| 2 More citizens and companies tend to be public minded nowadays. | Project of promoting people's activities, Project of management and control of <i>Shimin Katudo</i> Center |



The direction of administration

Recent environment of a local autonomy has worsened unexpectedly ---an uncertain outlook of the economy, a rapidly expanding senior population and dwindling numbers of children are all cause for concern. Citizens' needs tend to be diversified. In consequence, the highest level of quality in and public trust of the city administration is badly needed to effectively respond to each of these demands.

Yamato highlights three basic features to manage its administration so as to accomplish its goals:

- 1 'Administrative management for easy understanding' from the viewpoint of public interest.
- 2 'Administrative management that avails immediate response to problems' to fulfill the varied needs of the changing times.
- 3 'Well-staffed administrative management', which should originate in the work-ethic of the city personnel.



Direction

1

Administrative management for easy understanding.

Individual policies



Promote the following projects or services.

1 Administration based on mutual understanding.

Project of promoting public information, Activities of listening to people's opinions, Project of publishing *Koho Yamato* (bulletin), Clerical duties related with the Assembly

2 Target-oriented administration.

Project of processing and managing comprehensive plan, Project of promoting healthy city, Project of evaluation of administration

Direction

2

Administrative management that avails immediate response to problems.

Individual policies



Promote the following projects or services.

1 Sound fiscal management.

Clerical duties for drawing a budget, Clerical duties for administration of taxation system, Clerical duties for arrangement/administrative measures for tax nonpayment

2 The forming of organizations that meet the public requirements.

Project of promoting administrative reforms, Clerical duties for reexamination of organization/control of fixed number, Clerical duties for employing the staff personnel, Project of promoting "One Stop Service" (various services can be conducted at one place)

3 Appropriate management of public facilities and government property.

Project of maintenance and control of City Hall building, Project of management and control of general fund, Project of maintenance and control of automobiles of City Hall

Direction

3

Well-staffed administrative management.

Individual policies



Promote the following projects or services.

1 Improving staff skills.

Project of staff training, Project of supporting the staff self-education, Suggestion project from the staff

2 Effective staffing – the right person for the right position.

Clerical duties of personnel evaluation/deployment, Clerical duties for health control of the staff



