Field Plan

Minato City Community Promotion Plan (Draft)

～Promotion of Local Community, Global Community, Art and Culture Planning～

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[FY2027 to FY2030]

On the Formulation of the Minato City Community Promotion Plan (Message from the Mayor)

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Part I General Provisions

Chapter 1 Overview of the Plan

1 Background and Purpose of Formulating the Plan

Minato City will formulate MINATO Vision in FY2026 as a new comprehensive plan looking toward the future of the City. As Minato City's highest-level plan, MINATO Vision details the future vision for the 2040s and the broad direction of City administration.

This Plan is formulated taking into consideration MINATO Vision as a field plan that integrates the City's policy directions and initiatives in the three fields of community, internationalization, and culture and arts. It reorganizes initiatives previously advanced separately in the Global Community Field and Arts and Culture Field, newly positions the Community Field within the Plan, and comprehensively promotes community development initiatives while addressing the three fields cross-sectorally.

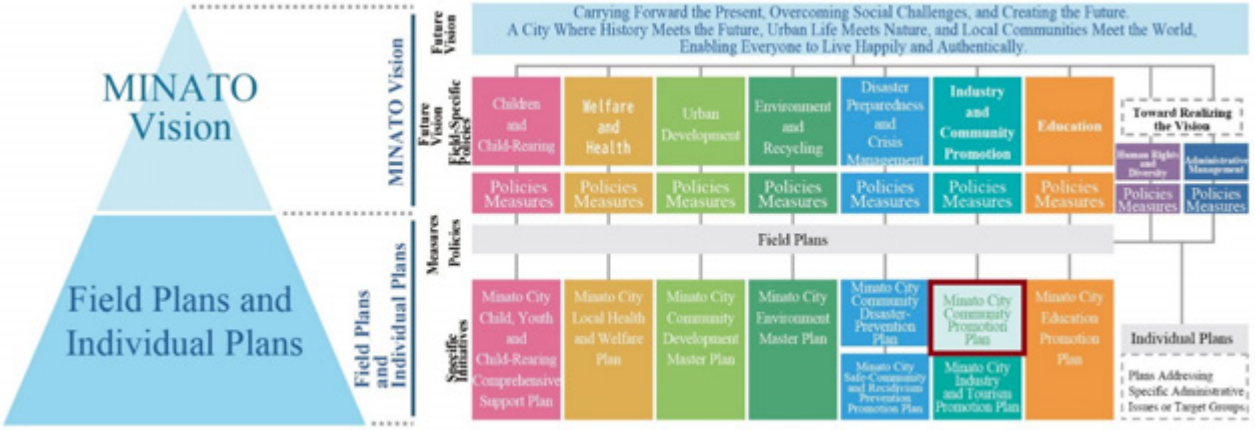
The Plan designates policies and initiatives for connecting the diverse people and stakeholders involved in the community, encouraging exchange and mutual support, in addition to enhancing the distinctive appeal and vitality of Minato City's communities.

2 Positioning of the Plan

(1) Relationship with MINATO Vision

Based on MINATO Vision, this Plan is positioned as the field plan responsible for community promotion within the Industry and Community Promotion Field.

While MINATO Vision establishes Minato City's future vision for the 2040s and the broad direction of policies and measures, this Plan presents policies and specific initiatives relating to community, internationalization, and culture and arts.



(2) Coordination with Related Plans

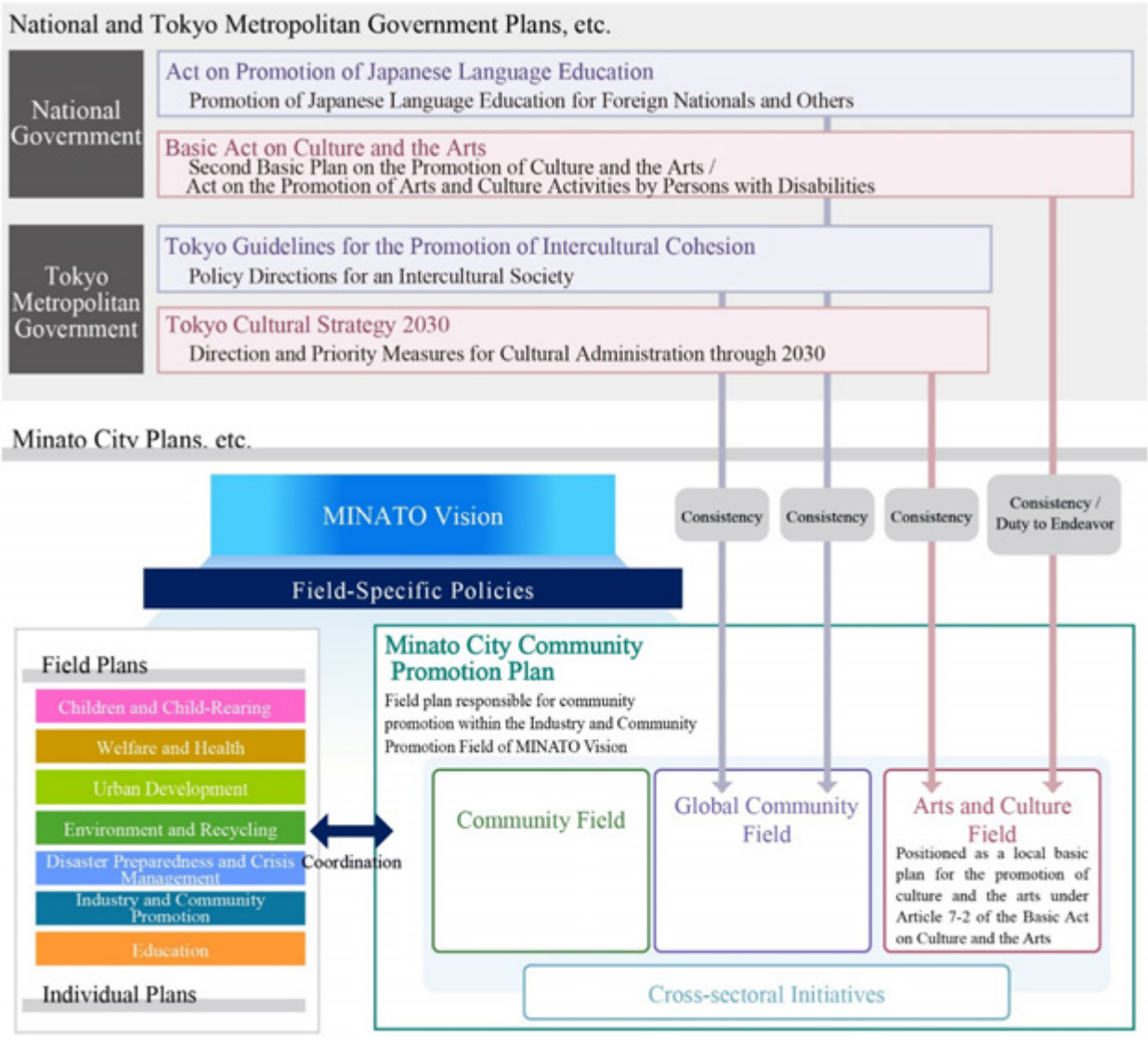
This Plan takes into account the content of the current Minato City Internationalization Master Plan and the Minato City Arts and Culture Promotion Plan, while newly adding the Community Field and organizing the three fields in an integrated manner. It also takes into account coordination with related City field plans and individual plans in areas such as industry and tourism, urban development, local health and welfare, education, disaster preparedness, and community safety, and incorporates a cross-sectoral perspective.

For the Global Community Field, the Plan will ensure consistency with the approach to promoting Japanese language education under the Act on Promotion of Japanese Language Education and with the policy directions toward realizing a society of multicultural coexistence set out in the Tokyo Guidelines for the Promotion of Intercultural Cohesion.

For the Arts and Culture Field, the Plan is positioned as a "Local Basic Plan for the Promotion of Culture and the Arts" under the Basic Act on Culture and the Arts, and the City will comprehensively promote arts and culture policies while ensuring consistency with relevant national and Tokyo Metropolitan Government plans on arts and culture.

Coordination with Related Plans

The Plan will promote initiatives in the three fields in an integrated manner while ensuring consistency and coordination with the MINATO Vision and related plans.



3 Plan Period

The Plan period is four years, from FY2027 through FY2030.



4 Formulation Process

In formulating this Plan, the Community Promotion Plan Formulation Committee, composed of academic experts and relevant City departments, considered the overall concept and structure of the Plan, the direction of each field, cross-sectoral perspectives, and other matters.

The Community Subcommittee, Internationalization Subcommittee, and Culture and Arts Subcommittee also conducted specialized discussions on the current status and challenges in each field and the direction of initiatives. Based on these discussions, perspectives common to the three fields of community, internationalization, and culture and arts were identified and reflected in the overall direction of the Plan.

Furthermore, the Plan was developed in stages, taking into account the results of various surveys and the content of related plans.

[Plan Review Structure]

Community Promotion Plan Formulation Committee

Chairpersons of the three subcommittees (one academic expert from each)
Director-level officials from relevant City departments

◀▶ **Community Subcommittee (Minato City Community Review Committee)**
Academic experts, publicly recruited residents, representatives of neighborhood and residents' associations, and representatives of community activity groups

◀▶ **Internationalization Subcommittee (Minato City Empowerment and Internationalization Promotion Advisory Conference)**
Academic experts, publicly recruited residents, embassy representatives, and representatives of cultural and international exchange organizations

◀▶ **Culture and Arts Subcommittee (Minato City Culture and Arts Review Committee)**
Academic experts and publicly recruited residents

5 Implementation and Evaluation Framework

(1) Implementation Framework

In implementing this Plan, relevant City departments will work together to advance initiatives relating to community, internationalization, and culture and arts across organizational boundaries. The City will also work with community organizations, companies, and other stakeholders to implement these initiatives.

(2) Progress Management

In implementing the Plan, the City will monitor the status of initiatives in each field and the outcomes of cross-sectoral initiatives, promoting exchange, collaboration, and cooperation while coordinating among relevant departments as necessary. The City will also use the outcomes and challenges identified to inform initiatives in subsequent fiscal years and ensure effective and steady program implementation.

Implementation and Evaluation Flow

Through coordination among relevant City departments and a cross-sectoral perspective, the City will continuously improve initiatives while monitoring their status.



Chapter 2

Social Changes to Be Considered

1 Changes in Social Conditions

In formulating the Community Promotion Plan, it is necessary to accurately understand social changes affecting communities, including changes in population structure and household composition, shortages of people to sustain community activities, increases in foreign residents, and changes in the environment surrounding arts and cultural activities.

Nationwide, the population is declining, the birthrate is falling, and the population is aging, making it a challenge to secure people to sustain community activities. Particularly in urban areas, increases in single-person households, diversification of lifestyles and values, and frequent residential mobility are changing the ways people engage with their communities and participate in community activities.

As the acceptance of foreign workers expands and long-term settlement increases, support that enables foreign residents to live safely and securely—such as Japanese language education, multilingual information dissemination, daily-life consultations, disaster preparedness, and community participation—is becoming increasingly important. At the same time, initiatives are needed to help Japanese and foreign residents understand one another’s cultures, daily life customs, and community rules in order to live together as members of the local community.

In the field of arts and culture, comprehensive promotion is required in coordination with related fields such as tourism, community development, international exchange, welfare, education, and industry. Following the impact of COVID-19, arts and cultural activities and opportunities to experience them are recovering, while the ways people participate in arts and culture and the forms these activities take are also diversifying through online distribution and the use of digital technology.

In light of these social changes, it is important not only to consider the fields of community, internationalization, and culture and arts individually, but also to address them in an integrated manner from common perspectives of connections between people, community participation, mutual understanding, exchange, collaboration, and cooperation.

2 Circumstances Surrounding Minato City

Although located in central Tokyo, Minato City has diverse urban functions, including residential, commercial, and business districts, and is home to a wide range of local resources such as historical assets, arts and cultural facilities, embassies, schools, business establishments, and shopping streets. In addition to residents, many workers, students, and visitors are active in the City every day, and the broad range of stakeholders connected with the community is a major characteristic of Minato City.

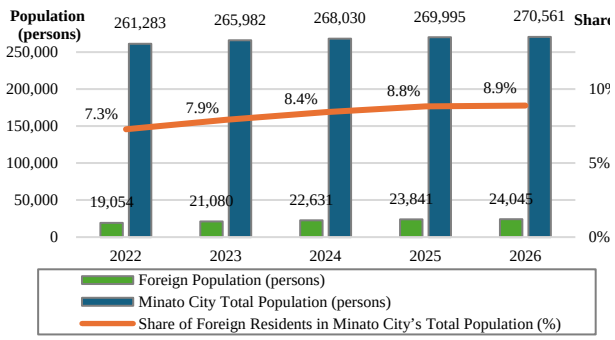
In the Community Field, a wide range of stakeholders—including neighborhood and residents' associations, shopping street associations, area management organizations, businesses, schools, NPOs, and volunteer groups—are involved in community activities and community development. Challenges include creating opportunities for people to begin participating, securing and developing people who sustain activities, supporting continuity, and creating an environment in which all stakeholders can interact and collaborate to build an inclusive community.

In the Global Community Field, Minato City is a highly international city where people from more than 130 countries and regions live and where embassies, foreign-affiliated companies, international exchange organizations, and other international resources are concentrated. To support the daily lives of foreign residents, the City is expected to enhance multilingual information dissemination and consultation support, while also expanding opportunities for Japanese and foreign residents to deepen mutual understanding through Japanese language learning and cultural exchange.

In the Arts and Culture Field, the City contains numerous theaters and halls, museums, historical buildings, historic sites, cultural properties, broadcasters, and culture-related companies. By taking advantage of its international character, including its many embassies and foreign residents, Minato City is also expected to promote international exchange and mutual understanding through arts and culture. The Minato Arts Center, scheduled to open in FY2027 as the City's core hub for arts and culture, is expected to serve as a base for appreciation, participation, creation, communication, human resource development, and exchange.

Thus, while Minato City has a concentration of diverse people, cultures, and local resources, it is important to create mechanisms that connect them to community activities and exchange. By addressing the three fields of community, internationalization, and culture and arts in an integrated manner and advancing initiatives from the perspectives of exchange, participation, collaboration, and cooperation, the City is expected to enable everyone to engage with and support the community, and to enhance Minato City's distinctive appeal and vitality.

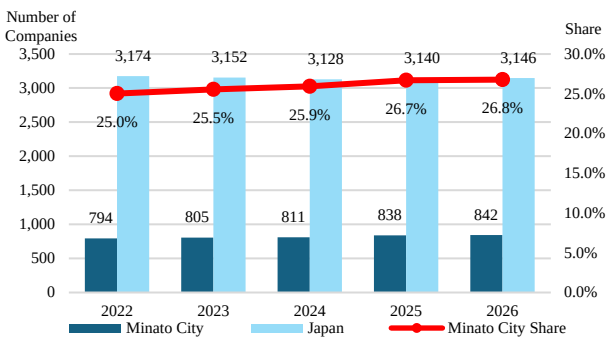
Trends in Minato City's Total Population, Foreign Population, and Share of Foreign Residents



Source: Tokyo Metropolitan Government Bureau of General Affairs, Statistics Division, "Households and Population Based on the Basic Resident Register (Japanese and Foreign Residents)," as of October 1 each year

- Figures for 2026 are as of April 1, 2026.

