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The Latter Term Basic Scheme 2014-2018

Towards the fulfillment of Creative Healthy City – Yamato



This municipality resolved to draft the 8th Comprehensive Yamato City Plan in 2009 and has been working extensively ever since. The first half of the basic scheme that this total plan is based on will be finished within the fiscal year 2013. Therefore, we have set the remaining basic work scheme for the period from 2014 to 2018.

The population ages all over Japan, and Yamato is no exception. Over 21% of the city's total residents are those who are sixty-five years of age or older while the number of children dwindle. In this situation, the citizens' needs have diversified and tasks that this city, as a local governmental body, is required to shoulder are mounting. In order for the administration to steadily offer an efficient service through financial strain and solving citizens' immediate problems, a more resourceful operation of the city is needed.

Striving towards the realization of Creative Healthy city, and to accelerate our efforts toward "human health", "city health", and "societal health", the second half of the basic scheme was drafted to be more concrete and effective. Through this plan, we will strive to cultivate Yamato so that its wholesomeness will be obvious to anyone.

To conclude this greeting, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to the members of the Comprehensive City Planning Council as well as a number of citizens who participated in conducting opinion polls, citizen's debates, and discussion meetings for their contribution to the achievement of the second-half of the Basic Scheme.

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Creative Healthy City – Yamato

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To present specific issues concerning city-planning in an easy to understand way, the Basic Scheme was re-edited into this digest version. For further details, see the Basic Scheme and its implementation plan.

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Yamato's vision of the future and three areas of health

Yamato is pursuing “Creative Healthy City – Yamato” in order to build a place 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 areas of ‘people’, ‘city’, and ‘society’.

Three areas of health

Human Health

This is the area of health that tries to increase the number of happy, positive individuals even if they are mentally or physically challenged.

In this area, ‘A city where you can enjoy a long, healthy life’ and ‘A city of lively children’ are set as mottos.

City Health

This area of health views the city as the base for its citizen's lives and activities, removes any obstacles towards a safe and comfortable lifestyle, and tries to create a satisfactory city design.

This aspect of health emphasizes ‘A city with a feeling of security and safety’, ‘A city that protects the environment’ and ‘A city of pleasant design’.

Aiming at these targets, the ‘city's health building program’ will come into session.

Societal Health

This is the area of health which builds proactive, local communities by nurturing them, with the focus on interpersonal relationships, thus prompting good human relationships of mutual respect.

In this respect, ‘A city that fosters a warm human spirit’ and ‘A city full of vitality’ are promoted as slogans in Yamato.

What does “Creative Healthy City” mean?

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

The Total City Plan Structure

The vision of the city in the future:

“Creative Healthy City – Yamato”

Human Health

Basic target 1 A city where you can enjoy a long, healthy life

- Sub-target 1-1 The citizens' mental and physical health is kept and promoted
- Sub-target 1-2 To ensure that necessary medical treatment is always available
- Sub-target 1-3 To reinforce support for the elderly and disabled
- Sub-target 1-4 To promote the structuring of the welfare system based on mutual helping hands

Basic target 2 A city of lively children

- Sub-target 2-1 To care for children's health and safety
- Sub-target 2-2 To empower children's potential to grow
- Sub-target 2-3 To provide an environment suitable to giving birth and rearing children

City Health

Basic target 3 A city with a feeling of security and safety

- Sub-target 3-1 To strengthen the capability to protect people from disasters
- Sub-target 3-2 To enhance the safety of everyday life
- Sub-target 3-3 To eradicate possible causes of injuries due to airplane accidents

Basic target 4 A city that protects the environment

- Sub-target 4-1 To act eco-friendly
- Sub-target 4-2 To keep the air and water clean
- Sub-target 4-3 To make a greener city

Basic target 5 A city of pleasant design

- Sub-target 5-1 To build the foundation for a pleasant city
- Sub-target 5-2 To make the city easily accessible

Societal Health

Basic target 6 A city that fosters a warm human spirit

- Sub-target 6-1 To prepare places and opportunities for learning at any time
- Sub-target 6-2 To enhance local sports activities
- Sub-target 6-3 To foster Yamato's culture

Basic target 7 A city full of vitality

- Sub-target 7-1 To build a society of mutual respect
- Sub-target 7-2 To build a prosperous city
- Sub-target 7-3 To enliven community activities for its citizens

The direction of the administration

Direction 1

Easy to understand administrative management

- (1) Administration based on mutual understanding
- (2) Target-oriented administration