Structure and completion period of the Total City Plan

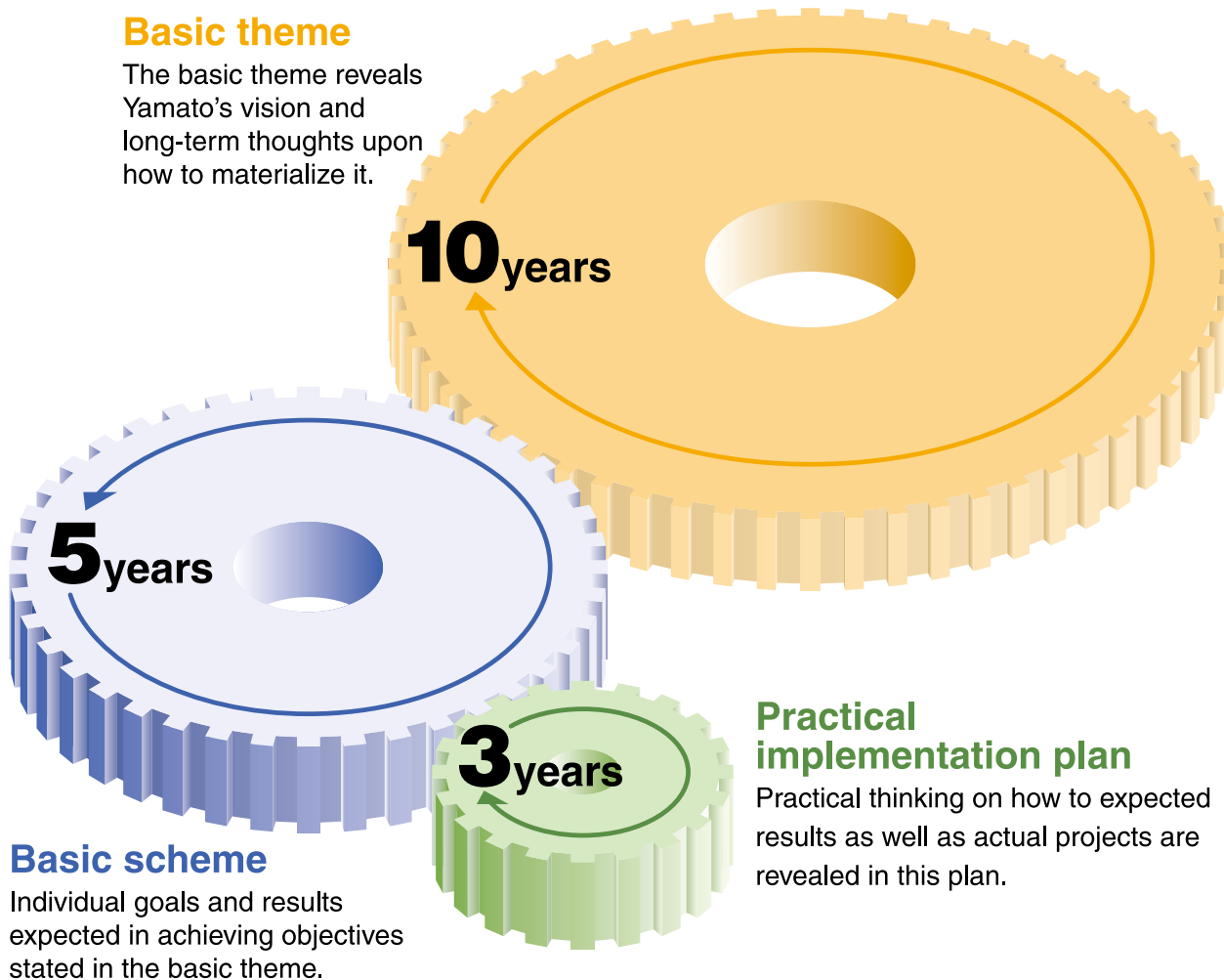
Structure of the Total City Plan

The 8th Total Municipal Plan of Yamato consists of three parts:

- 1 A Basic theme illustrating the vision of Yamato City and long-term thinking towards its realization.
- 2 A Basic scheme to indicate the direction of executing the theme.
- 3 A Practical implementation plan with actual projects thrown in.

Period for completing the Total City Plan

For the purpose of rapidly and flexibly meeting variable social needs, a practical time setting is essential. Based on this thinking, 10 years are set for the basic theme, 5 years for the basic scheme and, for the practical implementation plan 3 years. Plans will be revised every year.



Data on Yamato City

Yamato City up to now



Current town/village division system which led to what we see now came into effect with the law in 1889 after twice being adjusted. The villages (mura) of Shimotsuruma, Fukami, Kami-soyagi and Shimo-soyagi are now form the one village of Tsurumi-mura. Kami-wada, Shimo-wada, Fukuda, Chogo and Takakura became Shibuya-mura. After the separation of Tsurumi-

mura in September 1891, the new village name was adopted as Yamato-mura, bringing about the name of YAMATO.

In 1943, Yamato-mura led the town/village division system. Yamato-mura followed by Shibuya-mura the following year.

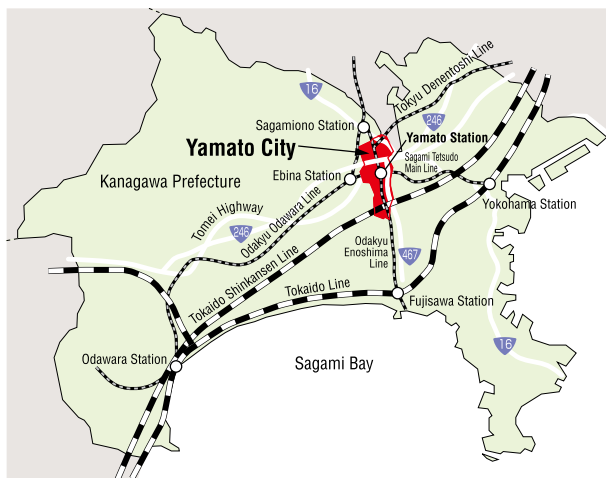
In April, 1955, Chogo and Takakura joined Fujisawa City. Fukuda, Kami-wada and Shimo-wada joined Yamato-machi in 1956. In consequence, Yamato-machi was municipalized as

Yamato City, on Feb. 1, 1959 as the 14th 'city' in Kanagawa-ken. Since the latter half of the 1960s, constructions for an area division arrangement began and as the city's population was grew, different transit were extended.

