



KITAKATA SISTER CITY ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

February 21, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Wilsonville Parks and Recreation Admin Office

PARTICIPANTS MAY ATTEND THE MEETING AT:

Wilsonville Parks and Rec Admin Office, 29600 SW Park Place, Wilsonville, Oregon

TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY OR PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:

Register with Erica Behler:

Behler@ci.wilsonville.or.us or 503-570-1525

Individuals may submit comments by 12:00 PM on the day before the meeting date via email to the address above, or may mail written comments to:

Erica Behler- Wilsonville City Hall

29799 SW Town Center Loop East, Wilsonville, OR 97070

CALL TO ORDER [6:00 PM]

1. Roll Call

Mike Bohlen- Member

Karen Kreitzer- Member

Jenelle Reid - Member

Aaron Reyna - Member

Sammy Scarpone- Vice Chair

Adrienne Scritsmier - Chair

Seiji Shiratori - Member

Ashleigh Sumerlin - Member

Masaru Yatabe- Member

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approval of 01.10.24 Minutes (Needs Motion)

CITIZEN INPUT [6:05 PM]

FUNDRAISING / BUDGET [6:10 PM]

TRIP OVERVIEW AND DEBRIEF [6:15 PM]

3. [What We Learned](#)
4. Changes Moving Forward

2024 GOAL SETTING [6:45 PM]

5. Come prepared with three goals/ideas you have for the board moving forward to our March Mtg.
6. Kitakata Sister City Board as City Standing Committee

BOARD COMMENTS [7:00 PM]

7. Cherry Blossom Viewing Event (Adrienne)

ADJOURN [7:15 PM]

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 6:00 PM

Time frames for agenda items are not time certain (i.e. agenda items may be considered earlier than indicated). The City will endeavor to provide the following services, without cost, if requested at least 48 hours prior to the meeting by contacting Erica Behler, Recreation Coordinator at 503-570-1525 or Behler@ci.wilsonville.or.us or: assistive listening devices (ALD), sign language interpreter, and/or bilingual interpreter. Those who need accessibility assistance can contact the City by phone through the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY/Voice communication.