Direction 2

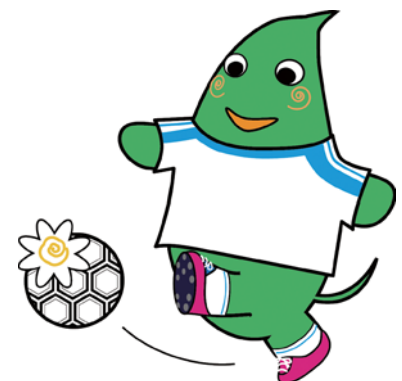
Administrative management that avails immediate response to problems

- (1) Sound fiscal management
- (2) Creating functional systems
- (3) Appropriate management of public facilities and government property

Direction 3

Well-staffed administrative management

- (1) Improving staff skills
- (2) Staff arrangement that inspires self-motivation



Yamato's event character mascot YAMATON

A city where you can enjoy a long, healthy life

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 changes in their diet and environment. 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 support programs 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 systems in times of difficulty and can rely on public services whenever necessary.

Yamato is focused on city-building to turn its goal of a “Creative Healthy City” into reality.



Sub-target 1-1 The citizens' mental and physical health is kept and promoted

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| <p>The expected results</p> <p>1</p> | <p>Each citizen engages in obtaining a healthy mind and body.</p> | ▶ | <p>Projects to promote healthy lifestyles, health consultation and educational projects, diet improvement projects, health screening projects, etc.</p> |
| <p>The expected results</p> <p>2</p> | <p>An overall system is completed to promote and maintain physical and mental health.</p> | ▶ | <p>Preventive inoculation projects, infection prevention projects, suicide prevention projects, etc.</p> |

Sub-target 1-2 To ensure that necessary medical treatment is always available

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| <p>The expected results</p> <p>1</p> | <p>Medical care is in place any time for those in need.</p> | ▶ | <p>Projects to operate emergency clinics for holiday and night treatment, projects for utilizing emergency medical care information, etc.</p> |
| <p>The expected results</p> <p>2</p> | <p>The municipal hospital takes on its role as the center of the local medical system.</p> | ▶ | <p>Project to operate the municipal hospital.</p> |

Sub-target 1-3 To reinforce support for the elderly and disabled

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| <p>The expected results</p> <p>1</p> | <p>The elderly are in good health.</p> | ▶ | <p>Project of comprehensive consultation and support for the elderly in the local community, projects protecting senior citizens from incipient senile weakness, projects for elderly care, etc.</p> |
| <p>The expected results</p> <p>2</p> | <p>Day-care or other services for the elderly are available.</p> | ▶ | <p>Work for assigning elderly-care insurance companies and instruction giving, projects to assist building elderly-welfare institutes, projects assessing care-requirement ratings on elderly-care, etc.</p> |
| <p>The expected results</p> <p>3</p> | <p>Physically or mentally challenged individuals can manage their own affairs in daily life.</p> | ▶ | <p>Projects helping disabled citizens live in facilities available in the community, financial assistance projects for disabled citizens using commuting facilities, project to assist in-home seriously disabled citizens, etc.</p> |

Sub-target 1-4 To promote the structuring of the welfare system based on mutual helping hands

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| <p>The expected results</p> <p>1</p> | <p>The system is established so that local communities can help each other.</p> | ▶ | <p>Projects for supporting activities of social welfare and child welfare commissioners, projects for supporting management of social welfare committees, etc.</p> |
| <p>The expected results</p> <p>2</p> | <p>Social security systems are well controlled.</p> | ▶ | <p>Projects related to insurance benefit (National Insurance), specific health screening projects, work related to living-on-welfare, etc.</p> |



A city of lively children

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

As nuclear families became dominant and weakened communication within society becomes more obvious, weakening child raising skills at home has been pointed out as a problem.

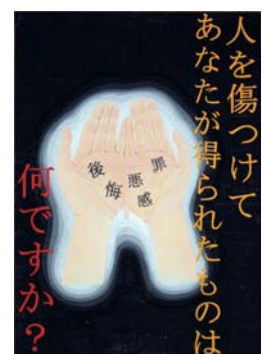
It is important to remember that not only the family, but the whole community must be involved in promoting children's health and welfare to help support their sound growth.

A decrease in opportunities for practical experience or exposure to nature has lowered children's vitality.

Yamato is going to provide children with education to widen their abilities, and also their opportunities to have practical experiences with parents, schools, and their community. 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 goals 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 a variety of forms.