In 1992, Yamato city's population exceeded 200,000 for the first time. Yamato was recognized as an "Exceptional Treatment City" for the first time across the nation in 2000. In February 2009, Yamato is going to celebrate its 50th anniversary of its municipality. Yamato is developing as a health-oriented city.



Geographical features, locations



Yamato City is located in the middle of Kanagawa Prefecture, within a 40 kilometer radius from the heart of Tokyo. The city area is oblong shape stretching north and south with little undulation.

Traffic convenience in Yamato is superb. The Sagami Tetsudo Main Line cuts east to west through the central part of the city while the Odakyu Enoshima line runs from north and south. The national road 16, 246 and 467, as well as four prefectural roads criss-cross the city. The Yokohama-Machida interchange on Tomei Highway is not remote.

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far south latitude north 35° 25'11"
far west longitude east 139° 25'36"
far north latitude north 35° 31'02"

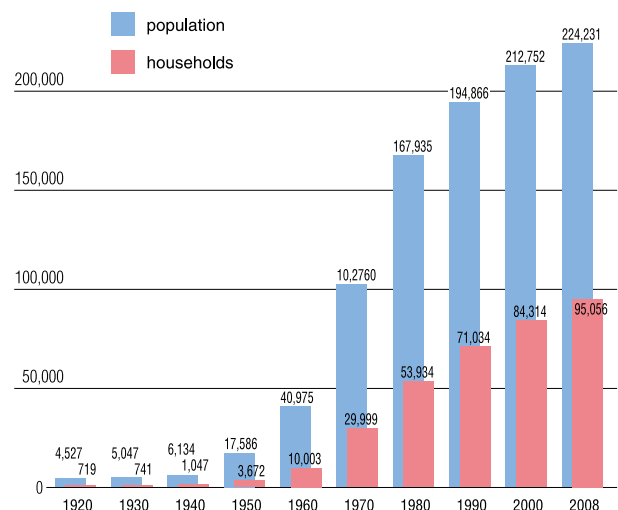
above sea-level Location of the city hall 71m
highest 90m lowest 30m
area 27.06km² east and west 3.22km north and south 9.79km

Population-households As of October 1, 2008

population: 224,231	number of households: 95,056
male: 113,136	population density: 8,286 persons per square kilometer
female: 111,095	

transition of population and the number of households

250,000 (Unit: persons)



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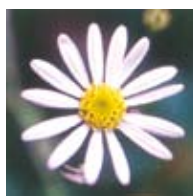
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The city's emblem
set on Nov. 3, 1953



The Japanese character for 'big' in the written name of Yamato is embodied in the design. The letter is transformed into a big bird with its wings outstretched, implying Yamato's steady anticipated growth in the future.

**The flower of the city
'nogiku' (chrysanthemum)**
set on Feb. 1, 1969



**The tree of the city
a cherry tree**
set on Feb. 1, 1969



**The bird of the city
onaga (a long-tailed fowl)**
set on Feb. 1, 1989

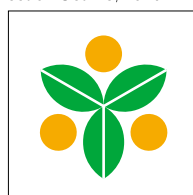


The symbolic color of the city
set on Oct. 15, 1989



Light green was selected as the city's color to characterize a fledgling young city. The symbolic color was set on the 30th anniversary of its municipality.

The symbolic mark for Welfare Day
set on Oct. 15, 1976



The 3 circles (representing nation, city and citizen) signify 'the harmony of human beings'. The young leaves symbolize individual hands. The message is 'mutual support hand in hand'.

The symbolic mark for a healthy city
set on Oct. 1, 2008



The rainbow represents the brilliance of each and every citizen. The sun symbolizes the power of the people's unity, giving strength and generosity. All illustrate the health and vitality of the city of Yamato.