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Overview of Kitakata City

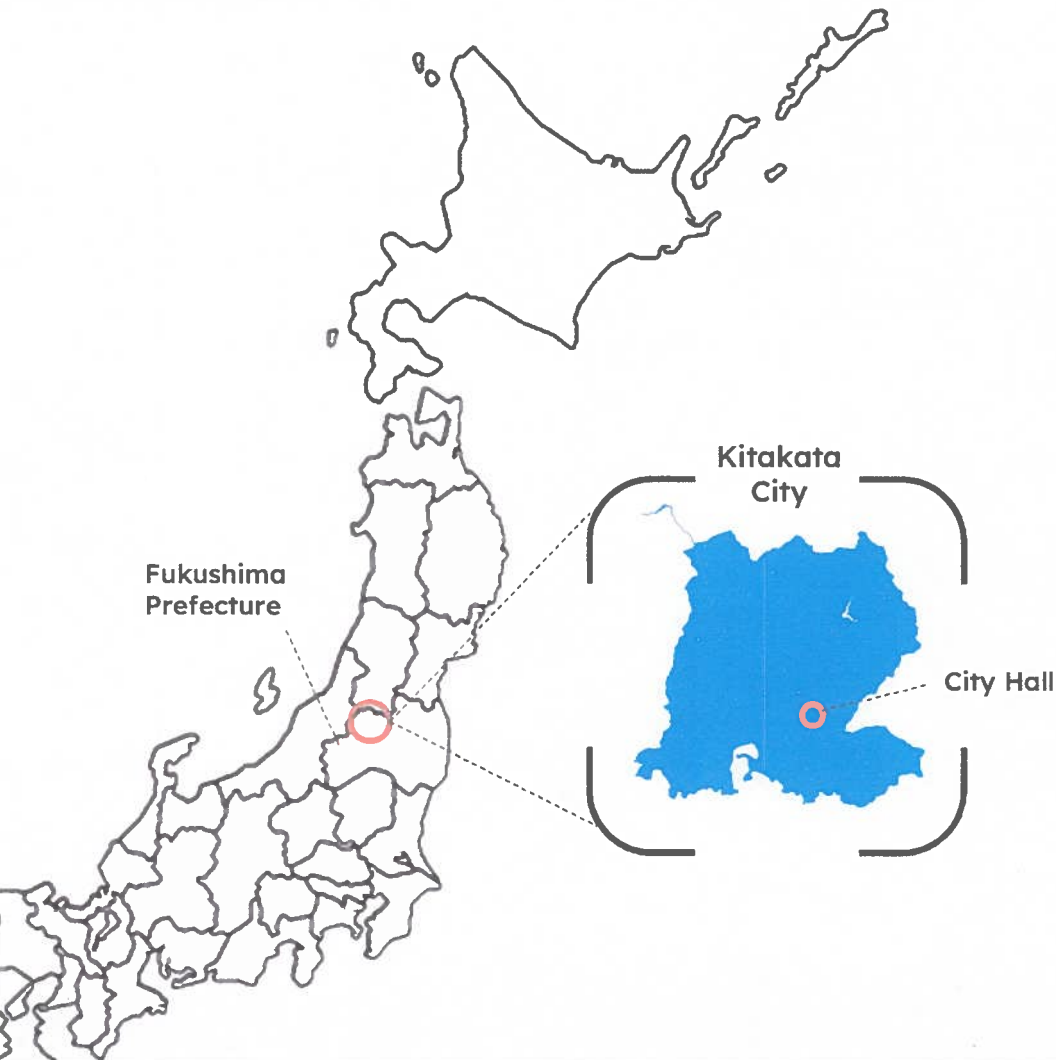
Materials for Learning about Kitakata City's Municipal
Administration

2024.2.5
Presented by
Kitakata City Hall
Planning and Coordination Division

Geographical Location and Basic Information



Map



Area

554.63 km² ≒ 136,896 acre

Population

approx. **44,000**

Climate

avg.temp. **11.4** °C ≒ 52.5 °F

precip. **1,562** mm

Local traditions and distinctive culture deeply rooted in the region

Traditional

“ Kura ”



As a building that evokes nostalgia and a sense of longing, it creates a unique landscape. Not only used for storage, but also for a wide range of purposes such as shops, residences, and workplaces, it is characterized by its versatility.

“ Matsuri ”



The summer festival is a one of traditional event in Kitakata. Featuring lively dances to festival music, spirited drum performances, and grand fireworks synchronized to the festival atmosphere, there are plenty of highlights that attract many visitors every year.

“ Flower ”



In spring, 1,000 weeping cherry blossom trees bloom along a stretch of about 3 kilometers, boasting one of the largest cherry blossom avenues in the country. In May, 3.5 million rape blossoms also bloom, and during summer, 2.5 million sunflowers proudly display their vibrant colors.

Culture

“ Ramen ”



Kitakata Ramen is widely renowned across the country. Its distinctive feature is the use of noodles made with high water content, using underground water sourced from melting snow. The popular appeal lies in the harmonious combination of the texture of these noodles and the lightness of the broth.

“ Soba ”



Flavorful soba made using buckwheat flour cultivated in pristine water and a climate with significant temperature variations. Within the city, there are 7 soba-making groups, each with unique characteristics and a passionate spirit.