Trends in the Number of Foreign-affiliated Companies in Japan and Minato City, and Minato City's Share of the National Total



Source: Toyo Keizai Inc., Directory of Foreign-affiliated Companies (each year)

Chapter 3

Future Vision and Policies for Each Field

1 Future Vision of This Plan

MINATO Vision presents the following future vision for the Industry and Community Promotion Field: “A global creative city whose fabric is woven by culture and art, where people and businesses engage in co-creation.” This future vision indicates a direction in which diverse people and stakeholders make use of their unique characteristics and strengths to create new value through exchange and co-creation, thereby enhancing the City's appeal and vitality.

This Plan aims to realize this “Global Creative City” by comprehensively addressing the three fields of community, internationalization, and culture and arts. By making use of Minato City's diverse characteristics and diverse people and cultures, the Plan promotes community development in which diverse people and stakeholders connect, interact with, and support one another.

To achieve this goal, the Plan promotes the three fields of community, internationalization, and culture and arts in an integrated manner. By making use of the connections between people, diverse cultures and values, and the creativity of arts and culture, while building on the distinctive characteristics of each field and fostering mutual connections, the City will create new opportunities for exchange and activities and enhance Minato City's distinctive local appeal and vitality.

Through these initiatives, the City will promote exchange and co-creation among diverse stakeholders and work toward realizing a “Global Creative City” unique to Minato City.

Based on the above approach, the Plan sets out the following future vision:

Diverse people, cultures, and local resources are connected,
creating a community where everyone can participate and exchange flourishes

This future vision represents a community in which the three fields of community, internationalization, and culture and arts are addressed from a cross-sectoral perspective, and diverse stakeholders collaborate and co-create, making use of their respective characteristics, strengths, and local resources to generate new opportunities for exchange and activities, thereby enhancing Minato City's distinctive local appeal and vitality.

2 Policy Framework

To achieve the future vision, this Plan organizes its policy framework around three fields: the Community Field, Global Community Field, and Arts and Culture Field.

For each field, a Policy Direction is established, with three Basic Policies beneath it, and Key Initiatives are organized under each Basic Policy.

In addition, the Plan emphasizes exchange, participation, collaboration and cooperation as perspectives common to the three fields and promotes cross-sectoral initiatives.

[Illustrative Policy Framework]

Field	Policy Direction	Basic Policy
Community Field	Creating an inclusive city where everyone can participate and play an active role	1 Fostering a local community where everyone is connected and supports one another 2 Developing people who support community activities and supporting diverse activity groups 3 Creating urban communities that make use of local resources
Global Community Field	Realizing a community where people respect one another's cultural backgrounds	1 Supporting the daily lives of foreign residents 2 Promotion of mutual understanding and community participation 3 Promotion of multicultural understanding in collaboration with diverse stakeholders
Arts and Culture Field	Fostering a "Cultural Port" where diverse people and cultures coexist	1 Expanding opportunities for everyone to enjoy arts and culture 2 Supporting arts and cultural activities by diverse stakeholders 3 Communicating the appeal of arts and culture and fostering respect for diversity
Cross-sectoral Initiatives	Promotion of community development where everyone is connected and exchange flourishes	1 Creating a local community with places where everyone can participate and feel at ease 2 Promotion of community exchange through the cultures of diverse countries and regions 3 Fostering a spirit of coexistence among the next generation through arts and culture

In this Plan, one outcome indicator is established for each Basic Policy. These outcome indicators are not intended to measure the overall achievement of each Basic Policy, but rather to measure the progress of representative initiatives among the various initiatives undertaken to achieve each Basic Policy.

Part II Plans by Field

Chapter 1 Community Field

1 Overview of the Policy Direction

(1) Role within the Community Promotion Plan

Within the Minato City Community Promotion Plan, the Community Field is positioned as the foundation, or platform, that supports community promotion.

Minato City is home to many foreign residents and is characterized by the concentration of embassies, businesses and business establishments, and arts and cultural resources, making it a city where diverse stakeholders coexist. Under these local conditions, if local communities do not function sufficiently, international exchange and arts and cultural activities may remain limited to certain groups and may not spread throughout the community or lead to sustainable development.

Accordingly, local communities serve as a “foundation for connections” that links diverse stakeholders—including neighborhood and residents’ associations, shopping street associations, businesses, area management organizations, schools, NPOs, foreign communities, volunteer groups, and arts and cultural organizations—and promotes collaboration. Recognizing that all stakeholders, not just residents, can play a role in local communities, Minato City defines “urban communities” as communities in which each can engage with the local community by making use of its strengths, and promotes their development.

Community networks also provide a setting for participation and exchange in international exchange events and arts and cultural activities, thereby generating cross-sectoral collaboration. For example, the community can serve as a conduit through which foreign residents’ community participation, multicultural coexistence, arts-based community exchange, and collaboration with businesses and schools spread throughout the local area.

For this reason, the Community Field under the Community Promotion Plan serves as a foundation supporting community promotion as a whole, including the Global Community Field and Arts and Culture Field. Its role extends beyond supporting basic community organizations, such as neighborhood and residents’ associations, to connecting diverse stakeholders and fostering community ties and collaboration across fields.

Furthermore, as local communities are closely connected with various fields, including disaster preparedness, welfare, child-rearing, and environmental beautification, the City will effectively promote community policies in coordination with plans and initiatives in these fields to generate synergistic effects and extend their benefits to policies throughout the City.

(2) Current Status and Challenges

1) Conditions Surrounding Local Communities (National and Tokyo Metropolitan Government Context)

Growing Importance of Local Communities and Diversification of Activities

■ Population decline, in addition to the declining birthrate and aging population, is intensifying shortages of people who sustain community activities such as neighborhood and residents’ associations. In Tokyo in particular, increases in single-person and foreign households are diversifying both the residents who make up local communities and the ways people participate in community activities, making it difficult to secure participants through conventional community structures alone.

■ The importance of local communities is being recognized anew because they form the foundation for a wide range of activities, including addressing loneliness and social isolation, watching over older people, child-rearing support, and disaster preparedness. The COVID-19 pandemic in particular renewed awareness of the need for mutual support and informal connections within communities.

National and Tokyo Metropolitan Government Initiatives Supporting Local Communities

■ The national government is promoting cross-sectoral initiatives such as consultation support and community development toward a community-based inclusive society in which people connect with one another and with society, everyone has a sense of purpose and a role, and people can live while helping one another.

■ The Tokyo Metropolitan Government promotes revitalization of neighborhood and residents' association activities and development of people who sustain community activities. In addition to encouraging participation by younger people and working-age generations, it supports more efficient community activities and information sharing through digital technology.

New Forms of Community

■ In addition to traditional place-based communities centered on neighborhood and residents' associations, purpose-based communities organized around themes such as hobbies, child-rearing, and disaster preparedness are expanding. Community exchange using social media and online tools is also growing, and community activities are becoming increasingly digitalized. In addition, initiatives such as those undertaken by area management organizations are increasingly bringing together diverse stakeholders through urban development activities, leading to the formation of new communities.

2) Current Status in Minato City

Urban Characteristics and Local Communities Formed by Diverse Stakeholders

■ In recent years, Minato City has experienced population growth alongside the development of office buildings and high-rise condominiums through redevelopment and other projects. Approximately 90% of households live in condominiums and other multi-unit housing.

■ Because many companies and business establishments are concentrated in the City, the daytime population is far greater than the nighttime population. As a result, Minato City has an urban character in which diverse stakeholders, including not only residents but also commuters and visitors, are involved in community activities and community development.

■ In light of these characteristics of Minato City, it is necessary to foster connections within condominiums and other local communities, while enhancing mechanisms that support collaboration and activities among diverse stakeholders, thereby creating local communities in which more people and organizations can easily participate.

Promotion of Initiatives through Collaboration with Diverse Stakeholders

■ Minato City is home to diverse stakeholders, including neighborhood and residents' associations and shopping street associations, businesses, area management organizations, schools and other educational institutions, NPOs, embassies, and organizations active in fields such as arts and culture, the environment, education, child-rearing, disaster preparedness, and welfare.

■ Centered on the Regional City Offices, the City actively promotes initiatives in collaboration and cooperation with these stakeholders to address community issues.

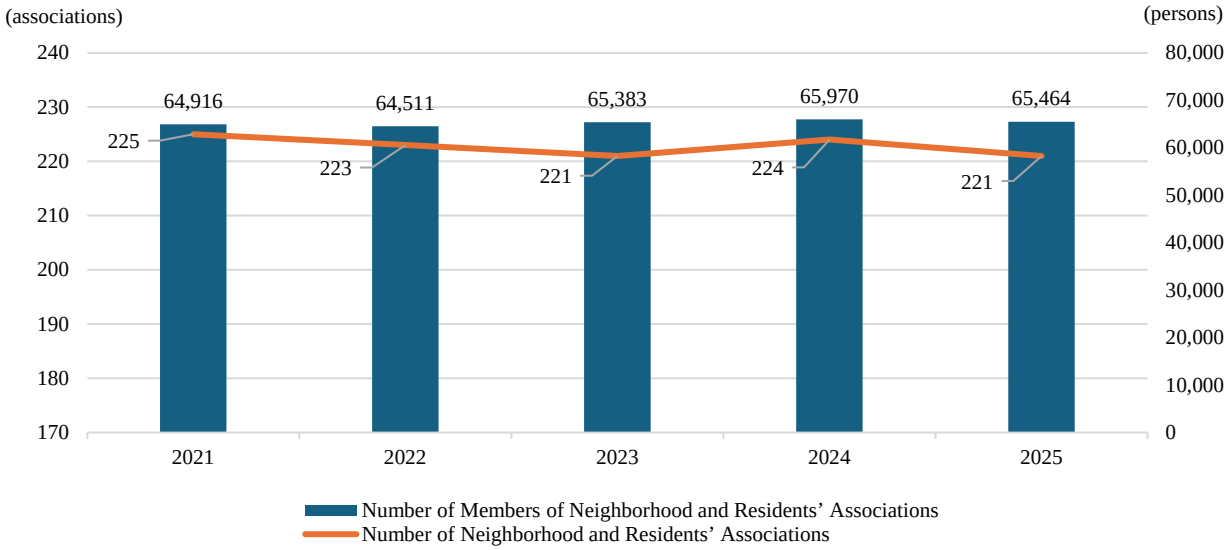
Neighborhood and Residents' Association Activities Supporting Local Communities

■ Minato City has approximately 220 neighborhood and residents' associations, which undertake a wide range of activities including disaster preparedness, crime prevention, traffic safety, cleaning, local festivals, and community exchange. Neighborhood and residents' associations have long supported the community across a broad range of fields and are the City's largest partners.

■ The number of neighborhood and residents' associations and their members has remained largely stable, partly due to population growth in Minato City. As diverse communities, including condominium-based neighborhood and residents' associations, exist in the City, there is a need to further expand community connections and mutual support.

■ In Minato City, participation in neighborhood and residents' associations is not limited to individual households. People can also join through condominium buildings or as business establishments. The City promotes community development in which diverse stakeholders work together to support the local community.

Trends in the Number of Neighborhood and Residents' Associations and Their Members



City Support and Environment Development

■ To improve the efficiency of community activities and reduce burdens, Minato City provides subsidies and other support for community activities, promotes membership and publicizes activities, and supports the use of digital technologies.

■ The City also uses local resources to create places where diverse people can engage with one another, including Residents' Collaboration Spaces and civic centers that serve as venues for community activities and for addressing local issues.

■ Through grants to and collaboration with NPOs active in Minato City, the City helps develop organizations that address community issues, strengthens their operational foundations, and supports their sustainable activities to respond to diverse local needs.

3) Current Status and Key Challenges Identified through Surveys and Other Research

Survey of Neighborhood and Residents' Associations (January 2024)

■ Nearly 60% of associations responded that the number of officers was "insufficient" or "somewhat insufficient." The most commonly reported average age groups of officers were the 60s (40.8%) and 70s (38.5%), indicating both a shortage and aging of officers.

■ Frequently cited challenges for neighborhood and residents' associations included "shortage of officers" (53.1%), "activities being carried out by the same limited group of people" (50.3%), and "declining membership" (49.2%). Securing new participants and reducing the burden of activities are therefore key challenges.

■ With regard to the use of digital technology in neighborhood and residents' association activities, only 14.0% responded that they currently use it, while 24.6% said they would like to use it if support were available and 21.8% said they would like to use it but find it difficult.

■ Neighborhood and residents' associations face challenges in securing people to sustain their activities due to shortages and aging of officers, as well as the concentration of activities among a limited number of participants. To address these challenges, the City is supporting the development and recruitment of new people to sustain community activities, promoting the use of digital technologies to reduce the burden of activities and improve efficiency, and advancing initiatives to support sustainable community activities.

Minato City Public Opinion Survey (March 2024)

■ Satisfaction with current initiatives for "forming local communities" was only 28.5%, while 54.6% rated future initiatives as important, indicating a need to further strengthen efforts to build local communities.

■ The City promotes community development in which everyone can easily engage with their local community by encouraging participation and exchange among diverse stakeholders and strengthening support for community organizations and collaboration among them.

Minato City Residents' Survey (July 2025)

■ In the residents' surveys conducted in each district, the most common response regarding interaction with neighbors was "we exchange greetings when we see each other," accounting for approximately 40% to 50% of respondents. Meanwhile, approximately 20% to 30% responded that they "have no interaction or communication with neighbors" or "do not feel that interaction or communication with neighbors is necessary," indicating that some residents have little connection with their local communities.

■ In some districts, approximately 40% of respondents expressed a desire to expand their interactions with others. In other districts, approximately 10% reported feeling lonely due to weak interpersonal relationships, suggesting a desire for informal community connections that enable people to support one another during disasters and emergencies.

■ As attitudes toward community involvement and relationships with neighbors diversify, the City will expand opportunities for participation and different forms of connection so that people can engage with their communities in ways that suit their lifestyles and values.

2 Policy Direction and Basic Policies in the Community Field

Policy Direction: Creating an inclusive city where everyone can participate and play an active role

In this field, the City promotes an environment in which everyone can easily engage with the community through collaboration among diverse stakeholders, including neighborhood and residents' associations, **shopping street associations**, **businesses, area management organizations, schools, NPOs, and volunteer organizations**. By developing people who support community activities and promoting exchange and collaboration that make use of local resources, the City aims to foster urban communities in which everyone is connected and supports one another.

Basic Policy 1 Fostering a local community where everyone is connected and supports one another

To encourage participation in local communities, which provide a foundation for enhancing community vitality, addressing local issues, and mutual assistance during disasters, the City will create an environment in which everyone can connect with others and easily engage with their local community.

Outcome Indicator: Trend in the Number of Members of Neighborhood and Residents' Associations (members)

As of April 1, 2026 (Actual Value)	End of FY2030 (Target Value)	Target Value for the 2040s in MINATO Vision
66,023	68,400	74,400

Basic Policy 2 Developing people who support community activities and supporting diverse activity groups

To address shortages of people who sustain community activities, the City will develop people who can lead such activities and create an environment in which diverse activity groups can operate on a stable basis.

Outcome Indicator: Cumulative Number of Participants in Human Resource Development and Recruitment Programs in Each District (persons)

End of FY2026 (Estimated Value)	End of FY2030 (Target Value)	Target Value for the 2040s in MINATO Vision
328	1,800	6,700

Basic Policy 3 Creating urban communities that make use of local resources

To further revitalize local communities and build a sustainable local society, the City will make use of diverse local resources to foster attractive urban communities.

