



Organization of Kansai Unity

Details of the Foundation of Kansai Unity

Purpose and Particulars of Kansai Unity's Establishment

Kansai Unity (KU) was founded on July 1, 2007. Ten prefectures, four government ordinance cities, and seven economic organizations are all members of our organization. (On July 30, 2008, Tottori prefecture was newly admitted to KU.) Kansai's economic organizations, ordinance cities, and entire prefecture exhibit respect for the region's individuality both in thought and in action. We hope to strengthen ties throughout this wide region while helping to foster the growing trend towards decentralization. Through these activities, Kansai Unity aims to help Kansai develop dramatically as a charming and vital region.

Initiatives of Kansai Unity

Decentralization of Power

Aiming to rid our region of centralized authority and over-centralization while bringing about the early realization of a decentralized society characterized by regional self-determination and self-responsibility, we have initiated explorations of a regional decentralized system.

Tourism

Adopting an effective and strategic perspective based on a firm grasp of the needs of foreign tourists, we devise ways to attract foreign sightseers to Kansai while promoting visitors from elsewhere in Japan.

Culture

Kansai Unity has sought to stimulate culture throughout Kansai through such activities as the Kansai Genki Cultural Sphere. We also participated in the related activity of creating a favorable environment for such activities, and help with the transmission of an attractive Kansai culture steeped in quality and individuality.

Environmental Issues

Global warming measures through the promotion of the Kansai Eco-Office movement, and promotion of intercourse elsewhere in Asia in the environmental field.

Disaster Prevention

Promotion of business startups through dissemination of the business continuity plan (BCP), Support for improved disaster prevention capability, Establishment and expansion of stations to facilitate people's returning home at the time of a calamity, etc.

Region Building

Promotion of greater institutional and regional activity in such areas as declining birth rate policies, held to be of particular importance in the Kansai sphere; intercourse with East Asia; and interaction between city and rural districts.

Dissemination of Information

Development of public relations operations to directly convey information about Kansai throughout Japan and to the world at large.

Members of Kansai Unity

Board Members

Chairman
Yoshihisa Akiyama

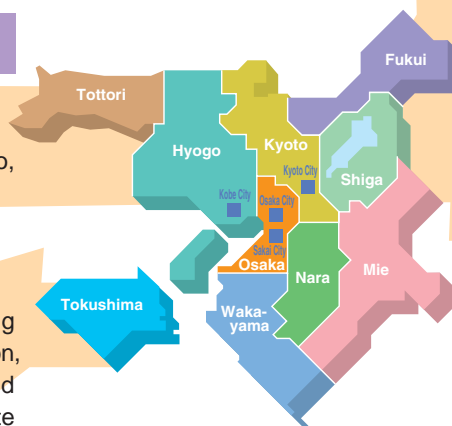
Regular Members

[Administration]

Governors of 10 Prefectures in Kansai
Fukui, Mie, Shiga, Kyoto, Osaka, Hyogo, Nara, Wakayama, Tokushima, Tottori
Mayors of 4 Cities
Kyoto, Osaka, Sakai, Kobe

[Economic sectors]

Chairmans or Presidents of following organizations, Kansai Economic Federation, Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Kansai Association of Corporate Executives, Kansai Employers' Association, Kyoto Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Kobe Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Sakai Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Tokyo