“ Nihonshu ”

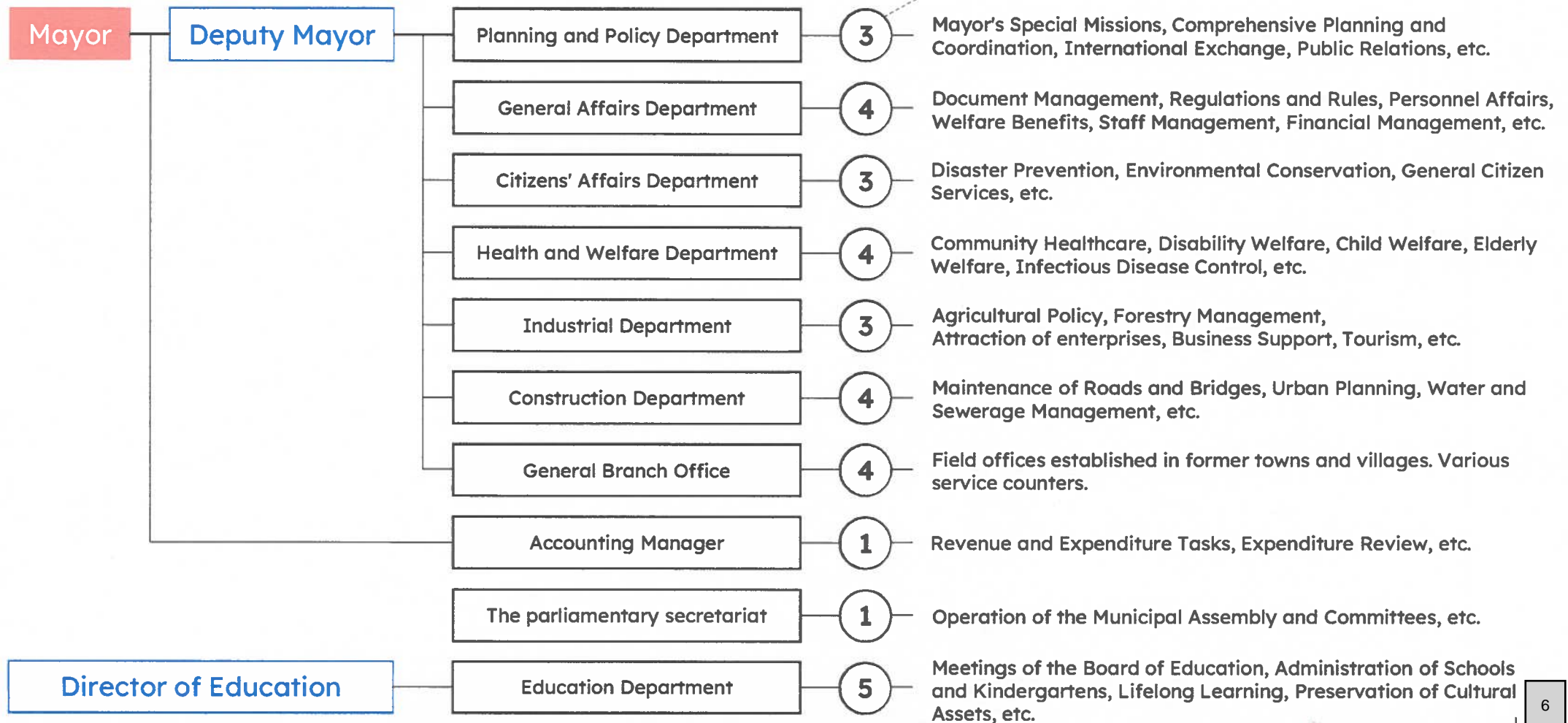


Sake made with the abundant use of high-quality spring water, known for its softness. Kitakata City has garnered numerous awards in national new sake competitions and international contests. The abundant water, rice, and craftsmanship have contributed to the cultural development of Kitakata City.