Outcome Indicator: Trend in the Number of Businesses Participating in Community Activities (organizations)

End of FY2026 (Estimated Value)	End of FY2030 (Target Value)	Target Value for the 2040s in MINATO Vision
924	1,150	1,650

Policy Framework for the Community Field

Policy Direction	Basic Policy	Policy
Creating an inclusive city where everyone can participate and play an active role		
	Fostering a local community where everyone is connected and supports one another	
		Formation of local communities including neighborhood and residents' associations
		Creating an environment where everyone can easily participate in community activities
	Developing people who support community activities and supporting diverse activity groups	
		Support for securing and developing people who sustain local communities
		Support for independent and sustainable operation of activity groups
	Creating urban communities that make use of local resources	
		Creating an environment where diverse stakeholders can interact and collaborate
		Creating opportunities for diverse stakeholders to gather by making use of the resources in Minato City

Policy 1

Formation of local communities including neighborhood and residents' associations

The City will promote exchange and collaboration among neighborhood and residents' associations, shopping street associations, businesses, area management organizations, schools, NPOs, volunteer groups, and other stakeholders to form sustainable local communities in which diverse stakeholders can participate.

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① Promoting Membership in Neighborhood and Residents' Associations

Neighborhood and residents' associations are one of the basic forms of community based on local ties. Through activities such as community cleanups, disaster drills, crime-prevention patrols, and local festivals, they support safe and secure daily life for residents. Centered on the Regional City Offices, the City supports their day-to-day activities and membership-promotion efforts and will continue to raise awareness of the significance and importance of community activities while encouraging residents to join neighborhood and residents' associations.





Neighborhood and Residents' Association Membership Promotion Booth (Fureai Festival in Shiba)
Guide to Joining Neighborhood and Residents' Associations (Leaflet)

② Supporting the Formation of Diverse Communities

The City will support voluntary community activities to enable organizations formed around shared purposes and interests, such as disaster preparedness, welfare, and the environment, to continue their activities on a stable basis.



Takanawa Disaster Preparedness Community Project – Condominium Disaster Preparedness Connected with the Community

③ Promoting Exchange among Community Organizations

The City will provide accessible places where people of all generations can gather casually, creating opportunities for everyone to engage with and build connections with others in their community.



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Related Plans and Documents

Minato City Community Disaster-Prevention Plan – Initiatives ① ②
Minato City Local Health and Welfare Plan – Initiatives ② ③

For details on related plans and documents, please refer to the QR code on the right.

Policy 2

Creating an environment where everyone can easily participate in community activities

The City will foster attachment to the community and create an environment in which everyone can easily participate in community activities, thereby promoting local communities where diverse people connect with and support one another.

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① Expanding Opportunities to Participate in the Community

The City will provide opportunities to experience community activities through festivals, events, courses, and other programs, thereby broadening participation in local communities. At various events, it will also set up booths promoting membership of neighborhood and residents' associations, introduce community activities, and provide membership consultations in order to increase interest, identify new participants, and encourage participation.



Top: Minato Citizens' Festival
Bottom: Fureai Festival in Shiba

② Promoting Activities to Learn about the Community

The City will increase motivation to participate in community activities by expanding opportunities to experience local history and characteristics, thereby fostering attachment and pride in the community.



Bay Up Walking (Shibaura-Konan District)

③ Enhancing Information Dissemination

The City will broadly disseminate community information through social media, local print information magazines, and other channels and create an environment in which everyone can easily obtain the local information they need.



Local Information Magazines for Each District (Print)

Related Plans and Documents

Minato City Education Promotion Plan – Initiative ②

For details on related plans and documents, please refer to the QR code on the right.

Policy 1
Support for securing and developing people who sustain local communities

The City will build systems that enable community activities to be implemented stably over the long term by connecting residents and others involved in the community with community activities and developing people who can lead those activities.

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① Developing People Who Sustain Community Activities

The City will create opportunities connecting residents and others involved in the community with community activities, secure new participants, and support the development of people who play central roles in community activities, thereby revitalizing community activities and building sustainable activity structures. The City will also support new participants in connecting with community organizations and applying what they have learned to play an active role in their local communities.



Top: "Minayoku" – Making the Community Better Together (Azabu District)
Bottom: Neighborhood Innovation School – Nurturing People Who Bring Happiness to Shiba –

② Initiatives Connecting Community Activity Groups and Residents

The City will create points of contact between community activity groups and residents and develop an environment in which diverse people can more easily participate in community activities.



Neighborhood/Residents' Association – Condominium Exchange Revitalization Project – Takanawa Community Connections –

③ Initiatives in Collaboration with Educational Institutions and Other Organizations

In collaboration with schools and other institutions, the City will develop people with knowledge of community activities, thereby helping to secure people who can support such activities.



Challenge Community University (Takanawa District)

Related Plans and Documents

Minato City Education Promotion Plan – Initiative ③

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Policy 2
Support for independent and sustainable operation of activity groups

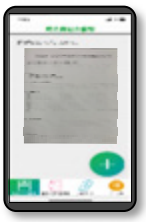
The City will support stronger operating structures and an environment that enables sustained activity so that diverse activity groups can act independently while making use of their respective characteristics.

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① Digitalization Support for Neighborhood and Residents' Associations

By improving the information-dissemination capacity and operational efficiency of neighborhood and residents' associations, the City will broaden participation in community activities and promote sustainable local communities. To do so, the City will support the use of digital technologies to enhance information sharing and reduce administrative burdens. Through the Comprehensive Digital Support Program for Neighborhood and Residents' Associations, the City will promote the use of digital technologies, strengthen information dissemination, and reduce administrative burdens, while using the Digital Circular Notice App to enable faster information sharing and streamline circulation work.





Top: Comprehensive Digital Support Program for Neighborhood and Residents' Associations (Website Creation Course)
Bottom: Digital Circular Notice App

② Provision of Activity Spaces

The City will provide activity spaces, including Residents' Collaboration Spaces, for organizations working to address community issues, while creating an environment that enables them to continue their activities within the community.



Shibakoen Residents' Collaboration Space

③ Support for NPOs

To address increasingly diverse community issues, the City will support NPOs active in Minato City, making use of their expertise and flexible approaches to address community issues that are difficult for the City government to resolve on its own.



NPO Activities

Policy 1

Creating an environment where diverse stakeholders can interact and collaborate

The City will create an environment in which diverse people and organizations involved in the community can connect, share their respective strengths and characteristics, and generate new community activities and value.

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① Strengthening Coordination Functions

The City will create opportunities for diverse stakeholders to meet, interact, and develop collaborative relationships while strengthening coordination functions that support community activities. In each district, the City will help build connections between businesses and condominium residents and neighborhood and residents' associations through efforts to encourage association membership and provide opportunities for participation in community activities, while coordinating collaboration among diverse stakeholders.



Akasaka/Aoyama Connection Team "Akasaka Aoyama Machi-Spo DAY"

② Providing Opportunities for Exchange

The City will make use of civic centers and other facilities within Minato City to provide opportunities for various organizations to learn about one another's activities, interact, and build new connections.



Akasaka Community Festival (Akasaka Civic Center)

③ Promoting Community Participation by Condominium Residents

In collaboration with condominium management associations and other relevant organizations, the City will foster connections among condominium residents while promoting interaction and engagement between condominiums and the local community.



Joint Disaster Drill by a Neighborhood Association and a Condominium Management Association (Takanawa District)

Related Plans and Documents

Minato City Community Development Master Plan – Initiative ③

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Policy 2

Creating opportunities for diverse stakeholders to gather by making use of the resources in Minato City

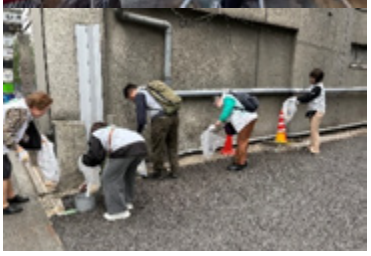
The City will make use of local resources distinctive to Minato City, including businesses, area management organizations, embassies, and arts and cultural resources, and actively encourage exchanges among diverse people and organizations, thereby broadening the reach of urban communities and supporting their development.

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① Building Communities in Collaboration with Businesses

The City will promote collaboration between existing local communities and the expertise and networks of businesses, supporting the formation of new local communities that make use of Minato City's distinctive characteristics. Through activities such as promoting local appeal and community beautification, the City will deepen exchange and collaboration among various stakeholders and promote new local communities that leverage Minato City's strengths.





Top: Takeshiba Project – Toward a Connected Future Together – (Shiba District)
Bottom: Cleanup Campaign with Participation by Companies in Minato City

② Promoting Community Participation by Young People

In collaboration with businesses, area management organizations, and other stakeholders, the City will provide opportunities for young people to engage in community activities at schools and other institutions within Minato City. By deepening interest in and understanding of local communities among people of all generations, the City aims to secure new people who can support community activities.



SKDs Future Community Leaders Development Project (Shibaura-Konan District)

③ Creating Opportunities for Exchange with Foreign Residents

The City will strengthen systems for welcoming foreign residents into community activities and create opportunities for exchange, thereby promoting their participation in local communities.



Nihongo Salons

Related Plans and Documents

Minato City Community Development Master Plan – Initiative ①

For details on related plans and documents, please refer to the QR code on the right.

Key Projects for Fostering Local Communities

Shiba District



Shiba BeeBee's Project: Through beekeeping, the project promotes intergenerational exchange and creates new appeal for the local community.



Eco Shiba Class: Hands-on activities deepen participants' understanding of environmental issues.

Azabu District



Roppongi Safe and Secure Project – Toward a Roppongi with Zero Rule Violations: The project works with the local community to create a safe and secure neighborhood.



Interregional Children's Exchange – New Discoveries, New Bonds: Through hands-on experiences in nature, the project fosters exchange across communities.

Akasaka District



Akasaka-Aoyama Kids-to-Teens Joint Activity (Tomoiku): The local community supports children's learning and growth.



Community Appeal Promotion Project – Akasaka Goodwill Ambassadors & MY HOME TOWN: Akasaka Goodwill Ambassadors help revitalize the local community by participating in events and other activities.

Takanawa District



Takanawa Green Connections Project: By opening the Hydrangea Road to the public, the project deepens community exchange.



Takanawa Konjaku Monogatari: Participants learn about local history and share the appeal of Takanawa with a wider audience.

Shibaura-Konan District



Summer Orange Marmalade Making: Through making marmalade from locally harvested summer oranges, the project fosters community connections.



Odaiba Nori-Making Project: Fifth-grade students at Koyo Elementary School in Odaiba Gakuen learn about the environment through nori (seaweed) cultivation as part of their school lessons.

Chapter 2 Global Community Field

1 Overview of the Policy Direction

(1) Role within the Community Promotion Plan

This field supports foreign residents in understanding local daily life rules and participating smoothly in the community, while promoting an environment in which Japanese and foreign residents cooperate as members of the community on the basis of mutual understanding and respect, so that everyone can live and be active with safety and peace of mind.

It also fulfills a cross-sectoral role, working in partnership with other fields such as the Community Field and Arts and Culture Field to connect Minato City's international character to the community's attractiveness and vitality and contribute to the further development of the local community.

(2) Current Status and Challenges

1) Conditions Surrounding Internationalization (National and Tokyo Metropolitan Government Context)

With the expansion in the acceptance of foreign human resources, emphasis has been placed on enhancing daily-life support measures such as Japanese language education and multilingual information provision, as well as promoting multicultural coexistence through the community participation of foreign residents and collaboration among diverse stakeholders. As the acceptance and long-term settlement of foreign residents continue to increase, growing attention is being paid not only to daily-life support but also to promoting understanding of laws, social systems, and daily life rules, and fostering mutual understanding with local communities.

At the national level, in FY2025, the "Office for a Society of Well-Ordered and Harmonious Coexistence with Foreign Nationals" was established within the Cabinet Secretariat as the central administrative body for policies on foreign nationals. In January 2026, the "Comprehensive Response Plan for Accepting Foreign Nationals and Achieving Orderly Coexistence" was formulated, and efforts toward realizing a society where both Japanese and foreign nationals can live in safety and security are being strengthened, including the appropriate management of immigration and residency, ensuring the proper use of social systems, and enhancing Japanese language education and life support.

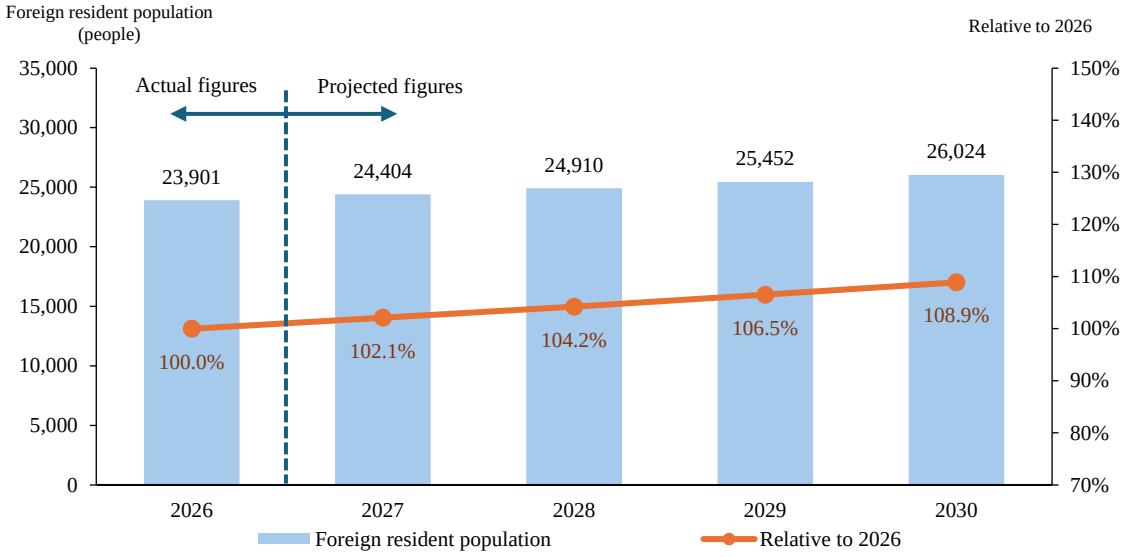
The Tokyo Metropolitan Government has also, in its "Tokyo Guidelines for the Promotion of Intercultural Cohesion," revised in FY2025, indicated a direction toward creating an environment where everyone can live with peace of mind through mutual understanding and harmony with local communities, in addition to building an inclusive society through multi-stakeholder collaboration and developing a support system with a view toward long-term settlement.

2) Current Status in Minato City

Local Characteristics, Including the Status of Foreign Residents

■ Foreign residents account for approximately 9% of the City's population, and there is growing diversity in terms of nationality, residential status, years of residence, and residential district. The City's foreign resident population is projected to continue growing.

Trends in Minato City's Foreign Resident Population



Based on Minato City Population Projections (Minato City, March 2026).

■ More than half of the embassies in Japan are located in Minato City. The City also has diverse resources for collaboration, including foreign-affiliated companies, schools, international exchange organizations, and NPOs.

Number of Embassies in Minato City

80 embassies / **156 embassies nationwide**

* Minato City figure is as of October 1, 2026.

