Presentation by the City of Kawasaki: “Kawasaki City’s Efforts for Collaborative Programs”

1. Overview of Kawasaki City
(1) Outline of Kawasaki City
  - The City has a population of 1,461,043 (as of Oct. 1, 2014), which is ranked 8th in Japan.
  - The City is located in the central part of the capital region, and it is just 18 minutes from Tokyo station by train.
  - The City is adjacent to Haneda Airport, and is able to serve as a node connecting Asian regions.

(2) Advanced City in terms of “industry, research and development”
  - The City has an accumulation of over 200 research and development institutes on the basis of environmental technologies which overcame pollution issues, as well as tradition of monozukuri (manufacturing).

(3) “The City of Music”, “The City of Films”
  - As a town for culture and the arts, the City boasts such facilities as the MUZA Kawasaki Symphony Hall, one of the best music halls in the world, and the Fujiko · F · Fujio Museum for the popular cartoonist.

2. Issues facing Kawasaki City
(1) Population decrease
  - It is estimated that the present population of 1.46 million will peak at 1.52 million in 2030, and then begin to decrease.

(2) Emergence of a rapidly aging society
  - It is estimated that the population of people 65 years old and over will increase by 1.4 times from 262,850 in 2013 to 368,600 in 2030.

3. Kawasaki City’s diverse acting bodies and collaborative programs
(1) Collaborations in Kawasaki City
  - Implementing collaborative programs as a means to realize quality public services.
  - Creating mechanisms to solve regional issues in cooperation with diverse acting bodies.

(2) Collaborative programs with enterprises based on comprehensive collaboration arrangements
  - 159 comprehensive collaboration arrangements have been concluded between the City of Kawasaki and enterprises, etc. (as of Sept. 1, 2014)
  - Research and study on utilization of big data and open data with Fujitsu Limited.
  - Collaboration with Daiwa House Industry Co., Ltd. in the welfare field.

(3) Collaborative programs with social enterprises, NPOs, etc. for solving regional issues
  - Job creation for livelihood subsidies recipients in collaboration with ISF Net Co., Ltd.
  - Barrier-free town development in collaboration with People Design Research Institute (NPO)
  - Assistance for creating community businesses in collaboration with Grass Kawasaki (NPO)
  - Employment assistance for people with disabilities in collaboration with a social enterprise, danway Co., Ltd.