Organization structure within the city hall and the Roles of each organization

The number of divisions within a department

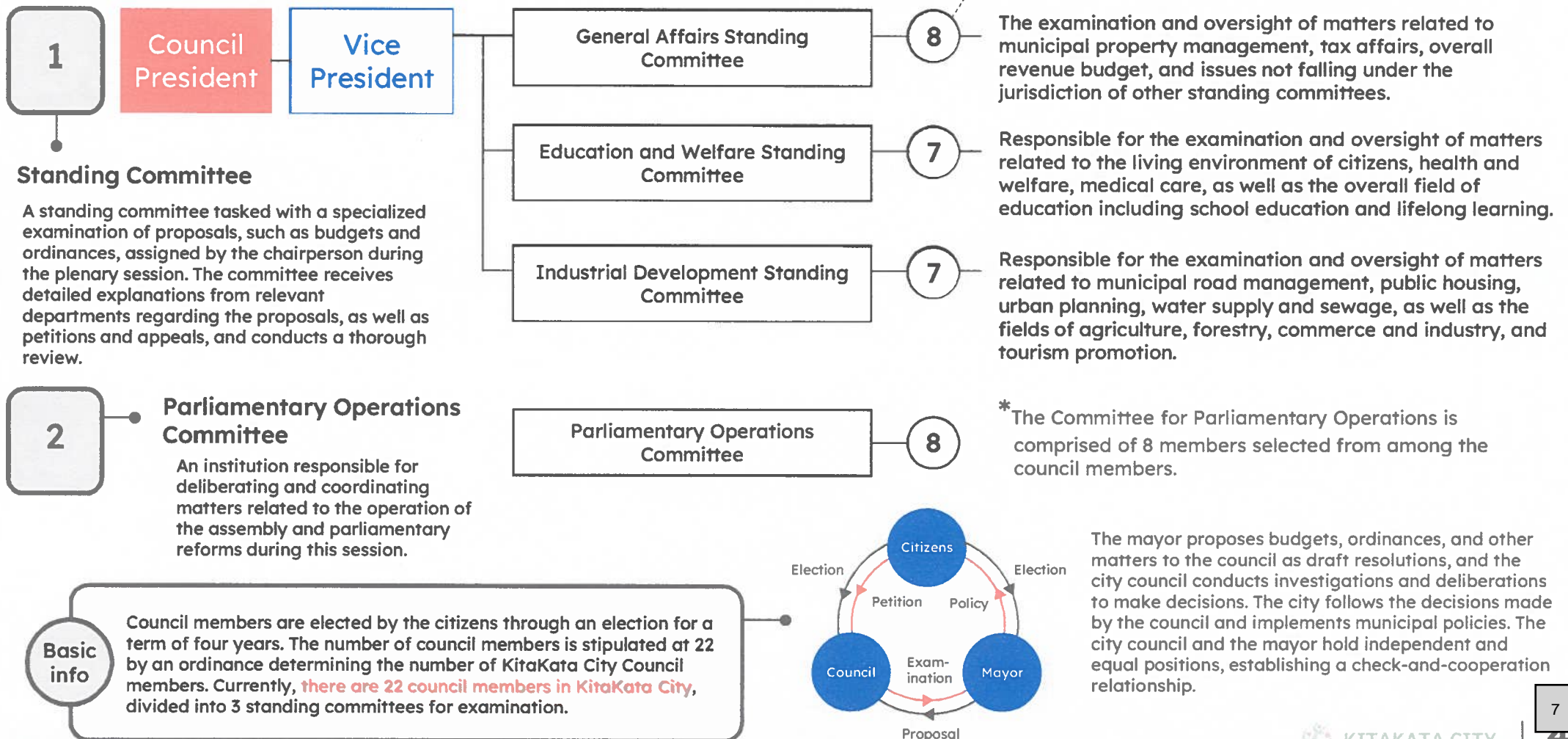
Organizational chart



The Composition of the City Council and the Roles of Committees

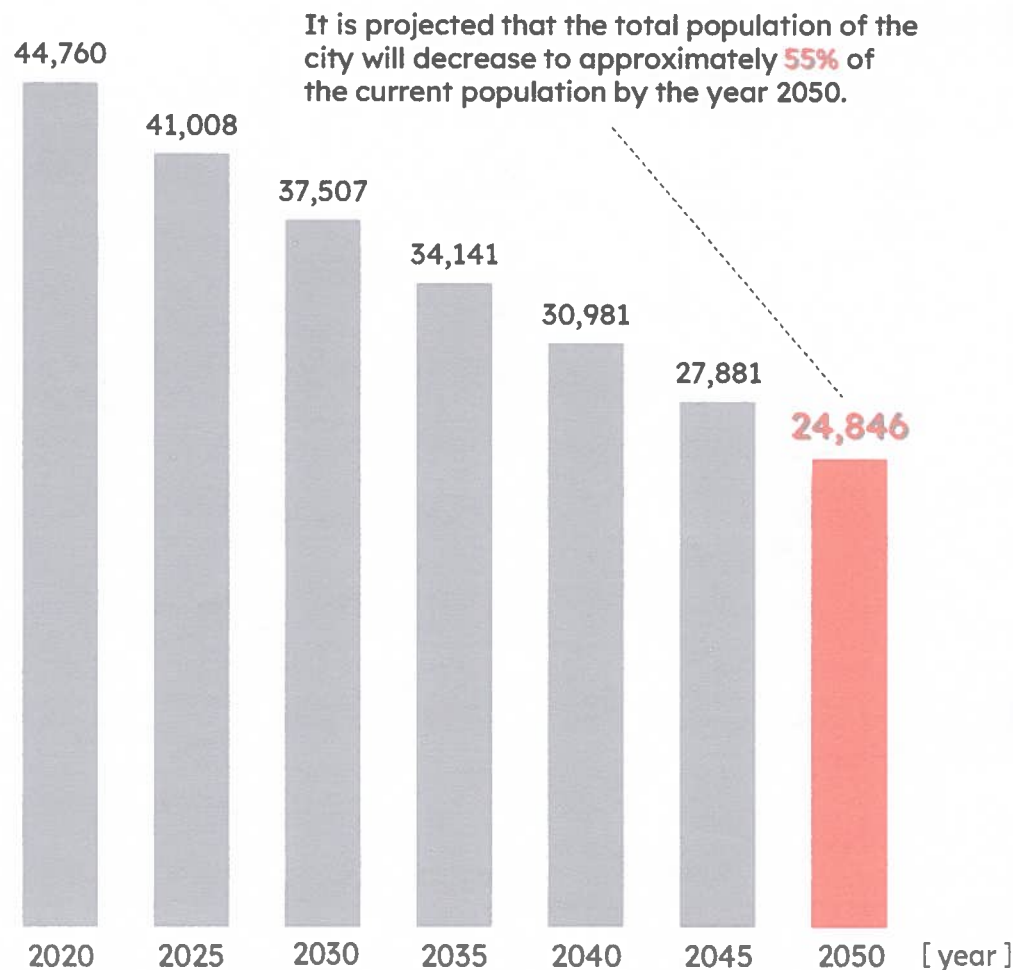
The number of members belonging to the committee

Organizational chart



The population decline issue

Total Population (Estimate)



Background factors

1

Escalation of the Declining Birthrate Issue

1 Delaying marriage and increasing rates of remaining unmarried

Since the 1980s, the unmarried rate among women aged 30 and above in the country has been increasing, leading to a trend of both late marriage and rising unmarried rates.

2 Women's societal advancement and diversification of values

In 1985, a law was enacted to equalize employment opportunities for men and women, leading to the increased societal participation of women. However, the challenges of balancing parenting and work may impact the choice to have children.

Additionally, the variety of pleasures and the convenience of single living may contribute to a shift in values regarding marriage and family.

2

Outflow of the labor force to urban areas

Currently, approximately 30% of the total population of Japan resides in the Tokyo metropolitan area. The migration to urban areas, predominantly by young individuals motivated by employment opportunities, is evident. However, improving employment conditions in rural areas remains a challenging task given the current situation.