In the realization of a Creative Healthy City, Yamato will extend its strategy to meticulously meet the children's needs so that they can be healthy and active.



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

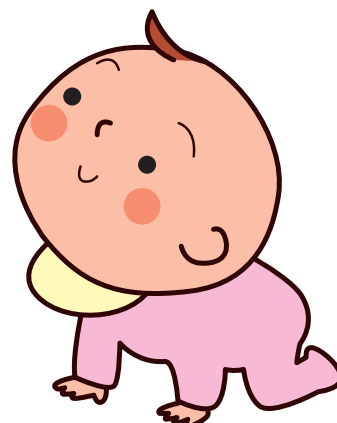
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| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>1</p> | <p>Children's emotional and physical health are cared for.</p> | <p>Health screenings for pregnant women, preventive inoculation, food-health promotion concerning school lunches, etc.</p> |
| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>Protecting children's human rights and the safety of their living conditions.</p> | <p>Projects aimed towards coping with juvenile problems and instruction-giving on the street, projects to improve the safety of school children, etc.</p> |

Sub-target 2-2 To empower children's potential to grow

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| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>1</p> | <p>Children learn with their goals and dreams in mind.</p> | <p>Projects to prompt library education at elementary and middle schools, projects to promote educational activities at local elementary and middle schools, etc.</p> |
| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>School attendance problems and bullying cases are declining.</p> | <p>Projects to counter bullying and non-attendance, projects to help bring non-attending children back to school, etc.</p> |
| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>Children's education is provided in accordance with their personality and abilities.</p> | <p>Maintenance of school computers, promoting special assistance for educational advancement, promoting the education of children of foreign nationals, etc.</p> |
| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>Children grow up experiencing many things.</p> | <p>Management/operation of after school classes, supporting hands on activities, raising juveniles, etc.</p> |

Sub-target 2-3 To provide an environment suitable to giving birth and rearing children

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| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>1</p> | <p>Parents take care of their babies with peace of mind.</p> | <p>Projects to financially assist patients suffering from sterility and recurrent miscarriages, projects to financially aid infantile medical care costs, projects to run assistance centers for child rearing, etc.</p> |
| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>Parents can work while raising their babies.</p> | <p>Projects for infantile nursery care, management assistance projects for approved private infantile nurseries, projects for nursing sick children, projects for after school children's club, etc.</p> |



A 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, effective strategies to reduce disruptions in city life, like crimes, traffic accidents, consumer troubles, and many others should be employed.

To cope with unpredictable natural disasters, the city government will improve buildings' anti-disaster structures, secure evacuation shelters and access roads, adopt flood/landslide control plans, etc., leading to a more carefree city. Yamato will 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 will do everything in its power to solve these problems.

Yamato will proceed in its course of action for its citizens' safety and peace, protecting the lives and assets of its residents at all times, during days of peace and disaster, with the slogan "a Creative Healthy City clearly in mind."



Sub-target 3-1 To strengthen the capability to protect people from disasters

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| <p>The expected results</p> <p>1</p> | <p>Citizens protect themselves against natural disasters.</p> | <p>Assistance projects to develop self-defense systems against disaster, assistance projects to build emergency networks for those in need of help, promotion projects to construct quake-resistant buildings, etc.</p> |
| <p>The expected results</p> <p>2</p> | <p>Arrangements for protection/mitigation against disaster are in place.</p> | <p>Emergency supply preparation projects, anti-disaster headquarters management projects, disaster prevention administration radio (permanent) maintenance projects, etc.</p> |
| <p>The expected results</p> <p>3</p> | <p>The city's emergency defense system is complete.</p> | <p>River preservation management projects, rainwater drainage system projects, road and bridge repair projects, etc.</p> |
| <p>The expected results</p> <p>4</p> | <p>The city has adequate fire-fighting capabilities.</p> | <p>Fire fighting projects, fire-fighting equipment maintenance projects, telecommunication dispatching equipment upkeep management projects, etc.</p> |

Sub-target 3-2 To enhance the safety of everyday life

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| <p>The expected results</p> <p>1</p> | <p>People live without fear of crime.</p> | <p>City security camera maintenance projects, street lamp maintenance assistance projects, local crime prevention activity promotion projects, etc.</p> |
| <p>The expected results</p> <p>2</p> | <p>People live free from fear of traffic accidents.</p> | <p>Road safety education projects, sidewalk safety enhancement projects, city-wide safety inspection projects, etc.</p> |
| <p>The expected results</p> <p>3</p> | <p>People are protected from consumer troubles.</p> | <p>Budgeted living consultation projects, consumer education projects, municipal consultation support projects, etc.</p> |

Sub-target 3-3 To eradicate possible causes of injuries due to airplane accidents

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| <p>The expected results</p> <p>1</p> | <p>Citizens can live free from injury caused by airplanes.</p> | <p>Activities of negotiation and demand concerning problems of the military base, noise measurement projects, etc.</p> |
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A city that protects the
environment

Earth's resources are limited. People have long mass-produced, mass-consumed, and mass-disposed. 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 private firm.