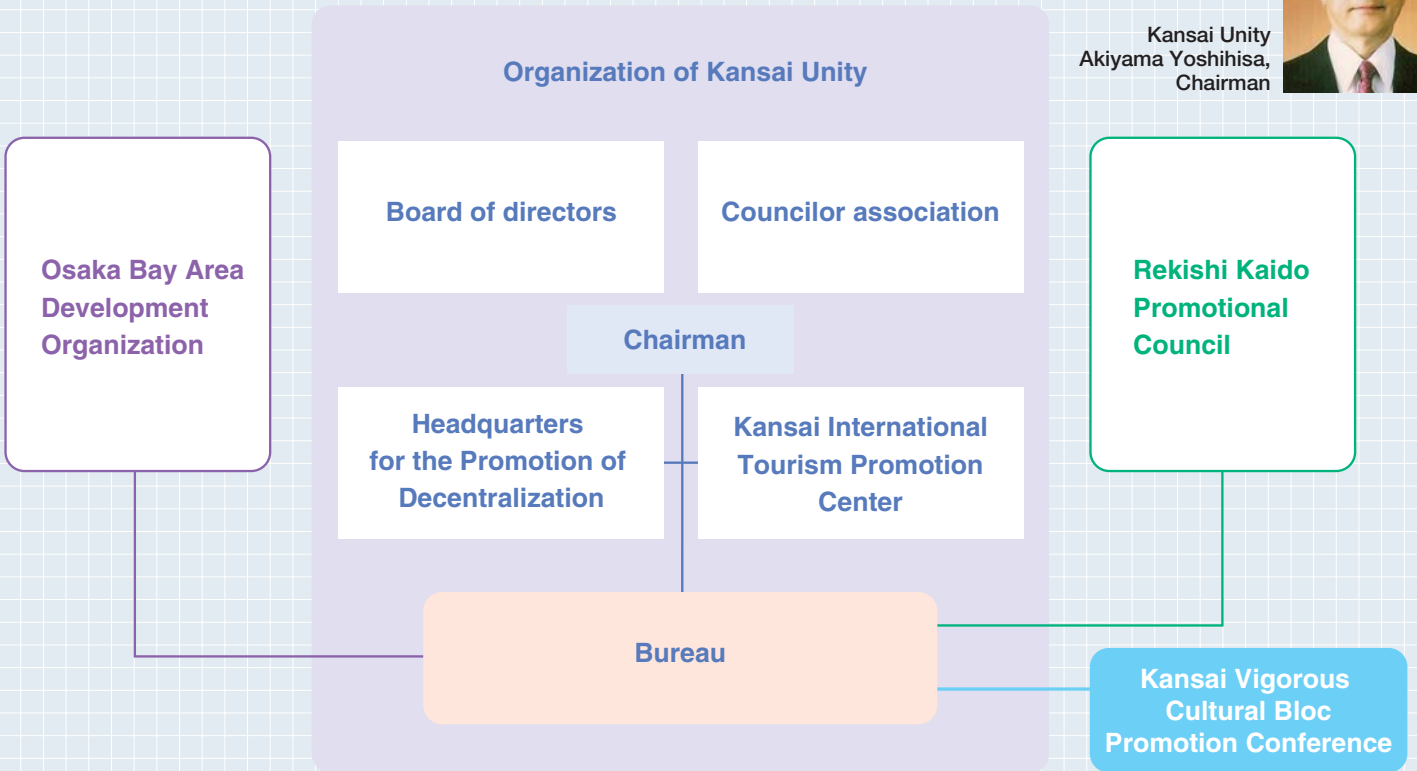
Members of Kansai Unity

Various cities, towns, villages, enterprises, universities, and economic organizations join Kansai Unity upon endorsing our objectives.

Advisors to Kansai Unity

Chairmans of 10 Prefectural Assemblies
Chairmans of 4 City Assemblies

Organizational Chart



Organization to Promote Business

Headquarters
for the Promotion of
Decentralization

In order to help with the swelling tide towards decentralization in the Kansai region, in addition to establishing a financial and political base, we foster exchanges of ideas on the important issue of decentralization reform. At the same time, we seek to establish a consensus regarding the best approach to regional governmental organizations that strive to grapple with regional issues that transcend the Kansai region. In this way, we hope to play a part in the realization of a local decentralized power system that serves to stimulate Kansai's distinct characteristics.

Kansai International
Tourism
Promotion Center

Kansai Unity strives to appreciate and firmly grasp the needs of foreign tourists who visit Kansai as a culture-economic sphere, while fostering tie-ups and cooperation with local authorities, businesses, associations, and national or other related organizations. In this way, while adopting an effective and strategic perspective on the Kansai region as a whole, we aim to promote national tourism within and without Kansai as the core of our activities to attract foreign tourists.



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