

Chapter 3

Chapter 3 Creating a Disaster-Safe City

Basic Idea

Disaster-Preventive
Living Zone

Disaster-Preventive City
Infrastructure

Disaster-Preventive
Management

Chapter 5

Chapter 5 Symbolic Projects

- ① Reconstruction plan of citizen housing
- ② Creation of a safe and comfortable city area
- ③ Creation of communities with welfare services for the 21st century
- ④ Security Networks
- ⑤ A Plan for the new city center in eastern Kobe
- ⑥ Development of a Kobe Business Start-up Zone
- ⑦ China/Asia Exchange Zone
- ⑧ Creation of Mother port of Asia for the 21st century
- ⑨ Promotion of an international and modern culture of Kobe
- ⑩ Creation of multiple transportation networks
- ⑪ Development of a base for next-generation telecommunication research [Promoting the KIMEC plan]
- ⑫ Development of a local disaster prevention base
- ⑬ Creation of a city with water and greenery
- ⑭ Development of a city center symbolic zone connected to the sea
- ⑮ Development of lifeline utility systems that stand strong against disasters
- ⑯ Inheritance of the experience of disaster
- ⑰ Promotion of the construction of a Museum of Disaster Science and a Complex of 20th Century Museums

Chapter 4

Chapter 4 Urban Restoration Plan

Basic Idea

City Center Restoration Plan

Eastern City Area
Restoration Plan

Western City Area
Restoration Plan

Chapter 6

Chapter 6 Toward Realization

- 1) Early normalization of citizens' lives and restoration of urban infrastructures.
- 2) Effective and efficient promotion of restoration projects.
- 3) Proceeding with improvement of administrative and fiscal organizations
- 4) Strong assistance from the central government and regional cooperation.
- 5) Deregulation and positive utilization of private-sector vitality.
- 6) Formation of a rich society of citizens by working together.

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Chapter 1 Basic Principles of the Restoration Plans

Focal Points of Restoration

(1) Urban Conveniences Well-balanced with Safety Precautions

The recent major disaster revealed a vulnerable aspect of city life with its many modern conveniences. To address this problem, we will make it a point to create a city that guarantees safety as well as the conveniences of urban life.

(2) Awareness of Both Benefits and Hazards of Nature

Surrounded by the sea and mountains, Kobe has enjoyed many benefits from its natural environment, but at the same time we must remember that nature is not always kind to us. As a matter of fact, the city has experienced a number of natural disasters, including, of course, the recent big earthquake. So we will always keep in mind both the benefits and hazards of nature when we plan our city development. We will also study the city's capacity so as to minimize the stress placed on the environment and to build a city that ensures sustainable development.

(3) Human-to-human Contact and Interchange

Amid the devastation in the aftermath of the big quake, our people stayed calm and helped each other to overcome difficulties resulting from the disaster. We were also greatly encouraged by the support of many groups of volunteer workers, Japanese and otherwise. Our people's civil attitude and the "warmth and kindness" of people who came to help us has convinced us once again that endeavors to develop our community should focus on the well-being of our citizens.

Basic Themes of Restoration

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| ① Return the local people's daily lives and the city's infrastructure back to normal as quickly as possible to facilitate fuller-scale restoration work. | ⑦ Rebuild the Port of Kobe quickly so that it can function as a "mother port" in Asia. |
| ② Make the best of the lessons learned from the recent earthquake in order to build a disaster-proof city. | ⑧ Build a society where information networks play an important role. |
| ③ Build a welfare society that ensures secure and comfortable lives for all who live in it. | ⑨ Work together to create our communities. |
| ④ Revitalize the Kobe culture characterized by diversity and open-mindedness. | ⑩ Support volunteer activities and facilitate the network of cooperation among volunteer groups scattered over a broad area. |
| ⑤ Create a city that ensures environmentally-friendly, sustainable development. | ⑪ Hand down for posterity the lessons learned from the natural disasters that hit Kobe and contribute our know-how to global disaster prevention efforts. |
| ⑥ Revive and rebuild a cosmopolitan city that leads the world in the 21st century. | |

Goals of the Community Restoration Plan

Our restoration plan is designed not only to restore the city to its former state but also to further develop it into a safer, more comfortable, more bustling, and more attractive place by making the best of what we experienced and learned from the recent big quake. In doing so, we are proceeding with reconstruction so that it contributes to the promotion of the "Urban Resort City Development Project".

Goals of the Community Restoration Plan

- Create a community where people can live, work, relax and get together with a sense of security
- Create a community full of creativity and vitality
- Create a community with its own unique features and appeal
- Create a community by working together