* National figure is as of March 1, 2026.

Key Initiatives of the Minato City Internationalization Master Plan (FY2023 Revision)

■ The City disseminates city administration information in Easy Japanese and multiple languages and promotes multilingual support at service counters through measures such as the three-way calling service. It also assigns foreign residents' consultants to strengthen its consultation system.

■ In addition to learning support such as Japanese language classes, the City creates opportunities for exchange between Japanese and foreign residents. It also promotes multicultural understanding among City residents through international exchange initiatives including cultural introductions by embassies.

■ The City advances locally rooted international exchange and multicultural coexistence initiatives in collaboration with diverse stakeholders, including embassies and the Minato International Association. In March 2025, Minato City also concluded an international friendship city agreement with the 15th Arrondissement of Paris and has been deepening exchanges in the fields of education and arts and culture.

3) Current Status and Key Challenges Identified through Surveys and Other Research

Results of Survey of Foreign Residents (FY2025 Survey of the Current State of Internationalization in Minato City)

■ Approximately 70% of respondents indicated that they were “satisfied” with the City’s multilingualization of city administration information, indicating that these efforts are positively evaluated. However, approximately 20% to 30% expressed concerns about their ability to read or write Japanese, so it remains important to ensure that residents can easily access the administrative procedures and lifestyle information they need.

■ Demand for Japanese language classes hosted by the City remains high. These classes are expected to serve not only as a venue for language acquisition, but also as a place for exchanges with Japanese residents and for deepening participants’ understanding of Japanese culture and daily life customs.

■ With regard to community activities, only around 10% of respondents currently participate, while more than half said they would like to participate if the activity interested them. This indicates a certain level of interest and motivation toward community participation.

■ With regard to daily life rules and disaster preparedness behavior, the results indicate the importance not only of communicating information, but also of explaining the background and reasons in an accessible way and providing necessary information in multiple languages. A perspective of coexistence based on mutual understanding within the community is also needed.

Results of Survey of Japanese Residents (FY2024 City Administration Monitor Survey)

■ Only approximately 20% of respondents indicated that they had interactions with foreign residents in their community, showing that contact between Japanese and foreign residents within the community is limited.

■ While at least half of respondents indicated that they had “no particular trouble or concerns” with foreign residents, some respondents expressed concerns or challenges regarding issues such as garbage disposal and noise.

■ Approximately 70% of respondents expressed concerns during disasters about “language” and “differences in behavior resulting from cultural differences.”

FY2025 Minato City Survey on the Current State of Culture and the Arts

■ “International cultural exchange” ranked highest among the culture and arts activities respondents would like to participate in now or in the future, indicating strong interest in international exchange.

■ Among the programs respondents would like to participate in or be involved with at the Minato Arts Center, which is scheduled to open in November 2027, interest was high in international exchange initiatives implemented in collaboration with embassies and other institutions, showing expectations for exchange opportunities that make use of Minato City’s distinctive international resources.

For details of the FY2025 Survey of the Current State of Internationalization in Minato City, please scan the QR code.⇒

2 Policy Direction and Basic Policies in the Global Community Field

Policy Direction:

Realizing a community where people respect one another’s cultural backgrounds

In this field, the City will support foreign residents so that they can live with peace of mind, while promoting mutual understanding between Japanese and foreign residents and realizing a community in which they support one another as members of the local community, respecting each other's cultural backgrounds.

Basic Policy 1 Supporting the daily lives of foreign residents

To create a community where foreign residents can live with peace of mind, the City will promote multilingual information dissemination and consultation support.

Outcome Indicator: Percentage of people connected to the support they needed through consultations for foreign residents (%)

End of FY2026 (Estimated Value)	End of FY2030 (Target Value)	Target Value for the 2040s in MINATO Vision
80%	82%	85%

Basic Policy 2 Promotion of mutual understanding and community participation

To promote mutual understanding between Japanese and foreign residents and deepen connections in the community, the City will create opportunities for foreign residents to learn Japanese and for both groups to interact.

Outcome Indicator: Percentage of people who felt closer to Japanese and foreign residents (%)

End of FY2026 (Estimated Value)	End of FY2030 (Target Value)	Target Value for the 2040s in MINATO Vision
90%	91%	92%

Basic Policy 3 Promotion of multicultural understanding in collaboration with diverse stakeholders

The City will deepen residents’ multicultural understanding through collaboration with diverse stakeholders, including embassies, international friendship cities, private companies, and community organizations.

Outcome Indicator: Percentage of people whose multicultural understanding had increased (%)

End of FY2026 (Estimated Value)	End of FY2030 (Target Value)	Target Value for the 2040s in MINATO Vision
80%	82%	85%

Policy Framework for the Global Community Field

Policy Direction	Basic Policy	Policy
Realizing a community where people respect one another's cultural backgrounds		
	Supporting the daily lives of foreign residents	
		Promotion of information dissemination in Easy Japanese and multiple languages
		Promotion of consultation support for foreign residents
		Promotion of support to ensure safety and security
	Promotion of mutual understanding and community participation	
		Promotion of Japanese language-learning opportunities
		Promotion of community exchange between Japanese and foreign residents
		Creation of opportunities for cultural understanding and international exchange
	Promotion of multicultural understanding in collaboration with diverse stakeholders	
		Promotion of international exchange through collaboration with embassies and other institutions
		Promotion of international exchange with international friendship cities
		Promotion of collaboration with community organizations, private companies, and other entities

Policy 1

Promotion of information dissemination in Easy Japanese and multiple languages

The City will provide easy-to-understand information on administrative procedures and daily life in Easy Japanese and multiple languages, while also using digital media and other channels, so that people can access the information they need when they need it.

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① Multilingualization of City Administration Information

Based on the Minato City Guideline on Multilingual Compatibility of Government Information, the City will disseminate information in multiple languages through the City website, City publications, notices to foreign residents, and other channels.



Information Guide for Foreign Residents “Welcome Card”

② Multilingual Support at Service Counters and Other Locations

By using the Three-way Calling Service for Multilingual Support and interpretation tablets, the City will provide telephone and in-person assistance through interpreters.



Three-way Calling Service for Multilingual Support

③ Provision of Lifestyle Information

The City will provide information on administrative services related to daily life, including medical care and child-rearing, in multiple languages through social media and other channels.



Social Media for Foreign Residents “Minato Information Board”

④ Dissemination of Daily Life Rules, etc.

The City will raise awareness of local daily life rules in collaboration with relevant organizations, using the Manners Guide, videos, and other materials.



Manners Guide

Related Plans and Documents

Minato City Industry and Tourism Promotion Plan – Initiative ④

For details on related plans and documents, please refer to the QR code on the right.

Policy 2
Promotion of consultation support for foreign residents

The City will promote consultation support for foreign residents by advancing multilingual support at service counters, assigning foreign residents' consultants to provide a one-stop consultation service, and coordinating with relevant organizations.

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① Assignment of Foreign Residents' Consultants

The City will assign foreign residents' consultants as a one-stop contact for foreign residents and, in coordination with relevant departments, provide support concerning necessary city administration information and procedures.



Consultation with a Foreign Residents' Consultant

② Consultation Sessions for Parents and Guardians

The City will hold consultation sessions on child-rearing, school enrollment, and related matters for children whose first language is not Japanese and for their parents or guardians.



Flyer for Education and Daily Life Consultation Sessions

③ Assignment of Multicultural Kids Coordinators

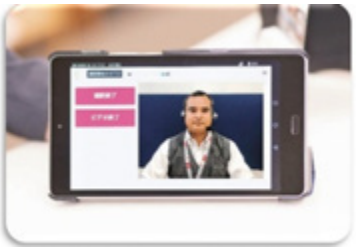
The City will assign Multicultural Kids Coordinators to respond to consultations on child-rearing, school enrollment, and related matters for children whose first language is not Japanese and for their parents or guardians.



Multicultural Kids Coordinators Flyer

④ Support for Foreign Residents Using Kindergartens, Nursery Schools, etc.

To support families after enrollment, the City will provide necessary information in multiple languages through interpreter dispatch, the three-way calling service, interpretation devices, and other means.



Three-way Calling Service for Multilingual Support

Related Plans and Documents

Minato City Education Promotion Plan – Initiatives ② ③ ④

For details on related plans and documents, please refer to the QR code on the right.

Policy 3
Promotion of support to ensure safety and security

To enable foreign residents to live with peace of mind, the City will provide multilingual information on disaster preparedness, daily life rules, and other matters, while raising disaster preparedness awareness and strengthening support systems for emergencies.

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① Multilingual Disaster Prevention and Emergency Information

The City will raise awareness of disaster preparedness knowledge and, when a disaster occurs, rapidly provide emergency notifications and other information in multiple languages through a variety of communication channels.



Disaster Prevention Handbook for Foreign Residents

② Training of Minato International Disaster-Relief Volunteers

The City will recruit and train Minato International Disaster-Relief Volunteers who support the provision of information and other assistance to foreign residents when disasters occur.



Minato International Disaster-Relief Volunteer Training

③ Raising Disaster Preparedness Awareness through Japanese Language Learning

The City will provide disaster preparedness information to foreign residents participating in Japanese language classes and other programs and encourage participation in disaster drills to raise awareness.



AED Training at a Nihongo Salon

④ Dissemination of Daily Life Rules, etc.

The City will raise awareness of local daily life rules in collaboration with relevant organizations, using the Manners Guide, videos, and other materials.

*The same initiative is described in Chapter 2, Global Community Field, Basic Policy 1, Policy 1.

Related Plans and Documents

Minato City Community Disaster-Prevention Plan – Initiatives ① ② ③

Minato City Industry and Tourism Promotion Plan – Initiative ④

For details on related plans and documents, please refer to the QR code on the right.

Policy 1
Promotion of Japanese language-learning opportunities

The City will provide Japanese language-learning opportunities by offering Japanese language classes for children and adults and supporting volunteer groups that operate Japanese language classes in the community.

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① Basic Japanese Language Classes

The City will hold Japanese language classes where foreign residents can learn the basic Japanese needed for daily life.



Basic Japanese Language Classes

② Japanese Language Classes for Children

The City will hold Japanese language classes where children whose first language is not Japanese can enjoy learning Japanese while interacting with others.



Japanese Language Classes for Children

③ Training of Japanese Language-learning Support Volunteers

The City will recruit and train Japanese language-learning support volunteers who can support foreign residents' Japanese language learning in the community.



Volunteer Training Course

④ Japanese Language Education Responding to Internationalization

To help returning and foreign pupils and students enjoy a fulfilling school life, the City will establish Japanese language classes and dispatch Japanese language adaptation instructors, among other measures.



Japanese Language Classes

Related Plans and Documents

Minato City Education Promotion Plan – Initiative ④

For details on related plans and documents, please refer to the QR code on the right.

Policy 2
Promotion of community exchange between Japanese and foreign residents

The City will promote community exchange through local events, disaster drills, Japanese language classes, arts and culture activities, and other opportunities so that Japanese and foreign residents can deepen their understanding of one another's cultures and daily life customs.

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① Nihongo Salons

The City will hold Nihongo Salons where foreign residents who have acquired basic Japanese knowledge can converse in Japanese with Japanese language-learning support volunteers, deepening mutual understanding and exchange.



Nihongo Salons

② Promotion of Exchange through Japanese Language Learning

Through Japanese language learning, the City will create opportunities for Japanese and foreign residents to take part in group activities and partner activities on a variety of themes and deepen mutual understanding.



Group Activity through Japanese Language Learning

③ Promotion of Participation in Disaster Drills and Other Activities

The City will encourage foreign residents to participate in disaster drills and related activities by providing information about the drills in Easy Japanese and multiple languages.



Disaster Drill

④ Minato City Empowerment and Internationalization Promotion Advisory Conference

The City will provide a forum where Japanese and foreign participants can exchange views on the City's internationalization policies, and will reflect their opinions in those policies to promote community participation.



Minato City Empowerment and Internationalization Promotion Advisory Conference

Related Plans and Documents

Minato City Community Disaster-Prevention Plan – Initiative ③

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Policy 3

Creation of opportunities for cultural understanding and international exchange

Through arts and culture, including music and dance from other countries, as well as sports and other activities, the City will create opportunities to deepen understanding of those countries' cultures and customs and foster international awareness.

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① Minato Citizens' Festival (International Friendship Square)

At the Minato Citizens' Festival, the City will work with embassies and other institutions to communicate the appeal of each country's culture, including food, folk crafts, and stage performances.



Embassy Booth at International Friendship Square

② Minato Blossom Festa

In cooperation with embassies, companies, and other organizations, the City will hold an international exchange event that communicates the appeal of the cultures of participating countries, including food, folk crafts, and stage performances.



Minato Blossom Festa (Stage Performance)

③ Support for Embassy-sponsored Projects and Events

When embassies and other institutions located in the City hold concerts, dance performances, exhibitions, and other exchange events with City residents, the City will provide venues and publicity support.



Event at a Civic Center Hosted by an Embassy

④ Creation of International Exchange Opportunities for Children and Students

The City will create opportunities for international exchange among elementary and junior high school students through overseas exchange programs for students attending municipal elementary and junior high schools, overseas school trips for junior high school students, and opportunities to experience classes at Temple University Japan Campus.



Overseas Dispatch of Elementary and Junior High School Students

Related Plans and Documents

Minato City Education Promotion Plan – Initiative ④

For details on related plans and documents, please refer to the QR code on the right.

Policy 1

Promotion of international exchange through collaboration with embassies and other institutions

The City will promote international exchange concerning the arts and culture of various countries in collaboration with the many embassies located in Minato City.

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① MINATO Marugoto Study Abroad Program

The City will implement programs in which elementary and junior high school students in Minato City use English while visiting embassies and other institutions and experience the culture of those countries.



MINATO Marugoto Study Abroad Program: Children's Embassy Day

② International Exchange Programs at Elementary and Junior High Schools

At elementary and junior high schools in Minato City, the City will implement international exchange programs in which embassies and other institutions introduce their cultures.



International Exchange Programs at Elementary and Junior High Schools

③ Support for Embassy-sponsored Projects and Events

When embassies and other institutions located in the City hold concerts, dance performances, exhibitions, and other exchange events with City residents, the City will provide venues and publicity support.

*The same initiative is described in Chapter 2, Global Community Field, Basic Policy 2, Policy 3.

④ MINACOLE (MINATO COLLECTION)

In collaboration with art museums, museums, embassies, and other institutions in Minato City, the City will organize a stamp rally to create opportunities for residents to experience and appreciate cultural resources.

*The same initiative is described in Chapter 3, Arts and Culture Field, Basic Policy 1, Policy 3.

Related Plans and Documents

Minato City Education Promotion Plan – Initiative ②

For details on related plans and documents, please refer to the QR code on the right.

Policy 2
Promotion of international exchange with international friendship cities

The City will deepen friendship with the 15th Arrondissement of Paris, an international friendship city, and promote international exchange through this relationship.

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① Youth Overseas Dispatch Program

To create opportunities to experience diverse values and ways of organizing society and to broaden international perspectives, the City will dispatch high school and university students and other young people residing in Minato City to the 15th Arrondissement of Paris.



15th Arrondissement Town Hall, Paris

② Exchange through Food Culture

Elementary and junior high schools in Minato City will serve school lunches incorporating French cuisine to promote international understanding and exchange through food.



