

## 1 Profile of Kagoshima City

With a total area of 547.07km<sup>2</sup>, Kagoshima City is located almost in the center of Kagoshima Prefecture at the southern tip of the island of Kyushu, and is a scenic city with its world-class natural beauty of the calm Kinko Bay and the magnificent, breathtaking view of the active volcano Sakurajima. The City has a population of about 600,000 and is complete with urban functions as a core city of southern Kyushu.



Kagoshima prospered as the castle town of the Shimazu clan and has steadily made history of prosperity and progress as southern Kyushu's largest city. It is also known nationwide for its unique historical and cultural charms that are full of originality, and for having been home to a number of great figures during the Meiji Restoration.

As the gateway city for the south region, the City has enhanced its urban functions with Kyushu Longitudinal Expressway, Port of Kagoshima as the departure and arrival port for the isolated islands, and the Kyushu Shinkansen line that was fully opened in March 2011.

Kagoshima City announced "People, City & Green Nature: Kagoshima City with a sense of affluence built by all citizens" as its ideal city image in the Fifth General Plan of Kagoshima City that was drawn up in FY2011. With a goal to realize this ideal city, and as a new approach in the "Regional Protection: Life Safe & Secure Project" under the Fifth General Plan that is one of the leading projects aimed to build a sense of affluence among people, the City has been making efforts toward acquisition of the international designation of Safe Community, while endeavoring to reduce accidents/injuries and to enhance regional safety so as to develop a safe society where citizens can live safely for their entire lives.

## 2 Progress of Our Efforts

(1) FY 2010

October	Visited to Towada, Aomori Prefecture, and Kameoka City, Kyoto
November	Attended the Atsugi SC Designation Ceremony, Kanagawa Prefecture
January	Workshop by Dr. Yoko Shiraishi, Authorized Coordinator for SC was held.

(2) FY 2011

- October Visited to Atsugi, Kanagawa Prefecture, and Toshima, Metropolitan Tokyo
- January “Regional Protection: Life Safe & Secure Project” was set up as one of the “Leading Projects Aimed to Build a Sense of Affluence Among People” under the Fifth General Plan and, as a part of the efforts, it was decided to work toward acquisition of Safe Community designation.
- February Participated in the on-site evaluation for Toshima Ward in Tokyo

(3) 2012

- May Attended the Minowa Town SC Designation Ceremony in Nagano Prefecture.  
Participated in the on-site evaluation of Komoro, Nagano Prefecture
- June Participated in the Japan-Korea Joint Workshop held on Jeju Island, Korea, and participated in the on-site evaluation
- August The 1st Safe Community Promotion Commission meeting and its Working Committee meeting were jointly held.
- October Participated in the pre on-site evaluation of Kurume, Fukuoka Prefecture  
  
The 2nd Safe Community Promotion Commission meeting was held.
- November The SC Steering Committee and the Injury Surveillance Committee were set up.  
  
The 1st Safe Community Steering Committee meeting and the 1st Injury Surveillance Committee meeting were jointly held.  
  
Participated in the 6th Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities and attended at the Toshima City Safe Community Designation Ceremony
- December The 2nd Injury Surveillance Committee meeting was held.
- January The 3rd Safe Community Promotion Commission meeting was held.  
The mayor declared his intent to make efforts toward acquisition of Safe Community designation.

### 3 Population Composition

(Based on the Basic Resident Register and the Foreign Resident Register, as of September 2012)

Total population: 608,819 (282,355 men, 324,424 women, 2,040 foreign nationals)

Age group	Total	Men	Women	Age group	Total	Men	Women
0-4	28,813	14,740	14,073	55-59	42,765	20,436	22,329
5-9	28,036	14,274	13,762	60-64	49,015	23,867	25,148
10-14	29,576	15,115	14,461	65-69	33,362	15,839	17,523
15-19	31,886	16,138	15,748	70-74	30,137	13,516	16,621
20-24	31,856	14,615	17,241	75-79	26,687	11,100	15,587
25-29	36,145	16,574	19,571	80-84	21,176	7,836	13,340
30-34	39,153	18,382	20,771	85-89	13,123	4,015	9,108
35-39	43,347	20,789	22,558	90-94	5,500	1,213	4,287
40-44	40,049	18,875	21,174	95-99	1,626	308	1,318
45-49	37,507	17,395	20,112	100 以上	269	37	232
50-54	38,791	18,177	20,614				

### 4 Causes of Deaths

(1) Causes of deaths in 2010 (Source: Population Survey Report)

Total number of cases: 5,234 cases

1st	Cancer	1,544
2nd	Cardiac disease (not caused by high blood pressure)	798
3rd	Pneumonia	610
4th	Cerebrovascular disease	588
5th	Unintentional accident	155
6th	Kidney failure	124
7th	Aortic aneurysm and aortic dissection	109
8th	Suicide	92
9th	Decrepitude	91
10th	Chronic obstructive lung disease	78

(\*“Accident” also includes traffic accidents (31 cases).)