Yamato will enhance its efforts to lighten its 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 to prevent the green-house 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 will 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 act eco-friendly

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| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>1</p> | Carbon dioxide emission is diminishing. | ▶ Projects to spur people's environmental awareness, promotion projects for power generation by solar cells and other recycling systems, projects to encourage installation of energy saving systems in public facilities, etc. |
| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>2</p> | Garbage reduction and re-use of materials is advancing. | ▶ Garbage reduction projects, projects to assist promoting recyclable garbage collection by type, projects to make use of ash, trash collection projects, etc. |
| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>3</p> | People keep their city waste-free. | ▶ Clean Yamato City Campaign projects, projects to prevent smoking on the street, projects to prevent unlawful waste disposal, etc. |

Sub-target 4-2 To keep the air and water clean

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| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>1</p> | River water quality causes no harm. | ▶ Sewage system completion promotion projects, sewage system image improvement projects, projects to complete designated sewage pipe networks, etc. |
| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>2</p> | Threats to a safe lifestyle have been improved. | ▶ Research project for environmental pollution, project of education for environmental pollution and guidance about it, etc. |

Sub-target 4-3 To make a greener city

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| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>1</p> | The 'Expanding-green" effort is in progress while green areas are well taken care of. | ▶ Large scale green zone building project, memorial tree planting project, tree planting campaign support project, etc. |
| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>2</p> | Nearby farm land is well attended. | ▶ Farmland management project, project to manage residents' farming on rented city land, social and, friendly farm operation assistance project. |



Basic target **5** A city of pleasant design

Enhanced convenience and comfort are a must for citizens to engage in positive life and activity. Yamato will plan the city layout and traffic network systematically, prepare spacious places like parks in residential areas to relieve feelings of congestion 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 will step up to make the city suitable for living, giving thought to a 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 “Creative Healthy City” as its slogan, Yamato will 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

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| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>1</p> | <p>The central part of the city is in line with the city plan.</p> | <p>➤ #4 residential area (to the east of Yamato Station) renewal assistance project, assistance project of re-planning land demarcations, etc.</p> |
| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>The layout of the city is suitable.</p> | <p>➤ Landscape modeling project, approval work on house construction plans, assistance project for town-building in regions and street blocks, etc.</p> |
| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>Residents can use streets and parks without concern.</p> | <p>➤ Road pavement repair project, project to improve the treatment of roads, project to manage and maintain park conditions, Yutori-no-mori preparation project, etc.</p> |

Sub-target 5-2 To make the city easily accessible

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| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>1</p> | <p>Local transportation convenience is improving.</p> | <p>➤ Community bus service project, project to consider local public transportation, etc.</p> |
| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>People can ride bicycles smoothly in town.</p> | <p>➤ Project to improve the convenience of riding bicycles in town, project to deal with neglected bikes, etc.</p> |



Basic
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A city that fosters a warm human spirit

The joy in learning and creativity, the feeling of refreshment and fulfillment after exercising, the emotional response to beauty. 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 in such activities does not merely enhance the quality of life, but is closely related to the mental and physical health of an individual.

The rise in cultural and artistic interest will lead to cultural renewal, fostering citizens' creativity and insight along with Yamato's history and innate culture.

Striving for achieving the city's motto "Creative Healthy City", Yamato will foster an urban life where people have a sense of well being while indulging their passion for leisurely pursuits, such as life-long learning, sports, arts, and culture.



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

The expected results 1

More people are involved in life-long learning.

Project providing information on life-long learning and consultation on individual themes, project to arrange and conduct lecture classes, project to cultivate local culture, etc.

The expected results 2

Book lovers are increasing.

Project to motivate reading, project for lending out library books, project providing classes to train volunteer librarians, etc.

Sub-target 6-2 To enhance local sports activities

The expected results 1

More people are engaged in sports.

Project to promote local sports, project to set up sports events, project to prompt women's soccer games, etc.