School Lunch Featuring French Cuisine

③ International Friendship City Introduction Exhibition

Minato City and the 15th Arrondissement of Paris will each hold photo exhibitions and other displays to deepen mutual understanding of their respective cultures and attractions.



Minato City Introduction Exhibition in the 15th Arrondissement of Paris

Related Plans and Documents

Minato City Education Promotion Plan – Initiatives ① ②

Minato City Industry and Tourism Promotion Plan – Initiative ③

For details on related plans and documents, please refer to the QR code on the right.

Policy 3

Promotion of collaboration with community organizations, private companies, and other entities

The City will promote international exchange and related initiatives in collaboration with diverse stakeholders, including international exchange organizations, private companies, embassies, schools, and the Minato International Association.

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① Collaboration with Private Companies

The City will work with companies in Minato City on initiatives that promote mutual understanding and international exchange between Japanese and foreign residents, such as embassy booths at company-hosted events.



International Exchange Event at Takanawa Gateway City

② Building Relationships and Promoting Collaboration with Diverse Stakeholders

The City will collaborate with diverse organizations, including schools and the Minato International Association, to promote mutual understanding and international exchange between Japanese and foreign residents.



University Students Volunteering in Japanese Language Classes for Children

Minato City's International Friendship City: The 15th Arrondissement of Paris



The Eiffel Tower and the Cityscape of the 15th Arrondissement of Paris

Minato City holds "Odaiba Plage," a summer beach event inspired by a Parisian summer tradition, in collaboration with the City of Paris. Relations deepened through the Olympic and Paralympic Games, leading to the conclusion of an international friendship city agreement with the 15th Arrondissement of Paris in March 2025.

The 15th Arrondissement of Paris is one of the 20 administrative districts that make up the City of Paris. With a population similar in size to that of Minato City, it is an attractive area with quiet residential neighborhoods and bustling commercial districts. Paris Plages is held along the Seine, and Minato City and the 15th Arrondissement also share the common feature of rich waterfront environments.

Related Plans and Documents

Minato City Industry and Tourism Promotion Plan – Initiative ①

For details on related plans and documents, please refer to the QR code on the right.

Chapter 3 Arts and Culture Field

1 Overview of the Policy Direction

(1) Role within the Community Promotion Plan

Arts and culture encompass expressive activities born of people's free ideas and play an important role in enriching life by nurturing creativity, bringing comfort, and offering hope for the future.

Based on the principles of the Minato City Ordinance on the Promotion of Arts and Culture, enacted in June 2006, Minato City will create an environment in which every resident can readily experience, participate in, and create arts and culture, while promoting exchange and mutual understanding through arts and culture and fostering awareness that recognizes diversity.

Furthermore, the Arts and Culture Field is closely connected with local identity, international character, and the promotion of an inclusive society, and contributes broadly to community promotion, including the revitalization of local communities and the promotion of international understanding.

For this reason, by positioning the Arts and Culture Field within the Community Promotion Plan, the City will comprehensively and effectively advance community promotion initiatives, including revitalizing local communities through arts and culture, enhancing the appeal of the city, and promoting exchange and collaboration among diverse stakeholders.

<Scope of Arts and Culture in the Plan>

The scope of arts and culture under this Plan is based on the categories detailed in the Basic Act on Culture and the Arts and is treated broadly in light of Minato City's distinctive characteristics as a place with a concentration of cultural resources—including museums, embassies, and broadcasters—and as a center for cutting-edge trends and culture such as design and fashion.

From the Basic Act on Culture and the Arts

① Literature, music, fine arts, photography, drama, dance, and other arts (Article 8)

② Film, manga, animation, and arts using computers and other electronic devices (media arts) (Article 9)

③ Gagaku, Noh, Bunraku, Kabuki, Kumiodori, and other traditional Japanese performing arts (Article 10)

④ Kodan storytelling, Rakugo, Rokyoku, comic monologues, Manzai, singing, and other performing arts (Article 11)

⑤ Culture of daily life (tea ceremony, flower arrangement, calligraphy, food culture, and other culture related to daily life), national pastimes (Go, Shogi, and other national recreational activities), publications, records, and other media (Article 12)

⑥ Tangible and intangible cultural properties and techniques for their preservation (Article 13)

⑦ Arts and culture in local areas, region-specific traditional performing arts, and folk performing arts (Article 14)

(2) Current Status and Challenges

1) Background Surrounding Arts and Culture (National and Tokyo Metropolitan Government Context)

In June 2017, the Basic Act on the Promotion of Culture and the Arts was amended and renamed the Basic Act on Culture and the Arts. Arts and culture policies are to be promoted comprehensively in coordination with related fields such as tourism, community development, international exchange, welfare, education, and industry.

In March 2023, the national government formulated the Second Basic Plan on the Promotion of Culture and the Arts. Priority initiatives include responding to the impact of COVID-19, using digital technology, and building a creative and diverse society through arts and culture.

In June 2018, the Act on the Promotion of Arts and Culture Activities by Persons with Disabilities came into effect. It provides for the expansion of opportunities for persons with disabilities to appreciate and create arts and culture, the strengthening of support for the creation of artistically valuable works by persons with disabilities, and the promotion of exchange through arts and cultural activities.

In March 2022, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government formulated the Tokyo Cultural Strategy 2030 (FY2022–FY2030). It presents a vision for Tokyo in the 2040s and establishes the direction of Tokyo's cultural administration and priority measures.

2) Current Status in Minato City

Minato City is home to many theaters, halls, museums, and historical resources, as well as a concentration of companies related to cultural industries. Many residents also have experience in arts and culture, making the concentration of abundant cultural resources and human talent a major characteristic of the City.

Based on the Minato City Ordinance on the Promotion of Arts and Culture, the City is creating an environment in which everyone can appreciate, participate in, and create arts and culture regardless of age, disability, nationality, or other characteristics. It is also incorporating arts and cultural perspectives into policies in a range of fields and promoting an inclusive society and cross-sectoral collaboration.

The Minato Arts Center Ordinance, enacted in March 2023, positions the Minato Arts Center as a hub facility for arts and culture based on the principles of the Minato City Ordinance on the Promotion of Arts and Culture.

3) Current Status and Key Challenges Identified through Surveys and Other Research

Results of Resident Survey
(FY2025 Minato City Survey on the Current State of Culture and the Arts)

■ Among initiatives respondents said the City should emphasize to advance arts and culture, the highest-ranked were "more opportunities to experience local history and traditional culture," "more opportunities for children to experience arts and culture," and "more opportunities to experience arts and culture from other countries."

■ Both the rate of direct appreciation and the rate of participation in activities are higher than in the previous survey. However, some residents are unable to appreciate or participate in arts and culture because of child-rearing, caregiving, health concerns, or other reasons, so further development of an environment in which everyone can participate is needed.

■ Interest in participating in international cultural exchange is high, while relatively few residents actually participate, indicating a gap between interest and actual participation. There are also expectations for opportunities that anyone can appreciate, join, and experience regardless of age, disability, nationality, or other characteristics.

■ The Internet and social media are common ways of obtaining information, while older generations tend to obtain information from the Minato City community information magazine Kissport and the Koho Minato newsletter. Diverse information dissemination suited to different generations and audiences is therefore needed.

■ For the Minato Arts Center, expectations extend beyond opportunities to appreciate high-quality works and works using cutting-edge technology to initiatives related to “international character” and an “inclusive society.”

■ At least 80% responded positively to sharing arts and culture with people from diverse backgrounds, indicating potential for promoting exchange and mutual understanding through arts and culture.

Results of Interviews with Organizations (FY2025 Minato City Survey on the Current State of Culture and the Arts)

■ Continuity of Arts and Cultural Activities and Expansion of Participation

Many organizations identify the aging of participants and securing new participants as challenges. Subsidies, access to venues, publicity support, and other assistance are needed to sustain and develop their activities.

■ Enhancing Information Dissemination and Collection

Some organizations face challenges in disseminating information through social media and other channels, creating a need to consolidate and make more visible information on arts and cultural activities within the City.

■ Creating an Environment Where Diverse People Can Participate

Expectations are growing for an environment in which everyone, including older people, persons with disabilities, and foreign residents, can easily participate in arts and cultural activities.

■ Promoting Collaboration and Cooperation among Organizations and Fields

While organizations show interest in collaborating and cooperating with other organizations and different fields, they also face challenges in identifying partners and ways to engage. Mechanisms that connect diverse stakeholders are therefore needed.

■ Expectations for the Minato Arts Center

In addition to serving as a venue for activities and presentations, the Minato Arts Center is expected to function as a hub connecting arts and cultural organizations with artists.

For details of the FY2025 Minato City Survey on the Current State of Culture and the Arts, please scan the QR code.⇒

2 Policy Direction and Basic Policies in the Arts and Culture Field

Policy Direction:
Fostering a “Cultural Port” where diverse people and cultures coexist

In this field, the City will create an environment in which everyone can readily experience arts and culture, while promoting exchange and mutual understanding among diverse stakeholders to enrich the lives of Minato City residents.

Basic Policy 1 Expanding opportunities for everyone to enjoy arts and culture

The City will create opportunities for everyone to readily enjoy a wide range of arts and cultural experiences, including opportunities to appreciate and experience arts and culture at familiar, accessible locations.

Outcome Indicator: Satisfaction with Machinaka Concerts (%)

End of FY2026 (Estimated Value)	End of FY2030 (Target Value)	Target Value for the 2040s in MINATO Vision
80%	80%	80%

Basic Policy 2 Supporting arts and cultural activities by diverse stakeholders

To expand arts and cultural initiatives by diverse stakeholders, including arts and cultural organizations, companies, educational institutions, and community organizations, the City will promote collaboration and cooperation and support the people and organizations engaged in arts and cultural activities.

Outcome Indicator: Level of understanding of and interest in arts and culture (%)

End of FY2026 (Estimated Value)	End of FY2030 (Target Value)	Target Value for the 2040s in MINATO Vision
–	65%	70%

Basic Policy 3 Communicating the appeal of arts and culture and fostering respect for diversity

To deepen understanding of diverse cultures and values and foster a spirit of mutual respect, the City will broadly communicate the appeal and value of arts and culture.

Outcome Indicator: Satisfaction among Minato Arts Center users (%)

End of FY2026 (Estimated Value)	End of FY2030 (Target Value)	Target Value for the 2040s in MINATO Vision
–	70%	75%

Policy Framework for the Arts and Culture Field

Policy Direction	Basic Policy	Policy
Fostering a “Cultural Port” where diverse people and cultures coexist		
	Expanding opportunities for everyone to enjoy arts and culture	
		Creating an environment where everyone can readily access and participate in arts and culture
		Enhancing community appeal through arts and culture that leverage Minato City’s international character
		Promoting arts and culture by making use of diverse cultural resources
	Supporting arts and cultural activities by diverse stakeholders	
		Promoting initiatives through collaboration with diverse stakeholders
		Promoting arts and culture through collaboration with related fields
		Developing and supporting people and organizations engaged in arts and culture
	Communicating the appeal of arts and culture and fostering respect for diversity	
		Effectively communicating the appeal of arts and culture
		Enhancing the functions of the Minato Arts Center as a core hub for arts and culture
		Fostering awareness that recognizes diversity through arts and culture

Policy 1

Creating an environment where everyone can readily access and participate in arts and culture

The City will create an environment in which everyone can appreciate, participate in, and create arts and culture regardless of age, disability, nationality, or other characteristics, while taking into account the views and needs of diverse people.

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① MINATO Machinaka Concert

Concerts that convey the appeal of music at cultural and tourism resources and other locations throughout the City.



Minato City Hall Lobby Concert

② Kissport Classical Concert

At Suntory Hall, a leading orchestra and the Minato City Chorus will perform together to provide an opportunity to enjoy high-quality music.



Kissport Classical Concert

③ School Music and Arts Programs

To provide elementary and junior high school students with opportunities to experience the arts, schools will offer appreciation and hands-on programs in a range of fields, including music, theater, traditional performing arts, and readings.



School Music and Arts Programs (Gagaku Performance at Shiba Elementary School)

④ Fureai Art

Professional artists will be dispatched to nursery schools, kindergartens, and other facilities to provide programs where children can experience arts and culture such as music, dance, and visual arts.



Fureai Art

Related Plans and Documents

Minato City Education Promotion Plan – Initiatives ③ ④

Minato City Child, Youth and Child-Rearing Comprehensive Support Plan – Initiative ④

For details on related plans and documents, please refer to the QR code on the right.

Policy 2

Enhancing community appeal through arts and culture that leverage Minato City's international character

The City will enhance community appeal by promoting exchange and mutual understanding through arts and culture in collaboration with diverse stakeholders and by leveraging cultural resources that reflect Minato City's international character.

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① Roppongi Art Night

The City will participate in the operation of Roppongi Art Night, an art festival held throughout Roppongi, to make the event even more considerate of children, older people, persons with disabilities, and foreign residents and more familiar and welcoming to City residents.



Roppongi Art Night (Performance at Roppongi Hills Arena)

② Minato Cinema Festa

The City will hold a film event where everyone can share enjoyment and inspiration close to home, including screenings for parents and children and films with accessible Japanese subtitles and audio guides.



Minato Cinema Festa (Film Screening at Daiba Civic Center)

③ Minato Blossom Festa

In collaboration with embassies and other institutions and companies, the City will hold an international exchange event that communicates the appeal of cultures from various countries, including food, folk crafts, and performances.

*The same initiative is described in Chapter 2, Global Community Field, Basic Policy 2, Policy 3.

④ Support for Embassy-sponsored Projects and Events

The City will provide venues and publicity support for exchange events with residents, such as concerts and exhibitions hosted by embassies and other institutions located in Minato City.

*The same initiative is described in Chapter 2, Global Community Field, Basic Policy 2, Policy 3.

Related Plans and Documents

Minato City Industry and Tourism Promotion Plan – Initiative ①

For details on related plans and documents, please refer to the QR code on the right.

Policy 3
Promoting arts and culture by making use of diverse cultural resources

The City will promote arts and cultural initiatives that make use of the City's diverse cultural resources and local characteristics, and broadly communicate their appeal to foster attachment to and pride in the community.

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① MINACOLE (MINATO COLLECTION)

In collaboration with art museums, museums, embassies, and other institutions in Minato City, the City will organize a stamp rally to create opportunities for residents to experience and appreciate cultural resources.



MINACOLE Characters: Gurunya and Prince Guruguru

② Programs of the Minato City Local History Museum

The City will hold exhibitions, courses, events, and other programs at the Minato City Local History Museum to provide opportunities for people of all ages, from children to adults, to experience and learn about local history and culture.



Minato City Local History Museum Program (Let's Play with Rhythm♪ Kids Stage)

③ Programs of the Minato City Center for Traditional Culture

The facility serves as a place for passing on traditional culture and for community formation and exchange through traditional culture, offering rakugo performances, local history courses, workshops for experiencing traditional culture, and other programs.



Minato City Center for Traditional Culture Program (Shibaura Yose: Shibahama)

Related Plans and Documents

Minato City Industry and Tourism Promotion Plan – Initiative ①

Minato City Education Promotion Plan – Initiatives ① ②

For details on related plans and documents, please refer to the QR code on the right.

Policy 1
Promoting initiatives through collaboration with diverse stakeholders

The City will promote collaboration with individuals and organizations engaged in arts and cultural activities in Minato City, as well as other related organizations, to advance distinctive arts and cultural initiatives unique to Minato City.