(2) Number of deaths caused by incidents and accidents

Total number of cases: 266 cases

1st	Suicide	92
2nd	Unintentional suffocation	32
3rd	Tumbling/falling	31
3rd	Traffic accident	31
5th	Unintentional drowning	27
6th	Other unintentional incident	24
7th	Other extrinsic cause	18
8th	Exposure to smoke/fire/flame	6
9th	Unintentional poisoning by harmful substance	4
10th	Homicide	1

## 5 Preventive Measures and Current Efforts

(1) Injury preventive measures and current efforts by age group

1) 0 to 14 years old

Preventive measures, efforts, etc.	City	Administrative organs	Local residents' organizations	Other organizations
● Traffic safety training session	○	Police	Traffic Safety Association Liaison Council for Safety & Security Promoters	
● Crime prevention session	○	Police	Liaison Council for Safety & Security Promoters	
● Crime prevention & Blue Color Crime Prevention Patrol	○	Police	Neighborhood Association PTA, Crime Prevention Association	
● Home for Children's Emergency Call	○	Police		
● Watch-over program for children on their way to/from school	○	Police	PTA, School guard Local crime prevention volunteers	
● Safety inspection of school routes	○		PTA, Community Center Governing Council of each school district	
● Environmental Check Map for each school district	○		PTA, Community Center Management Council of each school district	
● Distribution of traffic safety textbooks to new students	○			
● Distribution of accident prevention leaflets to parents of babies	○			
● Mothers' Club activity for accident prevention for children	○		Mothers' Club	
● Safety inspection of play equipment of children's public playgrounds	○		Neighborhood Association	

## 2) 15 to 64 years old

Preventive measures, efforts, etc.	City	Administrative organs	Local residents' organizations	Other organizations
● Crime prevention training workshop	○	Fire station	Neighborhood Association	
● Juvenile counseling program	○	Police, etc.		
● Gatekeeper training course	○			
● Lecture meetings for promotion of mental health	○			
● Relaxation course for working people	○			
● Bicycle theft prevention campaign	○	Police	Crime Prevention Association Neighborhood Association	

## 3) 65 years old and over

Preventive measures, efforts, etc.	City	Administrative organs	Local residents' organizations	Other organizations
● Health course, "Otassha (Being-Helthy) Club"	○			
● Meal delivery service for senior citizens "Heart-to-Heart"	○			Volunteer groups
● Watch-over program for the elderly	○		Commissioned welfare volunteers Clubs for the elderly	Volunteer groups
● "Beware of Fire!" course for the elderly	○	Fire station	Fire Prevention Cooperative Women's Fire Prevention Club Fire brigade	
● Emergency report system	○	Fire station		
● Support program for vulnerable people at the time of disaster	○		Neighborhood Association Commissioned welfare volunteers	
● Subsidy program for the elderly, etc for house renovation	○			

## (2) Injury preventive measures and current efforts made at home, in school, in public spaces, etc.

### 1) Safety at home

Preventive measures, efforts, etc.	City	Administrative organs	Local residents' organizations	Other organizations
● Emergency report system	○	Fire station		
● Promoting installation of home fire alarms, and giving guidance about their maintenance & control	○	Fire station	Fire brigade Women's Fire Prevention Club Fire Prevention Cooperative	Fire Prevention & Safety Association, Association for Safety of Hazardous Materials
● Home visiting for fire prevention	○	Fire station	Fire brigade Women's Fire Prevention Club	
● Session for prevention of fall-related fracture	○			
● General/specialized consultation for women	○	Police, prefectural government		Bar Association
● Family child guidance	○			
● Mental health & welfare consultation	○	Prefectural government Police		

## 2) Safety outside the house, Traffic safety

Preventive measures, efforts, etc	City	Administrative organs	Local residents' organizations	Other organizations
● Traffic safety training session	○	Police	Traffic Safety Association, Liaison Council for Safety & Security Promoters	
● Crime prevention & Blue Color Crime Prevention Patrol	○	Police	Neighborhood Association, PTA Crime Prevention Association	
● Park patrol	○	Police		
● Traffic safety campaign	○	Police	Citizens' Action Promotion Council for Traffic Safety, Traffic Safety Association,	
● Child seat workshop	○			Kagoshima Branch of Japan Automobile Federation

## 3) Safety at workplace

Preventive measures, efforts, etc.	City	Administrative organs	Local residents' organizations	Other organizations
● Industrial safety & health guidance		Labor Standards Supervision Office		
● Labor consultation		Labor Standards Supervision Office		
● Mental health & welfare consultation	○	Prefectural government Police		
● Fire drill, disaster drill	○	Fire station	Fire Prevention Cooperative	Fire Prevention & Safety Association, Association for Safety of Hazardous Materials