Sub-target 6-3 To foster Yamato's culture

The expected results 1

Lovers of diversified culture and arts are increasing.

Culture / arts promotion project, project for increasing art appreciation, project to bring up future creative artists, etc.

The expected results 2

Local culture is being firmly passed down.

Project for classifying local historical data and their conservation, project to propagate cultural assets for public interest, project to operate the Tsurumai-no-Sato Historical Museum, etc.



Basic
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A city full of vitality

Yamato's population is subtly on the rise; however, a future downward curve is predicted, thus a decline in the city's activity is feared. In this situation, the 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 of mutual respect

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| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>1</p> | <p>Without discrimination, people respect each other's human rights.</p> | <p>▶</p> | <p>Project to educate people on human rights, assistance project on human rights consultation, project to protect women, etc.</p> |
| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>Equal social participation between men and women seems real.</p> | <p>▶</p> | <p>Project of gender equality education, project of planning and managing gender equality, etc.</p> |
| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>The coexistence of different cultures spreads throughout a community.</p> | <p>▶</p> | <p>Project for Yamato's globalization, mutual exchange programs with friendly cities overseas, project to promote making Yamato a peaceful city, etc.</p> |

Sub-target 7-2 To build a prosperous city

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| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>1</p> | <p>The business activity of shops and private firms are hitting top speed.</p> | <p>▶</p> | <p>Project to cause the city's commerce to flourish, supporting project to boost corporate activities, project to assist funding medium and small firms, etc.</p> |
| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>The population working in the city increases as does the motivation of the citizens.</p> | <p>▶</p> | <p>Assisting project to help job-hunting young workers, project to assist employment of disabled people, supporting project for managing the Laborers' Service Center, etc.</p> |
| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>Local farm products are consumed in a sustainable way.</p> | <p>▶</p> | <p>Promotion campaign for the consumption of farm products, supporting project for Shimin Asagiri-ichi (morning vegetable market). Assisting project to modernize farming, etc.</p> |
| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>An increasing number of people visit Yamato.</p> | <p>▶</p> | <p>Project of promoting tourism, project of supporting Yamato Shimin Maturi (Yamato People's Festival), etc.</p> |

Sub-target 7-3 To enliven community activities for its citizens

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| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>1</p> | <p>Local activity is being energized.</p> | <p>▶</p> | <p>Project promoting resident's association activity, supporting project to build the resident's association office, project to manage Community Center activities, etc.</p> |
| <p>The expected results</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>More citizens and companies tend to be public minded nowadays.</p> | <p>▶</p> | <p>Project of promoting people's activities, project of management and control of Shimin Katudo Center, etc.</p> |



The direction of the administration

Recently, the environment surrounding local governments has worsened unexpectedly – an uncertain economic outlook, 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 produces 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.



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Direction 1 Easy to understand administrative management

- Administration based on mutual understanding ▶ Promotion project on the city administration and other causes, project to promote administration transparency, project expediting citizens' participation in city politics, response work to the city assembly in session, etc.
- Target-oriented administration ▶ Project of processing and managing the Total plan, project of promoting a healthy city, project of evaluating the administration, etc.

Direction 2 Administrative management that avails immediate response to problems

- Sound fiscal management ▶ Budget compiling work, project to prompt strengthening one's own finances, project to increase tax-payers' convenience, etc.
- Creating functional systems ▶ Promotion project to make local government more independent, project of administrative reform acceleration, IT system promotion project, etc.
- Appropriate management of public facilities and government property ▶ Project to manage common assets in administrative activities, work to plan and operate security arrangement, etc.

Direction 3 Well-staffed administrative management

- Improving staff skills ▶ General staff training project, project to assist staff's self-development, work on staff's health care, etc.
- Staff arrangement that inspires self-motivation ▶ Work for personal assessment and management, restructuring work of strategic personnel management.



A declaration for “Yamato – a healthy city”

Health is the foundation of our daily life, and indispensable to our wellbeing. For us the citizens to enjoy active lives in our city, we need to enhance “Human Health” through sanitation, social welfare, medical care, and other means; to nurture “City Health” to assure a safe and comfortable urban environment; and to promote “Societal Health”, which is supported by warm human relationships. The City of Yamato declares that it is determined to realize its vision of a “Healthy City” through its efforts to attain healthy lives for each citizen.