Logo



Key Policies_ Construction of a complex facility

Overview

“ AIDEMI KITAKATA ”

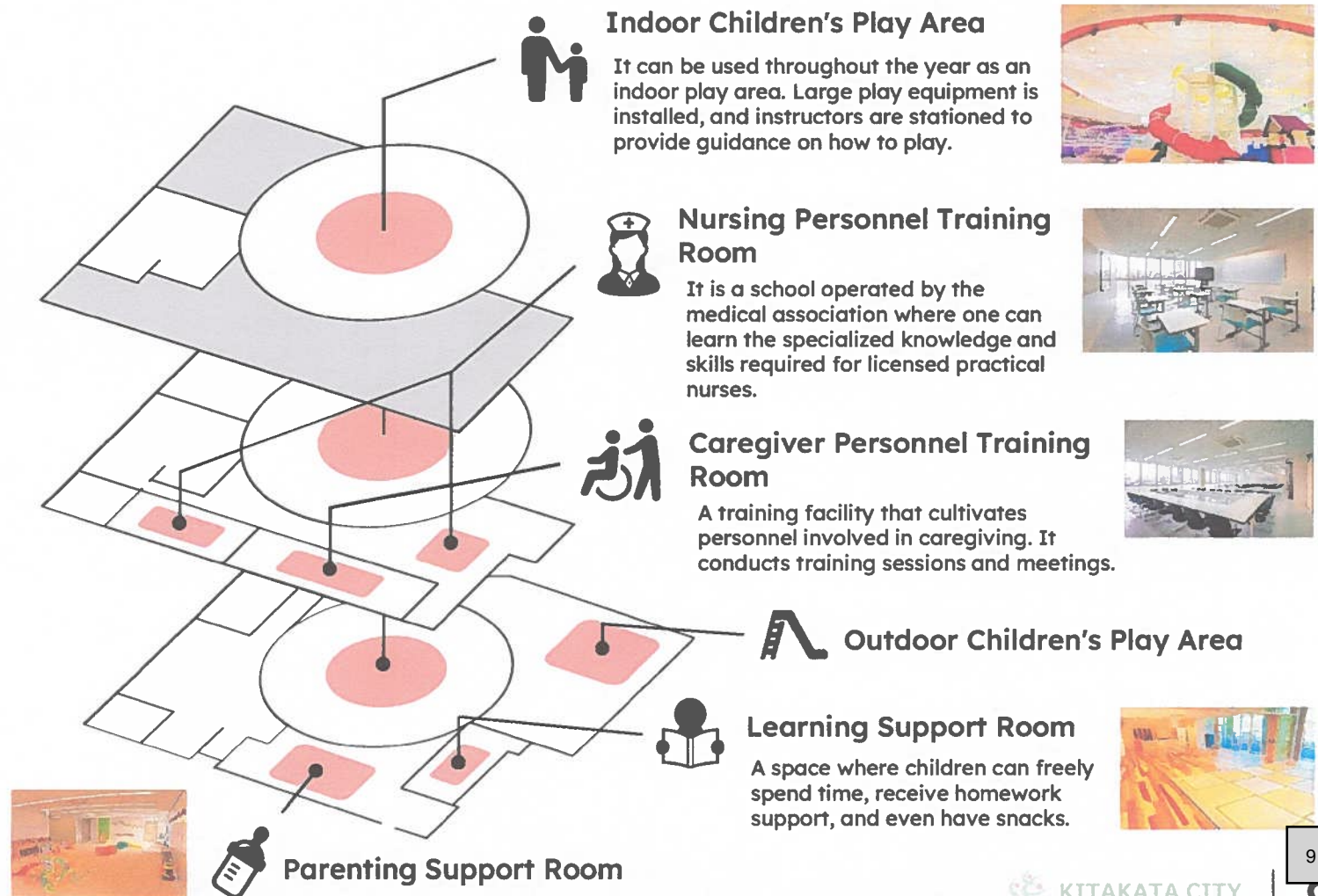


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This facility was constructed with the concept of serving as a hub for diverse interactions and vibrancy, not only for citizens but also for residents of neighboring towns and villages, as well as visitors to the city, spanning from children to the elderly. The aim is **to create a space where a multitude of people can engage in various interactions and activities.**

Inside the facility, there are children's play areas and childcare support center, making it a symbol of childcare support in the city. Additionally, the facility has a training room for nursing and caregiving personnel, playing a role in supporting local healthcare and care services.




