

Message from Kyoto
To All the Participants of COP6, Part Two

As a result of the heated discussion which took place at the UNFCCC-COP3 held in Kyoto in December 1997, the *Kyoto Protocol*, which became a first historical step toward the prevention of global warming was adopted. We are proud of this protocol and strongly wish for a sooner effectuation of the *Kyoto Protocol*. For protecting the environment of the earth, Kyoto decided to start looking at our life style over again from its base. In all the social systems of production, distribution, consumption and disposal, we made a strong decision to carry out initiatives considering the environment as important.

Kyoto has been cultivated by its 1200 year history and tradition, and is the place where we have developed our own culture which harmonizes with the nature of the four seasons. It is our belief that this contributed greatly to the production of the *Kyoto Protocol* which became a starting point for the world, working together to prevent global warming.

Nowadays, as you can see the levels of CO₂ in our atmosphere are higher than ever. As a result of global warming, places the world over are experiencing such phenomenon as the melting of glaciers and an increasing frequency of abnormal weather patterns. In order to prevent this situation, all the countries, communities and residents need to bring their wisdom together and to take effective action as soon as possible.

As a message from us, Kyoto and the people of Kyoto strongly hope that all the countries will be able to reach a constructive agreement in this meeting to put the *Kyoto Protocol* into effect in 2002, for the sake of the sustainable development of human beings in the future.

Faithfully yours,

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