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## Introduction

Kyoto Prefecture, a long, narrow strip of land running from north to south, has cultivated diversity in various fields including daily life, industry, culture and academics, in an environment where regional exchange, human connections, and harmony with nature have been treasured. The Prefecture also has promoted a philosophy of enterprise and autonomy, as exemplified in the creation of distinctive local features, beautiful surroundings, and unique tradition and culture, through the tireless passion and efforts of the Prefectural residents, who embody self-reliance and independence.

A variety of problems resulting from rapid changes in our times and social conditions are affecting our lives in various ways. In order to create a society in which everyone can safely grow up, learn, work and live healthily and share joy and feel happiness in their daily lives, it is paramount to have local governments that comprehend the conditions of local areas and strive to solve problems by responding to regional conditions.

As such, in order to respect human rights and the dignity of the residents, the Prefecture shall strive to promote a society in which people can connect to and support each other with a sense of compassion, and to develop active exchange and collaboration between regions by urging the prefectural residents to play the main role in utilizing the environmental and cultural assets nurtured throughout a long period.

The Prefecture shall respect the activities of municipal governments, which are closest to the residents, and promote collaboration and cooperation with them as equals. At the same time, the Prefecture shall

promote an environment in which various regional actors such as the prefectural residents and private bodies can support each other, take on public roles, and freely execute a variety of activities.

In recognition of the above, the Prefecture shall establish this ordinance, which serves as a basis for administrative management, to promote prefectural administration based on the autonomy of residents and clarify the basic ideas of prefectural management and regional development and principles of action for prefectural management, in order to share these fundamental ideas with the Prefectural residents.

## Basic Philosophy

### Article 1

The Prefecture shall implement Prefectural management and regional development based on the basic philosophy as described below (hereinafter referred to as “the Basic Philosophy”):

- (1) To realize a society in which everyone can take part as a member, mutually respect, connect, support and be compassionate of each other so that the residents may be respected as a human being;
- (2) To realize an independent society in which the voluntary activities of the residents shall be respected and therefore unique local features shall be improved; and
- (3) To realize a society in which the prefectural and municipal governments, the prefectural residents, and private bodies shall fully realize resolutions to local problems by collaborating and cooperating with one another while utilizing their roles and activities.

## Basic Principles

### Article 2

Prefectural management shall be implemented in accordance with the Basic Philosophy as well as the prefectural management principles

stipulated from Article 3 to Article 7 (hereinafter referred to as “the Basic Principles”).

#### Article 3

Prefectural management shall be initiated by the residents, who have the main role in local administration, and be implemented in order to fully understand and meet their needs.

2 Prefectural management shall be implemented so that the prerequisite conditions to utilize and optimize the mutually beneficial powers of the residents and local areas can be met.

#### Article 4

Prefectural management shall be implemented so that the direction of the Prefectural administration’s policies can be clarified in the form of a plan for the future and a basic plan etc. with the participation of the residents and be shared among the residents.

2 Prefectural management shall be implemented so that social positions and conditions of the residents and the current status of regional areas can be grasped and the residents can live safe, meaningful and hopeful lives.

3 Prefectural management shall be implemented so that administrative policies can be carried out sustainably and independently with a long-term solid financial base by executing sound financial management and effective and efficient projects.

#### Article 5

Prefectural management shall be implemented so that information on the Prefectural government can be actively provided through various media in an easy-to-understand way and shared among the residents, and transparency can be secured by fulfilling public accountability.

2 Prefectural management shall be implemented so that fair and equitable administrative procedures can be maintained and the residents' trust can be gained through full legal compliance and proper management of private information from the perspective of the residents.

#### Article 6

Prefectural management shall be implemented so that any resident can participate in activities in society in various ways at his/her individual discretion as fits his/her own position or conditions.

2 Prefectural management shall be implemented so that the residents can appropriately secure opportunities to participate in processes of policy formulation, implementation and evaluation.

3 Prefectural management shall be implemented so that activities conducted by the residents and private institutions to solve regional problems can be valued, and if necessary supported and collaborated with.

#### Article 7

Prefectural management shall be implemented so that the special provisions regarding major cities and the financial situations of other municipal administrations can be understood, and effective administrative services in response to regional administrative problems can be conveniently provided to the residents in a coordinated manner with appropriate role-sharing, full collaboration, and cooperation.

2 Prefectural management shall be implemented so that comprehensive adjustments including execution of wide-range policies to generate positive effects among the regions by utilizing unique regional features, specialized policies that utilize prefectural resources as well as policies to support balance among municipal governments can be carried out.

3 Prefectural management shall be implemented so that administrative issues transcending prefectural borders can be solved with the collaboration and cooperation of the national and local governments.

## Responsibilities of the Governor and other executive bodies

### Article 8

In accordance with the Basic Philosophy and the Basic Principles, the Governor and other executive bodies shall carry out Prefectural management in order for the residents to equally receive information on the administration and administrative services and participate in the administration's programs.

2 In accordance with the Basic Philosophy and the Basic Principles, the Governor and other executive bodies shall manage and improve systems and procedures that are necessary to administrative management.

3 In accordance with the Basic Philosophy and the Basic Principles the Governor and other executive bodies shall establish a framework that is necessary to administrative management and promote the development of officials who can respond to regional problems together with the residents and carry out administrative management.

## Relationship between the Governor and the Prefectural Assembly

### Article 9

Taking into consideration the relationship between the prefectural assembly, which is a legislative body, and the governorship, which is an executive body, the Governor shall respect the role of the assembly in administration and execute Prefectural management to improve the welfare of Prefectural residents.

## Supplementary Provisions

**This ordinance shall be effective on January 1, 2011.**