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① Joint Concert (Minato City Music Federation)

A concert featuring a wide variety of music, including choral and instrumental performances, by member organizations of the Minato City Music Federation.



Joint Concert

② Ikebana Exhibition (Minato City Flower Arrangement and Tea Ceremony Federation)

The exhibition displays ikebana works by the Minato City Flower Arrangement and Tea Ceremony Federation and provides opportunities to experience the appeal of flower arrangement and traditional culture.



Ikebana Exhibition

③ Hana Mizuki National Junior Competition for Traditional Japanese Music and Dance (Tokyo Minato Japanese Music and Dance Federation)

A competition where children who will carry these traditions into the next generation present the results of their regular practice in traditional Japanese music and dance.



Hana Mizuki National Junior Competition for Traditional Japanese Music and Dance

④ Minato City Arts and Culture Network Conference

To create opportunities for new arts and culture to emerge, the City will provide a forum where diverse stakeholders involved in arts and culture—including individuals and groups engaged in arts and cultural activities, cultural facilities, and companies in Minato City—can participate and interact.



Minato City Arts and Culture Network Conference (Held at Libra Hall)

Policy 2
Promoting arts and culture through collaboration with related fields

In collaboration with fields such as tourism, international exchange, welfare, education, and community promotion, the City will advance initiatives that use arts and culture to create new value and address administrative challenges.

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① MINATO × Art Project

The City will incorporate art into various initiatives, using the creativity and communication power of art to create new value and enhance Minato City's appeal.



MINATO × Art Project (Disaster Preparedness × Art Workshop)

② Social Circus

Social circus workshops, which are considered effective for developing independence and social skills, will be held at the Support Center for Persons with Disabilities (Human Plaza) and other locations.



Social Circus (Held at the Support Center for Persons with Disabilities)

③ Art Exhibition by Children and Adults with Disabilities

To promote understanding of persons with disabilities, artworks created at facilities for persons with disabilities in Minato City, along with paintings by children and adults with disabilities, will be exhibited at museums and other venues.



Art Exhibition by Children and Adults with Disabilities (Held at the Minato City Local History Museum)

Related Plans and Documents

Minato City Local Health and Welfare Plan – Initiatives ② ③

For details on related plans and documents, please refer to the QR code on the right.

Policy 3

Developing and supporting people and organizations engaged in arts and culture

The City will develop people and organizations that sustain arts and cultural activities in the City and provide support for the continuation and development of their activities.

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① Congratulatory Grants for Participation in National and Other Competitions

To promote arts and cultural activities in Minato City, the City will provide congratulatory grants to residents and City-based organizations participating in national and international competitions.



Flyer for Congratulatory Grants for Participation in National and Other Competitions

② Minato Support Program for Art and Cultural Activities

To develop arts and cultural activities and the organizations that carry them out, the City will provide grants and support through advice from experts.



Minato Support Program for Art and Cultural Activities (Initiative by a Selected Organization)

③ Music Promenade

The City will provide young musicians, primarily university students, with opportunities to perform and will hold concerts spanning a variety of genres at commercial facilities, hospitals, and other venues in Minato City.



Music Promenade (Performance by Students of Toho Gakuen School of Music)

Related Plans and Documents

Minato City Education Promotion Plan – Initiative ①

For details on related plans and documents, please refer to the QR code on the right.

Policy 1
Effectively communicating the appeal of arts and culture

The City will communicate clear and accessible information about Minato City's diverse arts and cultural activities and their appeal, creating an environment in which everyone can easily access the information they need. The City will also actively and effectively disseminate this information both in Japan and abroad through publicity media suited to different generations and audiences.

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① Minato Arts Center Official Website

The website provides an overview of the Minato Arts Center, information on programs and events, usage guidance, and other information.



Minato Arts Center Official Website

② Minato City Official Social Media

The City disseminates City administration information, event information, the latest notices, and other information useful for daily life.



Minato City Official X

③ Local Information Magazines (Print)

These publications introduce local activities and initiatives as well as traditions and cultural properties handed down within the community.



Local Information Magazines for Each District (Print)

④ Minato City Community Information Magazine “Kissport”

The magazine introduces events, courses, and other information on culture, sports, and lifelong learning in Minato City.



Minato City Community Information Magazine “Kissport”

Policy 2

Enhancing the functions of the Minato Arts Center as a core hub for arts and culture

The Minato Arts Center will open in November 2027 as the City's core hub for arts and culture. The City will disseminate information on the appeal of arts and culture and related initiatives, while connecting diverse people and arts and cultural activities and promoting exchange and mutual understanding, thereby aiming to foster values that recognize and respect diversity.

<Basic Philosophy of the Minato Arts Center>

◆ Core Hub for Arts and Culture

The Minato Arts Center will serve as an internationally oriented core hub for the promotion of arts and culture, comprehensively providing all City residents with opportunities to appreciate, participate in, and create arts and culture through integrated facilities, programs, and staffing, while communicating its activities in Japan and abroad.

◆ A Facility with High Expertise and Hospitality That Nurtures People and Continues to Grow

Facilities, staffing, and programs with high levels of expertise and hospitality will work together to nurture children and others involved in arts and culture in Minato City, develop specialized professionals responsible for facility operations and program implementation, and enable the facility itself to continue growing.

◆ A Facility Loved by People and a Source of Pride for Residents

The Minato Arts Center will be easy for residents to use, provide satisfaction and fulfillment, be loved and familiar to residents, contribute to residents' well-being, and serve as a facility of which they can be proud.



Theater



Common Space

Minato Arts Center Nickname and Logo

The Meaning Behind the Name "m～m"

[Words]... "m" represents minato (port) and me (I), symbolizing the connection between the community and individuals.
[Sound]... "m～m" represents the limitless possibilities that emerge from "nothing."
[Design]... The hand-shaped "m" and the waves represented by "～" express the distinctive character of Minato City, where people connect with one another and where the waterfront is an important part of the city.

[Logo Mark]

- The two "m" letters depict the ripples that form on the water's surface when "me" (the individual) and "Minato City" connect.
- People, objects, events, and places come together, growing and developing as they create new connections.

みなと芸術センターm～m
Minato Arts Center m～m

Minato Arts Center Official Website:⇒

Policy 3
Fostering awareness that recognizes diversity through arts and culture

The City will expand opportunities for every resident to respect diversity and deepen mutual understanding through arts and culture.

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① Inclusive Art Program (Roppongi Art Night)

To enable everyone to enjoy Roppongi Art Night with confidence, the City will conduct tours for people with disabilities, wheelchair users, people with strollers, and others.



Inclusive Art Program (Viewing Tour)

② Harmonious Society Promotion Project

The City will implement programs with clear themes and outreach value toward realizing an inclusive society, including performances and workshops that people can appreciate, join, and experience together regardless of disability or other characteristics.



Harmonious Society Promotion Project (Barrier-free Theater)

③ Programs of the Gender Equality Center

The Center will hold film screenings under the title “Theater Libra,” picture-book reading events, and other programs to deepen understanding of gender equality and gender issues.



Gender Equality Center Program (Picture Book Forest)

Related Plans and Documents

Minato City Local Health and Welfare Plan – Initiatives ① ②

Minato City Gender Equality Action Plan – Initiative ③

For details on related plans and documents, please refer to the QR code on the right.

Chapter 4 Cross-sectoral Initiatives

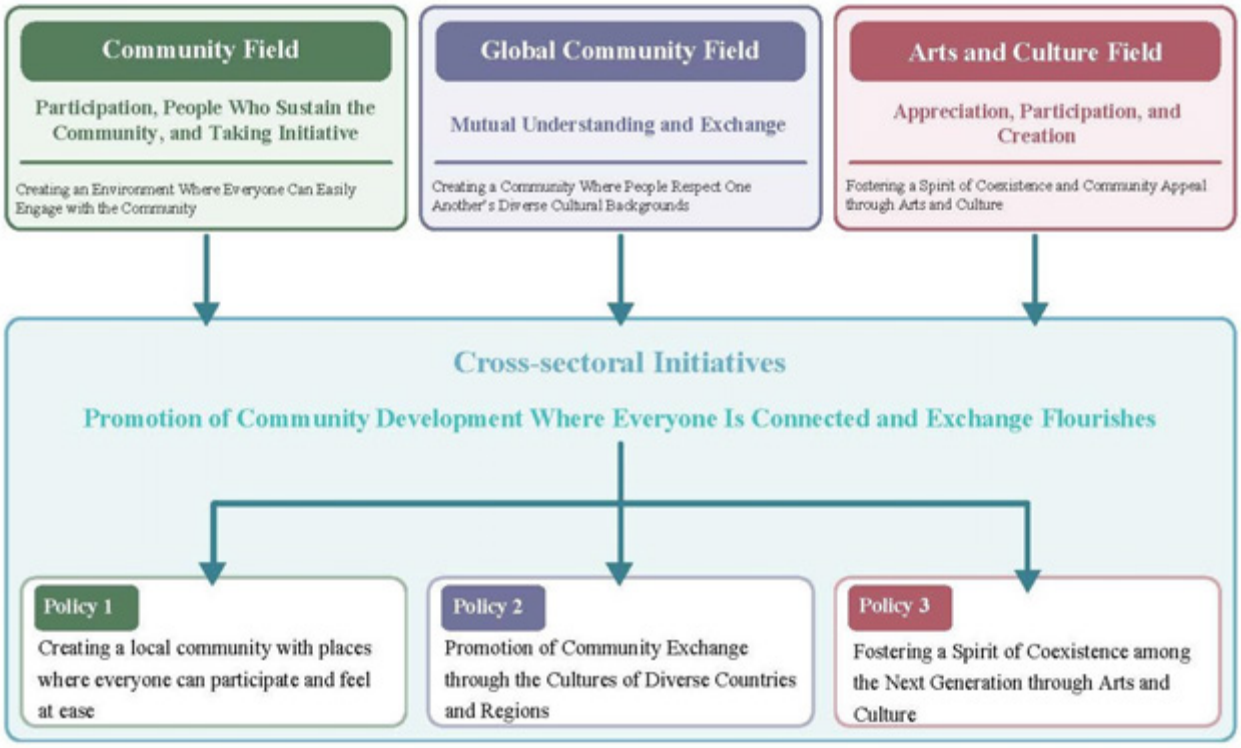
1 Approach to Cross-sectoral Initiatives

The three fields of community, internationalization, and culture and arts are each distinct, while also being closely interconnected through connections between people, community participation, mutual understanding, exchange, collaboration, and cooperation.

The Plan emphasizes exchange, participation, collaboration, and cooperation as perspectives common to all three fields and promotes initiatives by linking the efforts of each field.

The Cross-sectoral Initiatives section repeats Basic Policies, Policies, and Key Initiatives that relate to multiple fields and presents a perspective for promoting the three fields in an integrated manner.

Illustration of Cross-sectoral Initiatives



In the Community Field, the City promotes active participation in local communities and the development of people who support community activities. In the Global Community Field, it promotes mutual understanding and exchange, while in the Arts and Culture Field, it expands opportunities to appreciate, participate in, and create arts and culture.
By connecting initiatives across these three fields from the perspectives of “exchange,” “participation,” and “collaboration and cooperation,” the City will promote community development where everyone is connected and exchange flourishes.

Common Policy:
Promotion of community development where everyone is connected and exchange flourishes

The City aims to expand community participation and exchange by connecting the diverse people and stakeholders involved in the community through community activities, international exchange, arts and cultural activities, and other opportunities, while fostering mutual understanding. Diverse stakeholders—including neighborhood and residents' associations, community organizations, businesses, schools, embassies, and arts and cultural organizations—will collaborate and make use of their respective strengths to enhance Minato City's distinctive community appeal and vitality.

Policy 1 Creating a local community with places where everyone can participate and feel at ease

The City will broaden entry points to community participation through places and opportunities that diverse people can join casually, such as festivals and events, Japanese language learning, and accessible arts and cultural activities.

By expanding opportunities for a wide range of people—including Japanese and foreign residents, children, young people, older people, persons with disabilities, workers, and students—to spend time comfortably and interact, the City will foster local communities where everyone is connected and supports one another.

Policy 2 Promotion of community exchange through the cultures of diverse countries and regions

In collaboration with embassies, companies, schools, community organizations, arts and cultural organizations, and others, the City will create opportunities to experience the cultures and values of diverse countries and regions.

Through international exchange events, arts and cultural activities, local events, and other opportunities, the City will deepen mutual understanding among diverse people, including Japanese and foreign residents, and expand exchange within the community.

Policy 3 Fostering a spirit of coexistence among the next generation through arts and culture

The City will provide the next generation, including children and young people, with opportunities to encounter arts and culture, international exchange, and local history and culture so that they can deepen their understanding of diverse forms of expression and values.

By fostering awareness that recognizes diversity and respects others through arts and culture, the City will develop people who will sustain an inclusive community in the future.

2 Key Cross-sectoral Initiatives (Repeated)

Policy 1

Creating a local community with places where everyone can participate and feel at ease

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① Expanding Opportunities to Participate in the Community

Community | Global Community | Arts and Culture

At festivals, events, and other places for exchange, the City will promote international exchange in collaboration with embassies and other institutions and foster local communities that build mutual understanding and connections among diverse people.



Minato Citizens' Festival (International Friendship Square)

② Nihongo Salons

Community | Global Community

The City will provide opportunities for foreign residents to interact in Japanese with Japanese language-learning support volunteers and promote welcoming community spaces where diverse people can connect casually.



Nihongo Salons

③ Promotion of Exchange through Japanese Language Learning

Community | Global Community

Through Japanese language learning, the City will create opportunities for Japanese and foreign residents to take part in group and partner activities, foster exchange and connections in the community, and promote participation in local communities.



Group Activities

④ MINATO Machinaka Concert

Community | Arts and Culture

Through the MINATO Machinaka Concert, the City will provide opportunities to enjoy arts and culture in familiar places and promote exchange and connections among residents, thereby fostering local communities.



Minato City Hall Lobby Concert

Policy 2

Promotion of community exchange through the cultures of diverse countries and regions

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① Japanese Language Classes for Children

Global Community | Community

The City will provide children whose first language is not Japanese with opportunities to learn Japanese while interacting with students and community volunteers, thereby promoting multicultural understanding and intergenerational exchange.



Japanese Language Classes for Children (Class in Session)

② Minato Blossom Festa

Global Community | Community | Arts and Culture

In collaboration with embassies and other institutions and companies, the City will hold an international exchange event where people can experience diverse cultures, interact with one another, and deepen mutual understanding.



Exchange at the Event

③ Supporting the Formation of Diverse Communities

Global Community | Community

The City will provide programs for children and older people to learn about cultures and games from overseas, deepening understanding of diverse cultures and values and promoting exchange across nationalities and generations.



Intercultural Exchange Program

④ Roppongi Art Night

Global Community | Community | Arts and Culture

Through Roppongi Art Night, the City will create opportunities to encounter diverse cultures and values and promote interaction among residents, visitors, artists, and others, thereby fostering new connections within the community.



Roppongi Art Night (Performance at Roppongi Hills Arena)

Policy 3

Fostering a spirit of coexistence among the next generation through arts and culture

Key Initiatives (Examples of Initiatives Based on the Policy)

① Minato Arts Center

Arts and Culture Community Global Community

At the Minato Arts Center, the City will foster a spirit of coexistence by presenting performances and other programs that expose audiences to diverse cultures and values, encourage recognition of diversity, and deepen mutual understanding.