## 4) Safety in school

Preventive measures, efforts, etc	City	Administrative organs	Local residents' organizations	Other organizations
● Crime prevention session, Suspicious person drill	○	Police		Security company
● Watch-over program for children on their way to/from school	○	Police	PTA School guard Local crime prevention volunteers	
● Safety inspection of school routes	○		PTA, Community Center Management Council of each school district	
● Environmental Check Map for each school district	○		PTA Community Center Management Council of each school district	
● Safety patrol	○		Student Support Volunteers	
● Safety inspection of school facilities	○			

### (3) Injury preventive measures and current efforts made for risk sources

#### 1) Crime damage prevention

Preventive measures, efforts, etc.	City	Administrative organs	Local residents' organizations	Other organizations
● Crime prevention & Blue Color Crime Prevention Patrol	○	Police	Neighborhood Association, PTA, Crime Prevention Association	
● Home for Children's Emergency Call	○	Police		
● Crime prevention session, Suspicious person drill	○	Police		Security company
● Activities related to Regional Safety & Security Network Conference	○			
● Bicycle theft prevention campaign	○	Police	Crime Prevention Association Neighborhood Association	
● Installation of security lighting	○		Neighborhood Association	
● "Tomoshihi Group" activity (Watching over the elderly)	○			Volunteer groups

#### 2) Violence/damage prevention

Preventive measures, efforts, etc.	City	Administrative organs	Local residents' organizations	Other organizations
● Child abuse prevention	○	Child Consultation Center, Legal Affairs Bureau, Police	Council of Commissioned Welfare and Child Welfare Volunteers	Bar Association, Medical Association; Dental Association, Kindergarten Association, etc.
● Elderly abuse prevention network	○	Police, Legal Affairs Bureau	Council of Commissioned Welfare and Child Welfare Volunteers, Clubs for the elderly	Medical Association; Dental Association, Bar Association, etc.
● Violence abolition campaign	○	Police	Crime Prevention Liaison Council	
● General/specialized consultation for women	○	Police, Prefectural government		Bar Association
● Purple Ribbon Campaign	○	Prefectural government		

#### 3) Suicide Prevention Measures

Preventive measures, efforts, etc.	City	Administrative organs	Local residents' organizations	Other organizations
● Gatekeeper training course	○			
● Mental health & welfare consultation	○	Prefectural government, Police		
● Lecture meetings for promotion of mental health	○			
● Suicide prevention campaign	○	Prefectural government, Police		Pharmacists Association, Hospital Association, etc.
● Educational consultation	○			
● "Kokoro no Dial" (Telephone helpline for people with emotional problems)	○			

(4) Disaster prevention: Injury preventive measures and current efforts made for fire disasters

1) Disaster damage prevention

Preventive measures, efforts, etc.	City	Administrative organs	Local residents' organizations	Other organizations
● Disaster drill, evacuation drill	○	Fire station	Fire Prevention Cooperative	Fire Prevention & Safety Association, Association for Safety of Hazardous Materials
● Sakurajima volcano countermeasures	○	Prefectural government, Tarumi City, etc.		
● Comprehensive disaster drill for Sakurajima volcanic eruption	○	Prefectural government, Fire station	Neighborhood Association	Building Constructors Association
● Disaster prevention inspection	○	Prefectural government Police	Neighborhood Association	
● Improvement of evacuation facilities (shelters, tsunami evacuation buildings)	○			Private sector
● Improvement & operation of disaster prevention radio communication	○			
● Safety Network 119 e-mailing service, Emergency Rapid Mail	○	Fire station		
● Preparation & distribution of "safety & security guidebook" and "disaster prevention map"	○			
● Developing voluntary organizations for disaster prevention	○	Fire station	Neighborhood Association	
● Support program for vulnerable people at the time of disaster	○		Neighborhood Association Commissioned welfare volunteers	

(5) Other injury preventive measures and current efforts

1) Dissemination of emergency procedures

Preventive measures, efforts, etc	City	Administrative organs	Local residents' organizations	Other organizations
● Provision of AED	○			
● Normal lifesaving training program (arrival resuscitation, AED handling)	○	Fire station	Fire brigade	
● First-aid treatment training program	○	Fire station		



## 6 Major Residents' Organizations for Safety Promotion

- Regional Safety & Security Network Conference
- Liaison Council for Safety & Security Promoters
- Citizens' Action Promotion Council for Traffic Safety
- Crime prevention patrol unit
- Blue Color Crime Prevention Patrol Unit
- Voluntary organizations for disaster prevention
- Crime Prevention Association
- Traffic-Safety Mothers' Association
- Federation of Senior Citizens Clubs
- Federation of PTA's
- Council of Commissioned Welfare and Child Welfare Volunteers
- Fire Prevention Cooperative
- Fire brigade