1 February, 2009



The symbol for a healthy city

Structure and completion period of the Total City Plan

Structure of the Total City Plan

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

- 1 A Basic Concept illustrating the vision of Yamato City and long-term thinking towards its realization.
- 2 A Basic Scheme to indicate the direction of execution.
- 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 frame is essential. Based on this thinking, 10 years are set for the basic concept, 5 years for the basic scheme and, for the practical implementation plan, 3 years.

The plans will be revised every year.

Basic Concept

The basic concept reveals Yamato's vision and long-term thoughts upon how to materialize it.

10 years

5 years

Basic Scheme

Individual goals and results expected in achieving objectives stated in the Basic Concept.

3 years

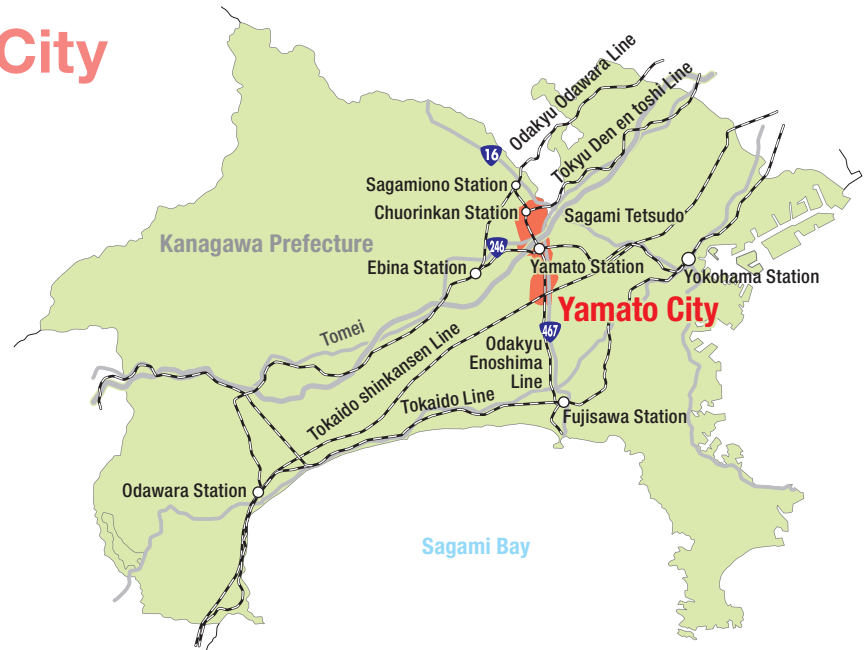
Practical Implementation Plan

Practical thinking on how to expect results as well as actual projects are revealed in this plan.

Data on Yamato City

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

Sagami railroad line runs across the city, east and west, while Odakyu Enoshima-line runs vertically, north and south. In the north, Tokyu Den-en-toshi line comes in. 8 train stations are scattered throughout the city area. The transportation network of national roads #16, #246, #467, and 4 prefectural roads criss-cross the city. On top of that, the city is located near the Yokohama-Machida Interchange on the Tomei-kosoku highway. We are blessed with a convenient transportation system.



Geographical features, locations

locations

easternmost point longitude east 139°28'50"
westernmost point longitude east 139°25'45"
southernmost point latitude north 35°25'23"
northernmost point latitude north 35°31'14"

Altitude

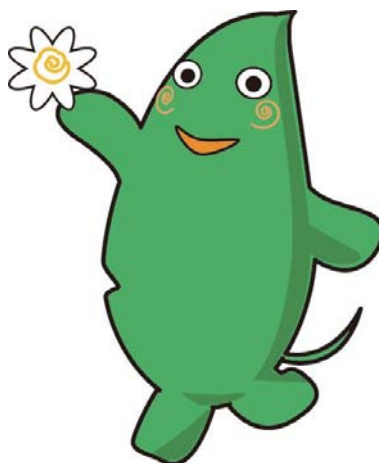
Location of the city hall 68.6m
highest point 90.8m
lowest point 28.6m

Area 27.06km² **east-west distance** 3.22km **north-south distance** 9.79km

Population · households

As of October 1, 2013

population: 231,715	number of households: 100,610
male: 116,059	population density: 8,563 people
female: 115,656	per square kilometer



Yamato's event character mascot YAMATON

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The city's emblem

established 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

set on Feb. 1, 1969

'nogiku' (chrysanthemum)



The tree of the city

set on Feb. 1, 1969

a cherry tree



The bird of the city

set on Feb. 1, 1989

onaga (a long-tailed fowl)



The symbolic color of the city

set on Oct. 15, 1989

light green

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 humanity'. 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.