Minato Arts Center

② School Music and Arts Programs

Arts and Culture Community

Through School Music and Arts Programs, the City will provide children with opportunities to experience high-quality arts and culture and deepen their understanding of diverse forms of expression and values.



School Music and Arts Programs
(Gagaku Performance at Shiba Elementary School)

③ Creation of International Exchange Opportunities for Children and Students

Arts and Culture Global Community

At elementary and junior high schools in Minato City, the City will conduct international exchange programs, including cultural introductions by embassies and other institutions, to deepen multicultural understanding among children and students.



Exchange Program at School

④ Youth Overseas Dispatch Program

Arts and Culture Global Community

The City will dispatch high school and university students and other young people residing in Minato City to the 15th Arrondissement of Paris, an international friendship city, where they will learn about diverse values and ways of organizing society through local arts, culture, and other experiences, thereby developing the next generation of people who will support international exchange.



15th Arrondissement Town Hall, Paris

⑤ Promoting Activities to Learn about the Community

Arts and Culture Community

The City will conduct walking tours and courses to learn about local history and culture and develop “Shiba Storytellers” who communicate the area’s appeal, thereby fostering attachment to the community and promoting exchange.



Shiba History, Culture and Exchange Academy – Walk, See and Learn “Shiba”

Reference Materials

1 List of Related Plans and Other Documents

Field Plans

Field	Name (Plan Period)	Description
Children and Child-rearing	Minato City Child, Youth and Child-Rearing Comprehensive Support Plan (FY2025–FY2029)	This plan aims to realize a community-based inclusive society in which children and youth can grow up healthy and lead happy lives, while systematically promoting the provision system and quality of kindergartens, nursery schools, community child and child-rearing support projects, and other services.
Welfare and Health	Minato City Local Health and Welfare Plan (FY2027–FY2032)	This plan comprehensively sets out local health and welfare measures, including matters common to each welfare field, such as senior citizens' welfare and disabled persons' welfare in the community, as well as matters related to health services and public health. It is formulated as an integrated whole with related plans such as the "Minato City Senior Citizens' Health and Welfare Plan" and the "Minato City Plan for Disabled."
City Development	Minato City Community Development Master Plan (From FY2017, covering approximately 20 years)	As the highest-level plan in the City's city development field, it sets out the basic policy on urban planning. It serves as a "guidepost" for future community development in Minato City and as the foundation on which residents, businesses, and the City administration share a vision for the future of the city.
Environment and Recycling	Minato City Environment Master Plan (FY2027–FY2030)	This plan sets out the basic direction of initiatives in the environmental field and encompasses the "Minato City Global Warming Countermeasure Area Promotion Plan," the "Minato City Environmental Leadership Action Plan," the "Minato City Biodiversity Regional Strategy," the "Minato City Climate Change Adaptation Plan" and the "Minato City Environmental Education Action Plan."
Disaster Prevention and Crisis Management	Minato City Community Disaster-Prevention Plan (No set plan period)	This plan aims to protect the lives, physical safety, and property of residents from disasters by having the City and the disaster prevention-related organizations in the community make full and effective use of all their functions to systematically carry out earthquake disaster prevention, emergency earthquake response, and earthquake recovery within their respective jurisdictions.
	Minato City Safe-Community and Recidivism Prevention Promotion Plan (FY2027–FY2030)	Beginning in FY2027, this plan integrates the Minato City Safe-Community Promoting Action Plan and the Minato City Recidivism Prevention Promotion Plan into a single plan. By interlinking the prevention of crime victimization, prevention of involvement in crime, prevention of reoffending, support for rehabilitation, and watching over people in the community, it sets out policies and initiatives for realizing a city where everyone who lives, works, studies in, or visits Minato City can feel safe and secure.

Field	Name (Plan Period)	Description
Industry and Community Promotion	Minato City Community Promotion Plan (FY2027–FY2030)	This plan sets out, in an integrated manner, policies and initiatives in the three fields of local community, internationalization, and arts and culture, and comprehensively advances community promotion toward realizing a local society where diverse people, cultures and local resources are connected and everyone can participate in community activities and exchange.
	Minato City Industry and Tourism Promotion Plan (FY2027–FY2030)	This plan sets out the future direction and initiatives in the industry and tourism fields. It systematically presents measures for supporting small and medium-sized enterprises, promoting shopping streets, and promoting tourism, while also setting out, in an integrated manner, initiatives addressing issues common across fields.
Education	Minato City Education Promotion Plan (FY2027–FY2030)	Based on the principles of the Minato City Education Vision and the Minato City Education General Principles, this plan gives concrete form to the future vision and the direction of policies and measures, and comprehensively promotes educational measures. In addition to the four fields of school education and early childhood education, lifelong learning, sports, and library services, it newly establishes the field of creating an environment that supports learning, and promotes all five fields in an integrated and cross-sectoral manner.

Individual Plans

Field	Name (Plan Period)	Description
Children and Child-rearing	Minato City Social Care Promotion Plan (FY2025–FY2029)	Based on the current state of social care, this plan sets out the basic approach to resolving issues, the direction of initiatives for developing the necessary systems, and a concrete future vision.
Welfare and Health	Minato City National Health Insurance Health Project Action Plan (Data Health Plan) (FY2024–FY2029)	This plan aims to maintain and improve the health of insured persons by implementing effective and efficient health projects that make use of health and medical information.
	Minato City National Health Insurance Specific Health Checkups Action Plan (FY2024–FY2029)	This plan sets out basic matters concerning the implementation methods and targets for the specific health checkups and specific health guidance provided to insured persons.
City Development	Minato City Low Carbon Community Development Plan (FY2021–FY2030)	In light of the fact that a substantial portion of the CO2 generated by social activities is emitted in cities, this plan sets out the basic policy, targets, measures and other matters for promoting low-carbon cities.

Field	Name (Plan Period)	Description
City Development	Minato City Greenery and Water Comprehensive Plan (FY2021–FY2030)	This is a comprehensive plan concerning greenery, open space, and water in Minato City, covering targets and measures for the conservation of green areas and greenery promotion, policies for the development and management of urban parks, and the water cycle.
	Minato City Residential Housing Master Plan (FY2019–FY2028)	This is the fundamental plan for comprehensively and systematically promoting housing policy, and it is consistent with the national Basic Plan for Housing and the Tokyo Metropolitan Government's Tokyo Metropolitan Housing Master Plan.
	Minato City Barrier-Free Fundamental Concept (FY2021–FY2030)	This fundamental concept is formulated as a policy for the systematic development of barrier-free spaces that allow everyone, including senior citizens and persons with disabilities, to move around safely, securely and comfortably.
	Minato City Comprehensive Transportation Plan (FY2023–FY2032)	This comprehensive transportation plan sets out a new policy on community transportation to secure sustainable means of transportation, and promotes new initiatives such as community transportation and new mobility services including MaaS.
	Minato City Scenery Plan (No set plan period)	As a comprehensive plan for landscape formation, this plan sets out the basic policy for landscape formation in Minato City and provides detailed, location-specific standards for the use of the notification system under the Landscape Act.
	Minato City Utility Pole Removal Promotion Plan (FY2022–FY2031)	To strengthen urban disaster prevention functions, create safe, secure and comfortable pedestrian spaces, and form beautiful streetscapes, this plan identifies the areas and routes where the undergrounding of power lines and other cables is to be prioritized, and promotes their systematic development.
	Minato Vibrant Park Development Promotion Plan (No set plan period)	This plan aims to create attractive parks together with residents, park users, designated managers and others.
	Minato City Seismic Retrofitting Promotion Plan (FY2027–FY2031)	Amid warnings about the imminent threat of an earthquake directly beneath the Tokyo metropolitan area, this plan aims to systematically and comprehensively promote the earthquake resistance of buildings in Minato City in order to protect residents' lives and property and to effectively maintain urban functions.
	Minato City Appropriate Condominium Management Promotion Plan (FY2023–FY2028)	To ensure the appropriate management of condominiums and create a high-quality living environment, this plan establishes a management plan certification system that evaluates condominium initiatives contributing to society, and compiles measures to actively support management associations, including measures against building deterioration and the improvement of functions and value.

Field	Name (Plan Period)	Description
City Development	Minato City Traffic Safety Plan (FY2026–FY2030)	This plan aims to comprehensively and systematically promote traffic safety measures in order to protect residents' lives from traffic accidents and other traffic-related disasters and ensure safe and comfortable living.
	Minato City Bicycle Lane Maintenance Plan (FY2023–FY2032)	This plan promotes the improvement of bicycle lanes and traffic environments, with the aim of creating an environment in which all road users, including not only cyclists but also pedestrians and motorists, can travel more safely, securely and comfortably.
	Minato City Bicycle Traffic Environment Improvement Plan (FY2022–FY2031)	This is a comprehensive bicycle plan aimed at developing bicycle parking facilities, promoting bicycle sharing and the use of bicycles, and promoting the improvement of bicycle lanes.
	City Building Maintenance Guidelines for Minato City Disaster Prevention (FY1994–FY2033)	These guidelines set out the basic direction, including the desired form of an urban structure with high disaster resilience and the targets and policies for realizing disaster-resistant city development. They also serve as a guide for improving disaster prevention performance when constructing new buildings and in similar cases.
Environment and Recycling	Minato City Waste Disposal Master Plan (FY2021–FY2032)	This plan clarifies the City's basic policy on the disposal of general waste from a long-term and comprehensive perspective.
	Minato City Basic Policy on Disaster-related Waste Disposal (No set plan period)	This is the disaster-related waste disposal plan that local governments are to formulate under the "Basic Policy for the Comprehensive and Systematic Promotion of Measures on the Reduction and Other Appropriate Management of Wastes" (Ministry of the Environment).
Disaster Prevention and Crisis Management	Minato City Civil Protection Plan (No set plan period)	Pursuant to Article 35 of the Act on Measures for Protection of the People in Armed Attack Situations, etc. (Act No. 112 of 2004), this plan sets out matters concerning the civil protection measures to be implemented by the City.
	Minato City Community Resilience Plan (FY2027–FY2030)	This plan promotes community resilience by organizing, across fields, the measures to be undertaken in normal times in order to minimize damage from large-scale natural disasters and other events and enable swift recovery and reconstruction.
	Minato City Business Continuity Plan (Earthquakes and Wind and Flood Disasters) (No set plan period)	This plan sets out business continuity measures for earthquake, wind, and flood disaster response in Minato City, based on Article 19, Paragraph 1 of the Minato City Basic Ordinance on Disaster Prevention.

Field	Name (Plan Period)	Description
Disaster Prevention and Crisis Management	Minato City Disaster Assistance Reception and Support Plan (No set plan period)	This plan establishes basic approaches, organizational structures, and procedures for smoothly receiving personnel and material resources from other local governments and organizations in the event of a large-scale disaster, while efficiently providing personnel and material resources to disaster-affected local governments.
	Minato City Business Continuity Plan (Novel Influenza) (No set plan period)	This plan establishes organizational structures and measures to ensure that Minato City can continue its administrative operations and provide services to residents even when a large number of City employees become ill following an outbreak of novel influenza.
Human Rights and Diversity	Minato City Gender Equality Action Plan (FY2027–FY2030)	This plan aims to realize a gender-equal society in which the perspectives of gender equality and women's empowerment are reflected in every field and measure, and all people can live fulfilling lives true to themselves without being constrained by gender or other attributes.
Administrative Management	Minato City Public Facility Management Plan (FY2027–FY2038)	This plan sets out the basic approach to the future of public facilities, including methods for their development, utilization, and maintenance, with the aim of comprehensively promoting organization-wide, cross-departmental initiatives.
	Minato City Staff-Friendly Workplace Promotion Plan (FY2026–FY2030)	This plan sets out initiatives to support staff raising children while continuing to work, promote the active participation of female staff and staff with disabilities, and create a workplace where all staff can take on new challenges and play active roles while finding their work rewarding and fulfilling.

2 Relationship Between the SDGs and Policy Directions

"●" indicates the SDGs related to each Policy Direction and Basic Policy.

SDGs	Community	Global Community	Arts and Culture	Cross-sectoral Initiatives
1. No Poverty				
2. Zero Hunger				
3. Good Health and Well-Being		●		●
4. Quality Education		●	●	●
5. Gender Equality				
6. Clean Water and Sanitation				
7. Affordable and Clean Energy				
8. Decent Work and Economic Growth				
9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure				
10. Reduced Inequalities		●	●	●
11. Sustainable Cities and Communities	●	●	●	●
12. Responsible Consumption and Production				
13. Climate Action				
14. Life Below Water				
15. Life on Land				
16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions		●	●	●
17. Partnerships for the Goals	●	●	●	●

3 Rules for the Formulation Committee and Subcommittees

○ Minato City Community Promotion Plan Formulation Committee Establishment Guidelines

March 31, 2026

7 港産地第 2290 号

(Establishment)
Article 1
The Minato City Community Promotion Plan Formulation Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Formulation Committee") is hereby established to ensure close coordination and information sharing among relevant City departments in the formulation and revision of the Minato City Community Promotion Plan (hereinafter referred to as the "Plan"), to address issues relating to community promotion, internationalization, and arts and culture across organizational boundaries, and thereby further promote community development, internationalization, and arts and culture in Minato City.
(Responsibilities)
Article 2
The Formulation Committee shall be responsible for the following matters:
(1) Matters relating to the formulation and revision of the Plan.
(2) Matters relating to communication and overall coordination necessary for the smooth implementation of the Plan.
(3) Matters relating to progress management of initiatives under the Plan.
(4) Other matters deemed necessary by the Mayor.
(Organization)
Article 3
The Formulation Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, and committee members.
2. The Director General of the Industry and Community Revitalization Support Department shall serve as Chairperson and oversee the conduct of business.
3. The Director General of Art and Culture Projects Cooperation shall serve as Vice-Chairperson, assist the Chairperson, and act on behalf of the Chairperson when the Chairperson is unable to perform their duties.
4. The Formulation Committee shall have seven members listed in Appendix 1, who shall be commissioned or appointed by the Mayor.
5. In addition to the members specified in the preceding paragraph, the Chairperson may designate temporary members as deemed necessary.
(Subcommittees)
Article 4
The Formulation Committee shall establish a Community Subcommittee, an Internationalization Subcommittee, and a Culture and Arts Subcommittee to conduct specialized research and deliberations on relevant matters.
2. The Community Subcommittee shall be constituted by the Minato City Community Review Committee established under the Minato City Community Review Committee Establishment Guidelines dated April 1, 2025 (6 港産地第 1996 号). The Internationalization Subcommittee shall be constituted by the Minato City Empowerment and Internationalization Promotion Advisory Conference established under its Establishment Guidelines dated April 1, 2026 (7 港産国文第 1685 号). The Culture and Arts Subcommittee shall be constituted by the Minato City Culture and Arts Review Committee established under its Establishment Guidelines dated March 19, 2026 (7 港産国文第 1798 号).
3. Each subcommittee shall consist of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, and subcommittee members.
4. The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and members of each subcommittee shall be as specified in Appendix 2.
(Meetings)
Article 5
Meetings of the Formulation Committee shall be convened by the Chairperson.
2. When deemed necessary, the Chairperson may request persons other than committee members to attend meetings and may hear their opinions.