Facility Guide



Business Meeting

 <p>SAKE</p>	 <p>RAMEN</p>	
<p>Hiroyuki Karahashi Homare Sake Brewery Co., Ltd. President</p> 	<p>Takashi Yamada Mediateshiokawa LLC. President</p> <p>Ramen Restaurant "Shiokawa-ya"</p> 	<p>Ayumi Igarashi Igarashi Seimen Co., Ltd. Executive Managing Director</p> 

 <p>LACQUERWARE</p>	 <p>SAKE</p>	 <p>HAZELNUTS</p>
<p>Takeo Kitami Kitami Hachirobei Store Co., Ltd. President</p> 	<p>Yujiro Iwata Sasamasamune Sake Brewery Co., Ltd. President</p> 	<p>Masaki Jimbo Oregon Hazelnuts Farms LLC. President</p> 

 <p>RAMEN</p>	 <p>PEANUTS</p>
<p>Akira Nakahara Menshoku Co., Ltd. Chairman</p> 	<p>Kentaro Matsuzaki APJ Co., Ltd. President</p> 

Aizu Kitakata International Association (AKIA)

Aizu Kitakata Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AKCCI)

			
Tomijiro Sato AKIA President AKCCI President <u>Kawakyo Co., Ltd.</u>	Atsushi Igarashi AKIA Vice President AKCCI Vice President <u>Wastec Co., Ltd.</u>	Koichi Hoshi AKIA Vice President AKCCI Vice President <u>Hoshi Store General Partnership</u>	Hideyo Isobe AKIA Vice President AKCCI Vice President <u>Aizu Electric Power Co., Ltd.</u>

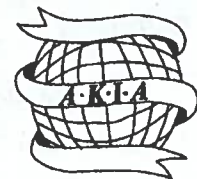
			
Jiro Sato AKIA Board Member Sister City Chairman	Hiroyuki Karahashi AKIA Board Member Sister City Vice Chairman	Eiki Shoji AKIA Board Member Sister City Member	Kayoko Yamaguchi AKIA Board Member Sister City Member

			
Mayumi Sato AKIA Auditor AKCCI Executive Director	Keiko Hori AKIA Secretary General	Megumi Dote AKIA Staff	Chiharu Igarashi AKIA Coordinator

	
Michael Yamaguchi Interpreter	Kene Uriu 2023 Students Delegation Leader

Volunteer Interpreter


- ☐ Fumi Hasunuma
- ☐ Takuji Tadaura
- ☐ Yoshihito Tadaura
- ☐ Rhoda Nakamura



Kitakata City

		
Chuichi Endo Mayor	Mitsuharu Ueno Deputy Mayor	Masato Sagawa Board of Education Superintendent of Education

City Council

		
Tokio Kobayashi City Council President	Riichiro Ueno City Council Vice President	Tsutomu Iseki City Assembly Secretariat Secretary General

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-Planning & Coordination Division-

		
Koichi Ono Planning & Policy Department Executive Director	Hitoshi Hasegawa Planning & Coordination Division Director	Satoshi Saito Planning & Coordination Division Assistant Director



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-Commerce & Industry Division-

	
Kazunari Shoji Commerce & Industry Division Director	Satoshi Ueno Commerce & Industry Division Senior Officer

General Affairs Department

-Finance Division-


Yoshimitsu Nobe Property Management Office Senior Officer

Board of Education

-Lifelong Learning Division- Host Town Exchange Program 2018-2022

	
Hiroshi Sato Board of Education Lifelong Learning Division Director	Masanori Tomita Board of Education Lifelong Learning Division Senior Officer