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.