(Public Access to Meetings)
Article 6
Meetings of the Formulation Committee shall be open to the public. However, a meeting may be closed to the public with the consent of a majority of the members present.
(Administrative Affairs)
Article 7
The administrative affairs of the Formulation Committee shall be handled by the Community Revitalization Division, Industry and Community Revitalization Support Department.
(Delegation)
Article 8
Matters necessary for the operation of the Formulation Committee, other than those stipulated in these Guidelines, shall be determined separately by the Chairperson.

Supplementary Provisions
These Guidelines shall come into effect on April 1, 2026.
Supplementary Provisions
These Guidelines shall come into effect on June 1, 2026.
Appendix 1 (Related to Article 3)
Chairperson of the Community Subcommittee
Chairperson of the Internationalization Subcommittee
Chairperson of the Culture and Arts Subcommittee
Director, Collaboration Promotion Division, Azabu Regional City Office
Director of Tourism Policy, Industry and Community Revitalization Support Department
Director, Lifelong Learning and Sports Promotion Division, Education Promotion Department, Secretariat of the Board of Education
Director of Advanced Education, School Education Department, Secretariat of the Board of Education

Appendix 2 (Related to Article 4)

Subcommittee	Chairperson	Vice-Chairperson	Subcommittee Members
Community Subcommittee	Chairperson of the Minato City Community Review Committee	Vice-Chairperson of the Minato City Community Review Committee	Members of the Minato City Community Review Committee
Internationalization Subcommittee	Chairperson of the Minato City Empowerment and Internationalization Promotion Advisory Conference	Vice-Chairperson of the Minato City Empowerment and Internationalization Promotion Advisory Conference	Members of the Minato City Empowerment and Internationalization Promotion Advisory Conference
Culture and Arts Subcommittee	Chairperson of the Minato City Culture and Arts Review Committee	Vice-Chairperson of the Minato City Culture and Arts Review Committee	Members of the Minato City Culture and Arts Review Committee

○ Minato City Community Review Committee Establishment Guidelines

April 1, 2025

6 港産地第 1996 号

(Establishment)
Article 1
The Minato City Community Review Committee (hereinafter referred to as the “Review Committee”) is hereby established to seek opinions from academic experts and other relevant individuals on the nature of local communities in light of Minato City's distinctive characteristics, with the aim of improving the effectiveness of the City's policies to revitalize local communities.
(Responsibilities)
Article 2
The Review Committee shall be responsible for the following matters:
(1) Matters relating to the nature of local communities.
(2) Matters relating to support for neighborhood and residents' associations and other organizations.
(3) Matters relating to systems and programs concerning neighborhood and residents' associations and other organizations.
(4) Matters relating to the formulation and revision of plans concerning local communities.
(5) Other matters deemed necessary by the Mayor.
(Organization)
Article 3
The Review Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, and committee members.
2. The Chairperson shall be elected by mutual vote from among the academic experts specified in Paragraph 4, Item (1) of this Article and shall oversee the conduct of business.
3. The Vice-Chairperson shall be designated by the Chairperson from among the committee members, shall assist the Chairperson, and shall act on behalf of the Chairperson when the Chairperson is unable to perform their duties.
4. The Review Committee shall consist of up to nine members commissioned by the Mayor from the following categories:
(1) Academic experts: up to 2
(2) Publicly recruited residents: up to 2
(3) Representatives of neighborhood and residents' associations: up to 3
(4) Representatives of community activity organizations: up to 2
(Term of Appointment)
Article 4
The term of appointment of committee members shall be one year, and reappointment shall not be precluded. However, the term of a member appointed to fill a vacancy shall be the remaining term of the predecessor.
(Meetings)
Article 5
Meetings of the Review Committee shall be convened by the Chairperson.
2. The Chairperson shall determine matters concerning the proceedings of the Review Committee after hearing the opinions of committee members.
3. When deemed necessary, the Chairperson may request persons other than committee members to attend meetings and may hear their opinions.
4. Meetings of the Review Committee shall be open to the public. However, a meeting may be closed to the public with the consent of a majority of the members present.
(Confidentiality)
Article 6
Committee members shall not disclose confidential information obtained through the deliberations of the Review Committee. This obligation shall continue even after they cease to serve as committee members.
(Administrative Affairs)

Article 7
The administrative affairs of the Review Committee shall be handled by the Community Revitalization Division, Industry and Community Revitalization Support Department. (Delegation)
Article 8
Matters necessary for the operation of the Review Committee, other than those stipulated in these Guidelines, shall be determined separately by the Chairperson.
Supplementary Provisions
These Guidelines shall come into effect on April 1, 2025.
Supplementary Provisions
These Guidelines shall come into effect on April 1, 2026.

○ Minato City Empowerment and Internationalization Promotion Advisory Conference Establishment Guidelines

April 1, 2026

7 港産国文第 1685 号

(Establishment)
Article 1 In order to further strengthen the international capacity within the City and work toward making Minato City an international city, the Minato City Empowerment and Internationalization Promotion Advisory Conference (hereinafter referred to as the “Advisory Conference”) is hereby established to enable relevant parties, residents, and others to review the City’s internationalization promotion initiatives based on its medium- to long-term plans, to solicit knowledge and opinions regarding internationalization within the City, and to reflect such opinions accordingly.
(Responsibilities)
Article 2 The Advisory Conference shall be responsible for the following matters and shall report the results of its reviews to the Mayor.
(1) Matters relating to initiatives for strengthening the international capacity of the City.
(2) Matters relating to the formulation and revision of plans concerning the City’s internationalization promotion policies.
(3) Matters relating to the review of initiatives based on plans concerning the City’s internationalization promotion policies.
(4) Other matters deemed necessary by the Mayor.
(Organization)
Article 3 The Advisory Conference shall be composed of up to 17 members who are the individuals listed below, and appointed by the Mayor.
(1) Academic experts: up to 2
(2) Residents, etc. (referring to persons who reside, work, or study within the City, including foreign nationals; the same applies hereinafter): up to 10
(3) In principle, persons affiliated with embassies within the City: up to 3
(4) In principle, persons affiliated with cultural and international exchange organizations within the City: up to 2
(Appointment)
Article 4 Members in the category of residents, etc. shall be selected from applicants through open public recruitment, and shall be appointed by the Mayor upon identification of suitable candidates.
2. The criteria for selection shall be established separately by the Director General of Art and Culture Projects Cooperation.
(Eligibility Requirements)
Article 5 Members in the category of residents, etc. must be 18 years of age or older at the time of application.
(Term of Appointment)
Article 6 The term of appointment of members shall run from the date of commission to March 31 of the year following next, and the term of any member commissioned mid-term due to a vacancy or other reason shall run from the date of that commission to the end of the remaining term. Re-appointment shall not be precluded.
(Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson)
Article 7 The Advisory Conference shall have a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson.
2. The Chairperson shall be elected by mutual vote among the members.
3. The Chairperson shall oversee the conduct of business.
4. The Vice-Chairperson shall be designated by the Chairperson from among the members.
5. The Vice-Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson and shall act in the Chairperson’s capacity in the event the Chairperson is unable to perform their duties.
(Meetings)
Article 8 Meetings of the Advisory Conference shall be convened and presided over by the

Chairperson.
2. A meeting of the Advisory Conference may not be held unless at least half of the members are present.
3. Meetings of the Advisory Conference shall be open to the public. However, the Chairperson may close a meeting to the public when deemed necessary.
(Executive Secretary)
Article 9 In order to carry out the matters within the scope of responsibilities effectively and efficiently, the Advisory Conference shall have an Executive Secretary, appointed by the Mayor from among City employees.
2. The Executive Secretary shall assist with the conduct of business of the Advisory Conference.
(Hearing of Opinions)
Article 10 The Chairperson may, as necessary, request persons other than members to attend meetings and may hear their opinions.
(Administrative Affairs)
Article 11 The administrative affairs of the Advisory Conference shall be handled by the Community Revitalization Division, Industry and Community Revitalization Support Department.
(Delegation)
Article 12 Matters necessary beyond those stipulated in these guidelines shall be established separately by the Chairperson.
Supplementary Provisions
These guidelines shall come into effect on April 1, 2026.

○ Minato City Culture and Arts Review Committee Establishment Guidelines

March 19, 2026

7 港産国文第 1798 号

(Establishment)
Article 1
The Minato City Culture and Arts Review Committee (hereinafter referred to as the “Review Committee”) is hereby established to conduct reviews from a specialized perspective, with the aim of comprehensively and systematically promoting arts and culture policies based on the basic principles stipulated in the Minato City Ordinance on the Promotion of Arts and Culture (Minato City Ordinance No. 47 of 2006).
(Responsibilities)
Article 2
The Review Committee shall be responsible for the following matters:
(1) Matters relating to plans concerning arts and culture.
(2) Matters relating to policy directions for the promotion and advancement of arts and culture.
(3) Other matters deemed necessary by the Mayor.
(Organization)
Article 3
The Review Committee shall consist of the following members:
(1) Academic experts: a small number of members
(2) Publicly recruited residents (persons who reside, work, or study in Minato City): a small number of members
2. The Chairperson shall be elected by mutual vote of the members from among the academic experts specified in Paragraph 1, Item (1) of this Article and shall oversee the conduct of business.
3. The Vice-Chairperson shall be designated by the Chairperson from among the academic experts specified in Paragraph 1, Item (1) of this Article and shall act on behalf of the Chairperson when the Chairperson is unable to perform their duties.
(Term of Appointment)
Article 4
The term of appointment of committee members shall run from the date of commission to no later than March 31 of the following year. The term of a member commissioned during a term due to a vacancy or other reason shall be the remaining term. Reappointment shall not be precluded.
(Meetings)
Article 5
Meetings of the Review Committee shall be convened by the Chairperson.
2. A meeting of the Review Committee may not be held unless a majority of the members are present.
3. When deemed necessary, the Chairperson may request persons other than committee members to attend meetings and may hear their opinions.
4. Meetings of the Review Committee shall be closed to the public. However, a meeting may be opened to the public with the consent of a majority of the members present.
5. The Chairperson shall prepare and retain minutes of the meetings.
(Confidentiality)
Article 6
Committee members shall not disclose confidential information obtained through the deliberations of the Review Committee. This obligation shall continue even after they cease to serve as committee members.
(Administrative Affairs)
Article 7
The administrative affairs of the Review Committee shall be handled by the Community Revitalization Division, Industry and Community Revitalization Support Department.
(Delegation)
Article 8
Matters necessary for the operation of the Review Committee, other than those stipulated in these Guidelines, shall be determined separately by the Chairperson.

Supplementary Provisions
These Guidelines shall come into effect on April 1, 2026.

4 Members of the Formulation Committee and Subcommittees

○ FY2026 Minato City Community Promotion Plan Formulation Committee — List of Members

(Honorifics omitted)

Position	Name	Remarks
Chairperson	SHIRAI Takashi	Director General, Industry and Community Revitalization Support Department
Vice-Chairperson	NISHIKAWA Sugina	Director General of Art and Culture Projects Cooperation
Member	NAWATA Yoshihiko	Chairperson, Community Subcommittee (Minato City Community Review Committee)
Member	NOYAMA Hiroshi	Chairperson, Internationalization Subcommittee (Minato City Empowerment and Internationalization Promotion Advisory Conference)
Member	KOIZUMI Motohiro	Chairperson, Culture and Arts Subcommittee (Minato City Culture and Arts Review Committee)
Member	IKEHATA Hayato	Director, Collaboration Promotion Division, Azabu Regional City Office
Member	TERADO Naomi	Director of Tourism Policy
Member	HONJO Noriko	Director, Lifelong Learning and Sports Promotion Division
Member	MIZOGUCHI Takahiro	Director of Advanced Education

○ FY2026 Community Subcommittee (Minato City Community Review Committee) — List of Members

(Honorifics omitted)

Name	Remarks
NAWATA Yoshihiko	Professor Emeritus, Hosei University (Chairperson)
MIWA Norie	Professor, School of International Liberal Arts, Yokohama City University (Vice-Chairperson)
TAKEDA Riki	Publicly Recruited Resident
KOBAYASHI Yuka	Publicly Recruited Resident
TANAKA Tokuji	Chairperson, Akasaka Omote 1-2 Neighborhood Association
WATANABE Satoshi	Chairperson, Park Homes Shinagawa Residents' Association (Konan Disaster Prevention Network)
SEKINE Satoshi	Takeshiba Area Management Association
TAKASHIMA Ichiro	Nittetsu Kowa Real Estate Co., Ltd.

○ FY2026 Internationalization Subcommittee (Minato City Empowerment and Internationalization Promotion Advisory Conference) — List of Members

(Honorifics omitted)

Name	Remarks
NOYAMA Hiroshi	Associate Professor, National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics (Chairperson)
Bec Allen	Counsellor, Australian Embassy
Lee Kyoung Sun	Second Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Korea
Fatima G. Quintin	First Secretary and Consul, Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines
SHIBUYA Megumi	President, Minato International Association
Park Junyeon	Publicly Recruited Resident (Vice-Chairperson)
Jacqueline Kaga	Publicly Recruited Resident
Maurizio Raffone	Publicly Recruited Resident
Martin Pedersen	Publicly Recruited Resident
LI Ran	Publicly Recruited Resident
MORI Hajime	Publicly Recruited Resident
IRINO Shiho	Publicly Recruited Resident
IDE Misaki	Publicly Recruited Resident
HATAKEYAMA Yoshiko	Publicly Recruited Resident
ABE Takata	Publicly Recruited Resident

○ FY2026 Culture and Arts Subcommittee (Minato City Culture and Arts Review Committee) — List of Members

(Honorifics omitted)

Name	Remarks
KOIZUMI Motohiro	Professor, Department of Contemporary Culture and Society, College of Sociology, Rikkyo University (Chairperson)
NAKAMURA Miho	Associate Professor, Department of Cultural and Creative Studies, School of Cultural and Creative Studies, Aoyama Gakuin University (Vice-Chairperson)
GAKU Nene	Publicly Recruited Resident
KUROKAWA Muneteru	Publicly Recruited Resident
SAEKI Yasuo	Publicly Recruited Resident
SUGIMORI Tomomi	Publicly Recruited Resident
NITO Yasuaki	Publicly Recruited Resident

5 Status of Public Briefing Sessions

Minato City adopted its emblem on July 30, 1949. The emblem uses a bold, stylized form of み (mi), the first hiragana character in the name Minato, to symbolize the unification of the three former wards of Shiba, Azabu, and Akasaka.

City Tree



Minato City Tree

Hanamizuki, Dogwood

City Flowers



Minato City Flower

Hydrangea



Minato City Flower

Rose

Declaration as a City of Peace
Minato City
August 15, 1985

All people are one in wishing to preserve the beauty of the earth and the permanence of world peace. These sentiments will never change.
We are working to build a community dedicated to the welfare of its citizens, while striving for true peace and the
preservation of our cultural traditions.
Our duty to the generations that will follow is to hand over into their keeping a society built on the brotherhood
of all people and a natural environment that is flourishing
and beautiful.
We request our government to abide firmly by the "three nonnuclear principles" (renouncing possession, production, and introduction of nuclear weapons) and appealing to all citizens everywhere to seek the abolition of
nuclear weapons.
As it is our earnest wish for world peace, we hereby declare Minato City to be a City of Peace.

On August 15, 1985, Minato City issued its Declaration as a City of Peace to make a public appeal for lasting world peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons.

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